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# PASTOR

## Pastor's Annual Report 2014 (September – December)

What a joy to be the newly called pastor of the First Congregational Church of East Hartford! As *The Gazette* reported in September, I am filled with enthusiasm. With good reason, this is a strong and vibrant congregation filled with compassionate people.

You have warmly welcomed me as your Senior Pastor. Even before I began my tenure with you, I was energetically received – as evident by the crowd of folks who turned out for my ordination in August and the renovations to the pastor's office. What a delight to come to a freshly painted and well-stocked office, configured just as I dreamed. Your hospitality continued with cards, gifts, and letters (including handmade cards from the Sunday School!). The welcome extended into committee meetings and social gatherings as people did not hesitate to explain various traditions and catch me up on the many projects and missions happening here. In addition, the United Church of Christ Connecticut Conference has generously embraced me as a new clergy member. At annual meetings, CT clergy gatherings, and events for 20/30 clergy, I have found supportive colleagues and helpful professional development resources. Furthermore, Rev. Al Turner (South Church), Rev. Gary Richards (New Covenant Methodist), and Rev. Ted Mosebach, have reached out and welcomed me into the town, informing me of events and meetings of interest.

My main focus of the past few months has been getting to know you.

Getting to know you as individuals...

I have had a chance to meet almost every active member in the directory. I have begun to learn your stories and hopes through formal one on one introduction meetings, at tea time, in Bible study, over the women's retreat and during informal social events. I've had the privilege to be with some of you in holy moments of life transitions in the wake of an emergency, on home or hospital visits, in pre-baptism or pre-wedding meetings (we have had two baptisms and one wedding already!). I am looking forward to delving deeper with many of you in the years to come.

Getting to know you as the First Church of East Hartford...

After attending at least one meeting of every committee, I must say this is an active and healthy congregation! I had the joy of experiencing some of the beloved traditions of First Church for the first time – the Church Fair, Holiday Fest, and New Years were absolute delights. I have found First Church to be a place willing to try new ideas or re-try old ideas (ex. communion in the round, all church clean out, sung pastoral prayer). You do not merely allow for new ideas, you actively jump in and give new ideas a chance to succeed. Some ideas will click, some won't, but as long as we grow in our faith we are doing something right.

The staff of First Church has been a pleasure to work with. *Jerry* and I share many laughs as we dream up creative and engaging worship services. *Louise* has a knack for details and organization that make many initiatives run smoothly. *Thory* works diligently to read my mind and craft documents exactly as I imagine. *Dennis*, besides his "day job" as sexton, has provided a great deal of insight and compassion to distraught guests who knock at the door. *Donna* and *Lauren* have graciously stepped me through the various financial paperwork and answered my many questions.

Getting to know East Hartford...

While I have spent time getting to know the members of the First Church, I have also devoted time to getting to know the wider East Hartford community. As such, I have met with various social services agencies in town to better understand the resources available. I have joined with other clergy, service providers, and town leaders at the community partners meetings of East Hartford, the Hunger Action Team, and forums on issues such as jobs, the environment, and juvenile justice. I participated in some of the banner interfaith initiatives of the town, including walking for the CROP walk and preaching at the interfaith Thanksgiving service.

Getting to know visitors...

The search committee and numerous conversations with current members have expressed a desire for new members with which to share the joy of Christian fellowship. To that end, on Sunday mornings you may have noticed my attention is often focused on meeting visitors and striving to connect them with current members. Furthermore, I invite visitors out for lunch or coffee, in an effort to get to know them better and what they are looking for in a spiritual community. Often these conversations lay the ground work for a deep pastoral relationship.

In addition, I have updated our facebook page weekly with the many activities going on here and have been working with *Len Specht* on developing our website. Providing regular weekly emails and an updated facebook presence provides both new and long-time members opportunities to connect and stay involved with the lively First Church community.

In the coming year I expect to learn more about you – as individuals, as a congregation, and as a part of the wider community of East Hartford.

Peace be to You,  
*Rev. Kelly Jane*

## **DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Our Sunday School family includes forty-five children with eight creative and dedicated teachers. Each week, I visit the classes and I am always pleased by what I see and hear.

We are working hard to give our Sunday School children a strong, consistent, Bible-related foundation. We use a three-year cycle of Sunday School Curriculum created by the Curriculum Goals Committee. Our program focuses on the stories and teaching of Jesus and the New Testament in the winter and spring. We learn the Old Testament stories in the fall. Each teacher is able to teach the Bible story at their own class' age-appropriate level. They also have a variety of activities, crafts, games and coloring pictures from which to choose. Child Care for our children under age five is available every Sunday, all year, during worship. Our toddlers also listen to Bible stories and enjoy coloring pictures.

Twice each year, we have a weekend of fun, faith and fellowship in a different setting. Silver Lake is a camp in the northwest hills of Sharon, Connecticut, owned by the United Church of Christ. In February, our multi-generational family group created "Biblical Games" which we brought back to be used by our Sunday School classes. In October, our women shared their ideas on the happiness of "Heaven" and what Heaven means to us.

As the director of Christian Education, it is my responsibility to be sure that all the programs and activities involving the children and families of First Congregational Church run smoothly. I make sure that happens...but not alone. My thanks and gratitude goes out to the Board of Christian Education, Sunday School Teachers, Child Care Volunteers, Youth Leaders, Workcamp Advisors, Choir Directors, and all who have touched the lives of our young people. You are role models for the youth of our church and I appreciate your support!

*Louise Holmes*

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Who else but God the supreme teacher can better teach. Our dedicated teachers and child care providers lend such teachings of God. Their time and talent show the power of education. There is church school for children ages four through grade 12, September to June as well as child care for infants up to age 4. Summer Sunday School for kindergarten through grade 6 is also provided. The adult advisors to our Junior and Senior High Youth Fellowships continue that education in less formal ways but equally as important with the wisdom of God. Our heartfelt thanks go out to these volunteers. They are *Erin Dolnick, Margaret Sanzo, Dawn Clancy, Kathy Cattanach, Patricia Andrulot, Mary Agnes Innocent, Brenda Murdzek, Valerie McCarthy* and *Joe Murdzek*. Their work is enhanced by the talents and hard work of our C.E. Director *Louise Holmes*.

Winter Weekend, an inter-generational learning experience for young and old was held in February at Silver Lake. The theme was “Biblical Games”, crafts, stories and worship were shared by all.

At Easter, the Board had an old fashioned Easter Egg Hunt for our Sunday School. Each child received goodies and prizes for the eggs they found. The older kids even played a game.

In June our Church School led us in our annual Children’s Day worship with the theme being “The Body of The Church”. Which helped us learn how many different things it takes to run a church. It was also a special time for my family as my grandson *Lucas* was baptized. Thank you to Burnham Farms once again for donating the beautiful marigolds that our children received. A special thanks to *Howard Satalino* who picked up the plants and nurtured them until Children's Day.

Rally Day, held in September, again helped to chase away the summer blues and get us back to a formal church school schedule to continue to learn of God’s teachings. The theme was “New Beginnings” as *Rev. Kelly Jane* led her first service as our new Senior Pastor. What a joy it was to have called her to lead us in the next chapter of First Church.

In November our Sunday School made Thanksgiving cards to include in the fruit baskets and delivered by families to our shut-ins. They also made placemats for the Thanksgiving community dinner held annually at our church.

December, always a tricky weather month, led us to have to cancel our Live Nativity. However we were still able to do the outdoor Carol Sing in the Chapel. As a special surprise we did have a live sheep and goat in attendance. The following week we presented our annual White Gifts service. The Board took on the task of putting together bible verses and carols to recreate the telling of the birth of Jesus. The children, choir directors, youth leaders, C.E. and staff all again received Munson’s chocolates and jelly beans.

*Valerie McCarthy* again led confirmation to continue our children’s education and learning of becoming members of the church.

The opportunities to learn all of the knowledge from God are endless at First Church. So I encourage all of you to attend any one of the events throughout the year. It is with this knowledge that we can truly become better Christians.

*Dennis McCarthy*

## **BOARD OF DEACONESSES**

The Board of Deaconesses continued its service to the church and its members by making visits, phone calls, sending cards, and by attending funerals. This past year there were 15 active Deaconesses doing the work of the church, and 3 inactive Life Deaconesses.

The Board continues to meet on the first Monday of the month, excluding January, July, August and September. Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. and begin with tea and dessert, followed by the business meeting.

On Sundays the Deaconesses greet visitors and members at the front and back entrances to the Sanctuary at the guest book tables. After worship, the chancel flowers, along with the Sunday Calendar and a copy of The Upper Room are delivered to homebound or sick members. Flowers are also given to members having a birthday or for a special occasion. We also deliver Easter plants and Christmas poinsettias to members who are homebound, ill or who have lost a loved one during the year. We purchase The Upper Room which is available to all members on the tables at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

The Deaconesses make follow-up contacts with newcomers after Rev. Kelly Jane's initial contact.

The Deaconesses take our turn providing light refreshments and serving coffee at Coffee Hour following Sunday Worship. We provide refreshments and host the Christmas Wassail Bowl.

We look forward to continuing our ministry to the church.

*Joyce Wolk*

## **BOARD OF DEACONS**

The Board of Deacons is involved in matters concerning the spiritual life of the congregation. Communion was served on the first Sunday of each month, as well as on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. We tried serving communion by intinction and “in the round” during the year.

The congregation decided to begin the process of becoming an Open and Affirming Church, according to Conference guidelines. A committee was formed, and is prepared to hold a vote at the 2015 annual meeting to approve our Open and Affirming Statement, and to finalize this process, which will officially confirm our intention and willingness to welcome and accept all persons who wish to join with us in worshipping God.

A Maundy Thursday joint worship service with South Congregational Church began with a light meal of soup and bread. We then celebrated the Lord’s Supper and moved up to the sanctuary for a service of Tennebrae, accompanied by the combined choirs. The Chapel was open for meditation on Good Friday. An Easter sunrise service was held on the front steps, followed later by the Easter service with a moving Cantata, arranged by *Jerry Scheinfeldt* and with the “expanded” choir.

The Search Committee had the pleasant task of choosing between several promising candidates for the Senior Pastor position, and held a “meet and greet” reception to introduce their unanimous choice, the *Pastor Kelly Jane Forbush*, to the congregation and interested friends on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. *Pastor Kelly Jane* led worship the next morning, and in a special congregational meeting after the service, was enthusiastically and unanimously approved by the members of the congregation to be our new Senior Minister.

More than 40 members of our congregation journeyed to the United Church of Christ, Congregational in Burlington, Massachusetts on August 31<sup>st</sup> to attend the Ordination of *Pastor Kelly Jane*. It was a beautiful service, with participation from the Metropolitan Boston Association, UCC, as well as many of *Kelly Jane*’s colleagues, former classmates and friends. A warm and enjoyable reception followed at the church, hosted by *Kelly Jane*’s proud family.

We celebrated and thanked *Rev. Alice O’Donovan* for leading us as our Interim Minister. She made a great impact and was much loved, even though she was with us for just a short time. Indeed, the Search Committee received more than one comment that, “You did your job too well, we aren’t ready to let *Alice* go yet!”

The celebrations continued on Rally Sunday, when *Rev. Kelly Jane* led her first worship service as our new Senior Minister. That day also marked the beginning of the new season of Church School, and was followed by a cookout.

Laity Sundays were led by: *The Voices, LLC*; *Joe Murdzek* and *Warren Cyr*; *Valerie* and *Dennis McCarthy*; and the *Basler* and *Cattanach* families. Our Christmas Eve Children’s Service was led by *Cindy Woodman* and *Delilah Ortiz*. A Christmas cantata was performed on December 21<sup>st</sup>. We are truly blessed to have such talent within our congregation.

*Rich Beebe*

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

Our church continues to be blessed by a generous and giving congregation. The money given each year allows us to support many worthy causes. The largest portion of our giving goes to Basic Support of our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). We also support other causes with contributions to:

Friendship Center  
East Hartford Interfaith Ministries  
Youth Mission Workcamp  
YMCA  
Silver Lake Conference Center  
Back Bay Missions  
Heifer International

We participated in special mission collections in addition to our basic support of the United Church of Christ (UCC). They are One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church and The Christmas Fund. We are a "5 for 5!" UCC Church. Also, in June we received donations for the Blanket Fund to assist those in need in times of disaster.

There were two Lenten Programs in 2014. The first was March 2 with a presentation by *Rev. Alice O'Donovan* and *Brenda Murdzek* explaining a micro-financing program called KIVA. Participation in KIVA involves member donations that are loaned out in small amounts to deserving participants in other countries to start a self-sustaining business. The loans are paid back with interest and may be re-loaned again. Typically, the children of the church are involved to learn. Our congregation decided to participate with a hope of donations of \$200. Our church members did not disappoint with donations in excess of \$500! The church school has been busy (with a nod to *Louise!*) in deciding on the loans to give. The second program on April 6 was the ever popular Hymn Sing led by our very capable *Jerry Scheinfeldt*.

Each year the East Hartford Social Service Department depends on local businesses and churches to help in the collection of toys for the town's needy. Our church members do not disappoint as many toys are collected. And, they do not stop there. Ongoing support of the Food Bank is seen almost weekly with donation of food and money.

The Missions Board would like to thank the entire congregation for the many ways you have supported our programs and greater world missions.

*Darrell R. Basler*

## **CROP WALK**

The East Hartford Crop Walk is a 6-mile walk against hunger. Walkers collect donations from sponsors. The proceeds go to Church World Services (a charitable Christian organization) to benefit the poor and hungry in the world. 25% of the money raised by the East Hartford Crop Walk goes to the Friendship Center, East Hartford's soup kitchen. This year's walk raised \$715 for the Friendship Center.

The 2014 Crop Walk occurred October 19, began at South Congregational Church, and proceeded down Maple Street and Brewer Street. A time for fellowship followed the walk at South Congregational Church, and refreshments were served at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament on Millbrook Avenue.

The walk is open to everyone. The 2015 Crop Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 18. If you'd like to help out with this fine event, please contact *Joe Murdzek* for more information.

*Joe Murdzek*, East Hartford Crop Walk Representative

## FOOD BANK

The mission of the Food Bank at First Congregational Church in East Hartford for the past 33 years has been to help provide food for East Hartford's hungry. Our clients are referred to us from East Hartford's Department of Social Services. Each client is provided with three days' supply of food, and can return in 30 days. In 2014 we provided 8,352 meals for 928 persons.

*Gerry Rozie* continues to act as coordinator for the volunteers, in addition to serving as a volunteer herself. We want to express our sincere thanks to our volunteers for their dedication and service: *Hubert Adamson, Wanda Arriraga, Carol Callahan, Joyce Emerson, Shirley Foster, Jackie LeBrun, Joan Peters, Joanne Powell, Elizabeth Roberts, Gerry Rozie, Jessie Slade, Nancy Tomlinson and Joyce Wolk.* We welcome the help of a new group of volunteers from *Bank of America – Chris Annino, Maria Beaudoin, Kathy Cattanach, Linda Goselin, Lena Gubkin, Zita Register and Julia Viera.* Thank you all for making this effort a success!

Food drives conducted by the U.S. Postal Service and the local Scouting organizations also provide substantial amounts of food, and this year we received food donated from individual food drives at Hart Mechanical Group, Xerox, Riverside Health Care and others. Our Food Bank is a member of *FOODSHARE*, which allows us to purchase food at their facility in Bloomfield at greatly reduced prices. We participate in (FEMA) Federal Emergency Management Agency Food Program and (CT-NAP) State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. We are also qualified to receive (USDA) United States Department of Agriculture Surplus Food at a nominal cost for handling. We were once again recipients of a grant from *Shop-Rite* in the amount of \$750.00, credited to our account at *FOODSHARE*.

Thanksgiving Dinner was provided at no charge (donations accepted) for over 160 people. This dinner is cooked and served by *Pam and Clarence Douglas* from the Friendship Center Soup Kitchen at St. John's Church, along with their dedicated team of friends and volunteers. They have been performing this labor of love for many years. Pies, breads and pastries were donated by Michael's Bakery, as they have for many years. The turkeys were provided by Foodshare, then were stored and prepared by Chef *Asim Etem* and his staff at A Villa Louisa in Manchester. *Chef Asim* also owns Tastebuds in East Hartford.

We began the year with \$4,537.01 and received monetary donations of \$3,504.83. We spent \$5,583.20 on food during the year, including almost \$500.00 for the Thanksgiving Dinner, which is open to all. Our monetary donations came from members of First Congregational Church, and from the Town of East Hartford, along with private donors. These funds make it possible to purchase food items when needed to keep our pantry stocked. You will see from the numbers above that we are challenged to stay afloat. We began this year with a balance of \$2,458.64. Let's all pray for a stronger economy and a reduced need for emergency financial services.

*Abbie and Rich Beebe*

## **BOARD OF MUSIC**

The choirs and special soloists continued to enhance the worship and special services throughout 2014. Your music director is especially thankful for the contributions of the many individuals who gave of their time and talents.

The Senior Choir performs nearly every Sunday, requiring rehearsals twice a week, with additional rehearsals for special services. We must particularly note the contributions of *Connie Holmeen* and *Pam Scheinfeldt* for their fine direction of the Children's Choirs. We truly enjoyed the many songs presented by this group. Under the direction of Connie Holmeen, our Bell Choir played several times throughout the year and has shown marked improvement! The Youth Choir also sang on several special occasions. We face an ongoing challenge due to the relatively small numbers of young singers who are able to rehearse after church on Sundays. We will address this issue in 2015 so that the children can add their voices to worship.

Under the leadership of Alice O'Donovan and Kelly Jane Forbush, your Music Director and Choir have adapted and made changes suggested by each of these pastors. For example, there has been an even greater variety of music genres and selections and the congregation has been involved in new—and we think—exciting ways. As always, we welcome your feedback, comments and suggestions.

Once again, a highlight of the musical year was the “Christmas Cantata” on December 21<sup>st</sup> entitled “Were You There on that Christmas Night?” by Lloyd Larson. Many members of the congregation commented once again that this might have been the best Cantata ever! Our special professional orchestra certainly complemented an outstanding, expanded Senior Choir. Once again we thank *Erin Cattanach* and *Chris Basler* for providing wonderful percussion and keyboard accompaniment.

During the summer months, we welcomed various musicians, including different vocalists and musical groups who shared their talents during our worship services. A special thanks once again to *Chris Basler* who filled in at the organ and piano benches very ably on many Sundays throughout the year, including the summer Sundays. Once again, a special “call-out” to senior choir members whose dedication and enthusiasm add greatly to our worship services.

*Jerry Scheinfeldt*

## **BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**

“Season of Blessings”  
This was a Year of Blessings!!

The UCC’s, “Season of Blessings” theme for our annual stewardship campaign sounded right to us because we, as a Church, had already started seeing blessings.

We had been blessed through the winter with minimal furnace, oil and snow problems.

Winter weekend at Silver Lake was blessed with beautiful weather, mattress sledding, good food and even some relaxation. Through the talents of the programming committee, games were created that could be used in our Sunday school classes.

The congregation had been blessed with an energetic search committee. They met every week, first to write our call for a new pastor, then reviewing applications that were received.

Blessings continued through spring. Many folks gave their time for spring clean-up, working at the rummage sale, and of course choir rehearsals for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> many of us enjoyed the blessing of our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament. Thank you to all on the planning committee, raffle committee, all the volunteers, players and diners that made the day a great success.

Thanks to your generosity, a group of high school kids and their chaperones traveled to West Virginia to work on houses during the summer. Our work campers blessed their residents with hope through fresh paint, lumber, hammers and nails.

The search committee and the congregation were blessed when *Reverend Kelly Jane Forbush* answered our call and was unanimously accepted as our new pastor.

The fall brings “fair fever”. The crafters are finishing projects, and the baskets and holiday boxes are put together through your donations. Everyone is baking and making candy. Most of us gather every day of fair week to make our presentation just right. We are blessed to have so many people willing to help make our Holiday Village Fair a success.

Christmas time at First Church is the most blessed season of the year. We enjoyed a candlelight carol sing in the chapel with live animals. The White Gift pageant is something everyone looks forward to. Thanks to our dedicated choir, the Christmas Cantata was amazing. Christmas Eve family service was blessed with the talents of our Church youth and our Candlelight Service inspires all that attend.

Thank you for your time talents and treasures that made this a Year of Blessings!!!

*Kathy Cattanach*

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

It has been another fun and exciting year for First Congregational church and the Board of Trustees. Thank you to all of the boards and committees that “adopted a room” again for this year’s spring cleaning. We, as the Board of Trustees, sincerely appreciate all of the time and effort everyone has put into keeping our building cared for.

The following projects have been completed this year:

- Painted Pastor’s office
- Repaired the doorway lights in the front of the building
- Installed 3 new ceiling fans in the sanctuary
- New furnace at the Woodward House
- Repaired siding on westward side of sanctuary
- Upgraded from DSL to cable internet service
- Upstairs Hall painted – completed by Shawn Murdzek
- Air Conditioning installed in Dining room – completed by The Y.
- We have changed our heating oil delivery and maintenance service from Kasden Fuel, which is now owned by a company out of state to locally owned Clear River Fuel Oil.

In last year’s annual report I offered a challenge to see what we could do to make 2014 the year we pay off the loan for the repair of the roof and columns. We were able to do it. Contributions from members paid down the balance enough that we paid off the remaining balance using the Vanguard Fund, thus eliminating nearly \$2000 in annual interest payments.

Thank you to the entire Board of Trustees for your commitment to this beautiful building that we call home. I’d like to offer a very special thank you to the *Specht* family for all of their hard work to prepare the Pastor’s office for *Rev. Kelly Jane* and we recognize *Shawn Murdzek* and his team for painting the upstairs hallway as his Boy Scout Eagle project. We are very grateful to *Rich Beebe* for jumping in whenever needed and taking on all of the projects that we toss his way. We would not be able to keep this place going without the hard work and dedication of so many people. Thank you.

*Erin Cattanach*

## FLOWER COMMITTEE

The following message is attached to each bouquet or plant delivered by the Deaconesses to our shut-in, bereaved and hospitalized members:

"By their beauty and their fragrance they have been a joy and inspiration to the worshippers within God's house from these hallowed associations, they now come to you with a silent message of love, hope and cheer."

Thanks to all those who donated flowers each Sunday to beautify our chancel. The donations of the Easter plants and Christmas plants are a special addition and greatly appreciated.

A part of your donation for the Easter plants went to the Endowment Fund. We purchased 15 plants, as requested by the Deaconess, at a cost of \$13.00 each. There were 31 in memory of, 8 in celebration and 2 in honor of for a total of 41 donations or \$519.00. After paying Paul Buettner Florist \$13.00 each for the 15 plants ordered we were left with a balance of \$319.00 which was paid to the Endowment Fund.

The donation of the Christmas poinsettias also included a donation to the Endowment Fund. We ordered 10 plants as requested by the Deaconess to deliver for a cost of \$13.00 each. We had 28 in loving memory, 7 in celebration, and 1 in honor of or a total of 36 or \$518.00. We paid Paul Buettner Florist for the 10 plants ordered or \$130.00. The remaining \$388 went to The Endowment Fund.

In addition Newkirk & Whitney/Callahan Funeral Home donated 17 poinsettias and thank them for their generosity.

Our committee consists of 3 people and each are responsible for 4 months. The following is our committee and the months they are responsible for:

*Jessie S. Slade* - October through January, Easter and Christmas

*Connie Holmeen* - February through May

*Barbara Stevens* - June through September

We are always looking for new donors and you can contact anyone on the committee if you would like to donate flowers for the chancel. The standard charge for an arrangement from Callahan Flower Shop is \$35.00 plus tax. You can order a larger arrangement if you would like for \$50.00 or more by letting a committee member know or telling the florist. You can also order a special color or flower by letting a member of the committee know or ordering it direct from the florist.

Many thanks for *Bunny* and *Connie* for their help on this committee.

*Jessie S. Slade*

## HOLIDAY VILLAGE FAIR

This year's fair made \$10,680.99 due to the efforts of so many talented, generous and hardworking people! From the coffee and snacks offered at the start of the fair, to *Chris Basler's* mood-setting piano playing, our fair provided a variety of experiences for our patrons.

The Jewelry Booth offered previously loved jewelry, beautifully displayed. The Basket Shop sold over 60 popular themed baskets. The Christmas Boutique was filled with ornaments, snowmen, hymnal angels, decorated Hershey bars, wreaths, and other unusual gifts for Christmas as well as Fall. The Boutique is kept open until Christmas to allow for shopping after church on Sundays as well as seasonal events such as East Hartford's Holiday Fest. The Raffle Table tempted bidders with framed artwork and handmade items. The Evergreen Shop is always popular. Holiday boxes filled with live greens and decorations. They were all sold before the fair was over!

In the Adult Lounge, shoppers chose from hand-made knitted and sewn items in The Handicraft Corner. The Cutlery Shop's kitchen knives and gadgets were especially popular this year. Grandma's Attic displayed assortment of attic treasure that shoppers found hard to resist.

In the Scout Room, the Country Store, Candy Booth, Popcorn Booth, Cookie Walk, and Bake Table had wonderful displays of food items for patrons to purchase.

Many hungry shoppers choose the tea and sandwiches at the Victorian Tearoom for lunch. Others enjoyed the grilled fare outside at Chuck's Wagon.

The day ended with a delicious Yankee Pot Roast dinner prepared by *Dennis McCarthy*, *Chuck Holmes* and their kitchen crew.

Thank you to the entire Congregation for helping make our Holiday Village Fair as wonderful as it is!

God Bless you all!

*Lorraine Trinks*

## **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

The goal of the Library is to provide religious and inspirational books as well as other materials for the use of the Congregation, Sunday School and Staff of the church.

The Library is a rich resource for inspirational and devotional reading, open to the entire congregation. The Children's Library, across the hall, also has many books for a variety of ages. Take time to stop in before or after worship on Sundays. A Librarian of the day will be on hand to help you find what you are looking for.

To direct attention to themes we feel are relevant we have monthly displays on the circular table in the Library. The themes for 2014 were:

New Beginnings

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Black History

Women's History

Lent and Easter

Focus on Family

Summer Reading

Fall Into Reading

Life-long Learning

Thanksgiving

Christmas

The Library Committee meets the second Sunday of the month except July and August.

The members of the Library Committee:

*Joan Peters*, Librarian,

*Jo Sale, Linda Cronkhite, Gerry Rozie, Toni Fish, Jackie LeBrun, Nancy Tomlinson, and Louise Holmes* (ex-officio).

## **CALENDAR DONATIONS COMMITTEE**

Each month members of our congregation and various groups within the congregation donate the weekly calendar for our church services. This year the sponsorship was at a cost of \$20.00. The calendar is given in memory of someone special and some are given in celebration of family members or special events. The choice is up to the person(s) who is donating the calendar for that particular week. Also, Newkirk and Whitney and the Benjamin J. Callahan Funeral Home generously donated the weekly Calendar for the months of July and August as they have done for many years.

The following groups have provided the calendar this past year: WEB (Business & Professional Women's Club, and the Mother's Club), the Deacons, the Deaconesses, the Trustees, the JYF and the PYF.

As with everything, we lost some donors due to a death in the family or families moving away. We are always looking for new donors, so if you are so inclined, we would very much appreciate hearing from you at any time. A BIG thank you to all of you who continue to provide our weekly calendars. With your help the work of our church continues to grow.

*Pam Scheinfeldt*

## USHERS REPORT

The ushers are a dedicated group of men and women who serve our church in many ways. They escort persons to their seats and lend a helping hand to anyone in need. They serve at all church services including holidays and Christmas Eve. The ushers collect the offering and record attendance at all services. At the completion of events, they are responsible for the tidying up of the sanctuary. At all times they keep a watchful eye for the security and safety of our membership and guests.

During the year of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 the attendance was as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Regular Sunday Service	3381	3090	3295	2975
Ash Wednesday	24	14	19	21
Maundy Thursday	82	SCC	76	SCC
Easter Sunday				
7:00 a.m.	20	32	29	25
10:00 a.m.	139	193	151	170
Children's Sunday	98	103	96	119
Carol Sing	30	56	68	37
White Gift	92	81	95	71
Christmas Eve				
7:00 p.m.	37	22	42	32
10:30 p.m.	78	93	77	96
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	3981	3684	3948	3556

SCC - Worship at South Congregational Church

*Chuck Holmes*

## **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

2014 was “A Tale of Two Cities” for investors, with some markets up handily while others were stagnant or down. Large Cap stocks, represented by the S & P 500, were up 13.69%. The Russell 2000, a measure of small-cap stocks, was only up 4.89%, and the MSCI EAFE index of International stocks, was down 4.48%. The Barclays Capital Government Credit Intermediate Term Bond index was up 3.13%, while International bond holders fared poorly because of the large rise in the U.S. Dollar. Governments and central banks diverged in their strategies, with Japan and Europe’s ECB being accommodative, while the U.S. tapered and then stopped their bond purchase program, known as Quantitative Easing. Ebola, the timing and amount of tapering in the U.S., the economies of Europe and China, and the plunge in oil prices all weighed on investors’ minds, while U.S. earnings, improving unemployment rates and continued low interest rates were all positives for market participants.

Going into 2015, divergent monetary policies will establish a headwind for U.S. multinational corporations while improving the competitiveness of International manufacturers whose currencies are weaker. Slowing growth in China, the world’s second largest economy, will again be a concern in 2015, along with Russia which is expected to recede by 1.7%. Morgan Stanley Wealth Management economists forecast that world GDP growth will come in at 3.5% in 2015, and that the U.S. will grow at a rate of 2.9%.

As of December 31, 2014, the total value of the First Congregational Church portfolio was \$1,289,091. That amount is down from the December 31, 2013 value of \$1,293,904. The Church withdrew \$50,000 from the portfolio this year. Gross total return was up 4.68% before withdrawals and down 00.37% after withdrawals. The portfolio asset allocation was 52% in stocks, 27% in bonds, 13% in alternatives, and 7% in cash.

The Investment Committee is a sub-committee of the Board of Trustee’s and its members include *Jerry Scheinfeldt*, *Randy Holmeen*, and *Chuck Holmes*. The advisor to the Investment Committee is *Brett Cavalieri*. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact *Randy Holmeen* at 860-275-0771 or [randy.holmeen@morganstanley.com](mailto:randy.holmeen@morganstanley.com), and thank you for the trust you have placed in the FCC investment committee.

*The Investment Committee*

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

For 2014, \$2,000 was given in scholarships. The awards committee granted scholarships to these 5 worthy applicants:

*Ashley Clancy*

*Alexander Clancy*

*Mackenzie Satalino*

*Tyler Satalino*

*Danielle Innocent*

The awards were presented on Children's Sunday. We should remember to continue contributing to the scholarship fund as the opportunities arise.

*Scholarship Committee*

## **JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF) is made up of our youth in grades 6-8. We meet twice each month after worship for lunch, fun and fellowship. We have thought provoking activities, where we learn more about ourselves and each other as well as enjoy fun, Bible-related activities that we do as a group.

This year, at our bi-monthly meetings, we had lively discussions, played cooperative games and made some crafts. We had a make-your-own-sundae party to end the school year.

We support our church by selling fresh popped popcorn at the Holiday Village Fair. Our youth not only work the Popcorn Booth but also serve in the Victorian Tea Room. Many of our members also wait on tables, clean and reset the tables at the Pancake Breakfast with Santa during the East Hartford Holiday Fest.

With our JYF money, each member purchased a share of stock to support our High School Youth Groups' efforts to go to Workcamp. We were then invited to the Stockholders Banquet, where we heard stories and saw pictures of their trip to West Virginia. It gave us a better understanding of what will be available to us when we are in high school.

We ended our year by serenading some of our church's senior members with Christmas carols, along with the PYF.

I would like to thank *Darrell Basler* for his continued support and assistance with our lively and energetic junior high youth.

*Louise Holmes*

## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

Our High School youth meet for Sunday School every Sunday at 10am with teacher, *Joe Murdzek*. The youth are also active in various church events throughout the year. They worked at the Church Fair, served at the Pancake Breakfast, helped decorate the church for Christmas, went Christmas caroling to some of our home-bound members, and participated in other church activities.

For our Youth Mission Work camp this past summer, the group traveled to Kanawha County, West Virginia. Participants this year were *Emily Ciccolo, Danny Dolnick, Allison Gunter, Shawn Murdzek, Shari Pike* and *Mackenzie Satalino*. Youth Group leaders were *Erin Cattanach* and *Howard Satalino*. During the week of June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup>, the group was divided into work crews with about 300 other youths and adult leaders. Each crew was assigned to work on a particular residence where they painted or made other repairs during the day. In the evening the crews came together and participated in inspirational programs. For their Wednesday afternoon break, our group enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Christ Church, United Methodist, in Charleston, where they hold a free community dinner every Wednesday evening. Christ Church had also opened their doors to us, allowing us to spend the first night of our trip in their youth building. We attended one of their morning services before reporting to camp on Sunday afternoon.

We greatly appreciate the congregation's spiritual and financial support of this mission trip. Thank you also for your prayers. Thank you also for your support of our fundraisers, such as the can and bottle drives, the grinder sale and the stock sale. Without this support, many of our campers would be unable to attend. The mission trip enables the youth group and their leaders to grow spiritually through the deep personal satisfaction of doing God's work by helping others in need.

*Howard Satalino*

**W.E.B.**  
**Women Empowered & Blessed**  
**A Sisterhood in our Faith**

W.E.B members from age 20 to 90+ from all professions of life.

*W.E.B. is open to all First Congregational Church women and their friends.* We share our experiences, catchup with each other, and help each other while enjoying one of Chef Dennis' delicious dinners for us.

From September to June, we enjoy each other's company on the third Thursday of the month.

We keep busy all year at various Church events, serving a Lenten dinner, setting up for the fair and working at one of the many fair booths.

During the year we host the Red Cross Blood Drive and receptions for the East Hartford Fine Arts Commission's Paul Bisaccia Concerts.

The proceeds from our annual Game Night and the May and October Rummage Sales bought two new card tables for the dining room, altar flowers, Sunday calendars, and donations to the General Fund, Roof Fund, Scholarship Fund, and Workcamp. The E.H. Women's and Children's shelter, Food Bank and the Friendship Center have all benefited from W.E.B.'s community outreach. The true meaning of Christmas is shown by our members donating many gifts to the residents at Riverside Health Center.

The Pancake Breakfast with Santa was another big success. The profits from our breakfast enabled us to sponsor five families for Christmas. All 15 children received clothes and toys and there is always something for the mom too. Our breakfast is one of the East Hartford Holiday Fest's premiere events. We would like to thank all the non-W.E.B. members that help us with cooking, serving, cleaning up, playing Santa, and especially the toys that are donated to us to complete our commitment to the families.

Our programs are always fun and informative. The wonderful experiences of Women's Retreat were shared at one of our meetings, while we learned all about Chinese New Year's from Joyce Wolk at another. Our last meeting is "Ladies Lunch" on the second Sunday of June and is open to all women of the Church.

To all the women of First Church, please accept this invitation to join us for an evening of good food, good conversation, and good programs. Come join us, we are looking forward to seeing you.

*Kathy Cattanach*

## **THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

2014 was another event filled year in the life of the church. Thanks to the dedication of *Joyce Wolk* and the generosity of all of those folks who shared photos, we were able to complete the 2013 scrapbook. It will be available for viewing at the annual meeting in March. We are looking forward to the many events planned for 2015 and encourage everyone to keep cameras ready and share photos physically or digitally. Photos may be left in the Historical Committee box on the stairway or speak to members of the Historical Committee for use of a flash drive for sharing digitally.

*Historical Committee*

# **EAST HARTFORD INTERFAITH MINISTRIES**

## **HUMAN NEEDS FUND**

Just what was it that Rev. Alva Decker from St. John's Church, had in mind when he developed the Clergy Human Needs Fund for East Hartford and the Friendship Center in the early seventies. Did he ever dream that one day it would become East Hartford Interfaith Ministries? Did he know that we would collaborate, cooperate and network with other non profits in and out of our area? Did he realize in his vision that - It is a small world after all?

So NOW as we enter the year of 2015 - each Thursday at First Congregational Church, the bell rings - the buzzer responds welcoming East Hartford residents seeking help to provide their family with a comfortable, safe home. They come, young and old looking for help with a utility bill, perhaps oil, maybe a medical need. The needs are varied. These basic needs are what families in East Hartford seek through the services of the Human Needs Fund of East Hartford Interfaith Ministries.

The reasons for the need is endless – job loss, unemployment ran out, sickness, a car broke down and this transportation was vital in order to get to work. Then, of course, there is the change in the makeup of the household and last, but not least, mental health problems.

It is in “this small world” through the doors of First Congregational Church that clients discover that we are not all about money, but a place to find resources to other “helping” agencies. Sometimes it is an opportunity to just look at a budget and make better choices with the small resources he or she has. Referrals are made to the Food Banks in their area, the clothing bank, plus food share opportunities and the EHIM furniture bank. The faces of our “Neighbors In Need” vary and each is reaching out for help.

Donations continue to drive the fund and create the services available to East Hartford residents. Donations come from East Hartford Women's Club Tree of Lights, the restricted fund of Masonicare, offering received at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Day service, John Larson's yearly game donation, matching grants from the United Way giving, Thrivent matching grants and Rotary of East Hartford and this year - proceeds from the Mayor's Charity Ball. Other gifts are from individuals and church groups. Thanks to all the donors listed above and to our church staff and volunteers for their support.

### **HUMAN NEEDS FUND**

During 2014 there were seventy two heads of household requesting the \$100+ donation in order to prevent eviction from their housing. A total of one hundred eighty were assisted with utility or fuel needs. A total of sixteen requested other financial needs. .

A total of **271** heads of households were seen in 2014. The total amount of grants to individuals and households was **\$29,199.66** Fuel costs remain the highest basic need totaling **\$21,249.66**; rental costs were **\$6,700**; and other **\$1200**. There was a slight decrease in the number of households seen in 2014 by 31.

*Beth Harlow, Counselor, Human Needs Coordinator*

## **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 1**

First, Troop 1 would like to welcome *Rev. Kelly Jane Forbush* as First Congregation Church's new pastor. We look forward to working with *Rev. Forbush* and First Congregational Church as we continue to serve young men of East Hartford. Second, Troop 1 would like to thank the Church for their continued sponsorship of our troop. We are proud and honored to be able to say that 2014 marked the 105th year of sponsorship of Troop 1 by the First Congregational Church of East Hartford. That fact makes us the oldest continuously sponsored troop in the country. Thank you for helping us achieve our mission of preparing young men to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Troop 1 meets most Tuesday nights in the Church Dining Room, and is open to boys ages 11 to 17. Currently, Troop 1 has 21 registered scouts and 22 registered leaders. *Tim Lynch* continues as Scoutmaster of the Troop. *Howard Satalino* continues as the Troop's Chartered Organization Representative and *Vincent Mazzotta* is completing his second year as the Troops Committee Chairman.

The Troop camping activities include the following:

- ❖ In January the Troop camped out in a cabin at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, CT.
- ❖ In February we attended an outdoor Winter District event called The Klondike Derby at Camp June Norcross Webster (JNW) in Ashford, CT., where our scouts demonstrated their outdoor survival skills.
- ❖ In March we camped out in a cabin at Camp Workcoeman in New Hartford, CT.
- ❖ In April we camped out at Camp Moses, located in Russell, MA., in the Berkshires.
- ❖ In May, the Troop attended a Spring District event called Scottish Highland Games at Camp Webster in Ashford, CT.
- ❖ In July, 9 scouts and 3 leaders attended summer camp at Camp Webster in Ashford. Numerous merit badges were earned. In addition we were joined by 6 scouts from other units.
- ❖ In August, we camped out at our property in Glastonbury, known as Camp Neipsic.
- ❖ September provided the highlight of the scouting year as 19 scouts and 7 leaders travelled to New York City. This was the Troop's high adventure trip. The Troop stayed at Camp Seton, in Greenwich, CT and took the train into the City. For many of our scouts and some leaders this was the first time being on a train. Some of the many sights the Troop saw included, the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, the 9/11 Memorial and Times Square.

- ❖ In October, the Troop camped out at Camp Webster, Ashford, CT.
- ❖ In November, Troop 1 participated in the annual Scouting For Food event. We collected over 200 bags of food to distribution to our most needy East Hartford families. Our annual Thanksgiving feast took place in November at Camp Johnson in Bolton. We had fantastic weather and everyone ate very well.
- ❖ In December, the Troop conducted a 5 mile hike in Vernon, CT.

December concluded the calendar year with our annual Spaghetti Supper as part of the Town's Holiday Fest. From the proceeds of the dinner, we were able to contribute approximately \$600 to the East Hartford Interfaith Ministries (EHIM).

In addition, I would like to note the following individual scouting achievements that happened in 2014:

- ❖ 2 scouts, *Franklin Ude* and *Shawn Murdzek*, attained their Eagle rank. This is the highest rank a scout can earn and marks the zenith in Boy Scout achievements.

*Vincent Mazzotta*  
Troop 1 Committee Chair

**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF**  
**THE UNITED CHURCH**  
**OF CHRIST**

147<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Cheshire High School

October 17 & 18, 2014

The theme for this year's annual meeting was "INTER-DEPENDENCE".

Don't reinvent the wheel – ask a sister Church if they have encountered the same problem.  
Ask each other questions– share ideas with each other.

Communicate both successes and failures. Ask the following questions

What does the vision of inter-dependence mean to you?

How have you seen inter-dependence in our Church community?

How would the vision take place in our Church?

What might be accomplished by inter-dependence?

Live cohesively. Get rid of ego. Get out of your own way. Communicate.

Talk and Listen. Leverage the internet and face book. Change the me to we.

The two resolutions were discussed and passed:

- 1) The delegation was asked to study the *Kairos Palestine* document and heed its call for solidarity with the Palestinian people over the conflict of Israeli occupation of Palestinian land – Asking local Church members to request their Congressmen to investigate whether US military aid given to Israel violates US laws. Also we as a conference are asked to boycott buying goods produced by Israeli companies in Occupied Palestinian Territories.
- 2) We ask the Connecticut Conference's Legislative Advocate to prioritize work on ending mass incarceration rather than criminalization and incarceration. Promoting treatment programs, racial and economic justice.

For the second year in a row, the delegates voted and passed a balanced budget.

Reports from Social Justice, Youth Ministry, and Silver Lake were heard.

First Congregational Church of East Hartford was again recognized for being a "Five for Five Church", participating in the five special UCC offerings.

Inspiring worship services with great music were enjoyed.

God is still speaking. Where ever you are in life's journey – You are welcome here.

*Kathy Cattanach & Pat Sirois*

## ONA COMMITTEE

The ONA committee has been making progress on our faith's journey to becoming an Open and Affirming Church of the Connecticut UCC. Our draft statement has been written and sent it to the CT UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns for editing.

We had set two open discussion sessions this past fall on Sundays with a light lunch. On October 26, the Glezen's and the Huber's, parents of LGBT children told us about the heartbreaks they went through with friends, family, and even their churches when their children announced their sexual preference. On November 9, Rev. Alice O'Donovan enlightened us on what the Bible really says about LGBT.

The following is the statement has been sent to CT Conference of the UCC for editing and acceptance.

### Open and Affirming Mission Statement First Congregational Church of East Hartford, UCC

If you are curious about God and Jesus Christ, you are welcome here. We, the First Congregational Church of East Hartford, declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. We promise to welcome into our full life and ministry, children of God, people of every race, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, ability, and economic status.

We believe that we all can grow and practice a unity of faith that will transcend our differences and together be a living testimony to God's steadfast love.

We embrace the amazing diversity of God's creation and believe everyone is created in God's image. Therefore, everyone is unique, valuable, and loved by God. We believe every child of God deserves our respect and honor.

We practice warm, welcoming, extravagant hospitality, as we, together, continue to learn new things about God.

Any questions please talk to one of the committee members. We will be taking the vote to become Open and Affirming at the Annual Meeting.

The ONA Committee; *Donna Basler, Lauren Basler, Kathy Cattanach, Sue Randall* and

*Beth Roberts*

# REPORT OF THE CLERK FOR 2014

## BAPTISMS

Shayla Alissa Harris	February 23, 2014
Keyara Lee Harris	February 23, 2014
Alana Marie Harris	February 23, 2014
Lilly Marie McGuire	April 27, 2014
Ryswick John Innocent	May 4, 2014
Lucas Gabriel Sanzo	June 8, 2014
Elliana Grace Hayward	July 20, 2014
Ivy Marie Holmeen	October 19, 2014
Jack Daniel Martin	October 19, 2014

## RECEIVED BY CONFIRMATION

Ryswick Innocent	May 4, 2014
Tobias Jones	May 4, 2014
Stuart Pike	May 4, 2014
Logan Satalino	May 4, 2014

## RECEIVED BY LETTER OF TRANSFER

Julie Wittenzellner	March 9, 2014
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## DEATHS

Herman Graf	February 17, 2014
Mary Lou L. St. Laurent	March 4, 2014
Leroy Spiller	August 30, 2014

## PLACED ON INACTIVE ROLLS BY STANDING COMMITTEE

## REMOVED FROM ROLLS BY VOTE OF STANDING COMMITTEE

## TRANSFERS TO OTHER CHURCHES

Sean Stevens	September 7, 2014
Lynda Stevens	September 7, 2014

<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH – January 1, 2014</u>	236	
Transfer	2	
Losses by Death	<u>3</u>	
	5	<u>-5</u>
Received by letter of transfer	1	
Received by confirmation	<u>4</u>	
	5	<u>+5</u>
<u>TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – December 31, 2014</u>		236

*Jayne L. Apel, Clerk*

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Recommendation of the Nominating Committee for Church officers, Boards and Committees as required by the Bylaws of the church for presentation at the Annual Meeting, to be held March 22, 2014, as well as recognition of the members serving as representatives to councils and conferences and members serving in other ways.

### **Officers**

Moderator	Chuck Holmes	(2) 2016
Assistant Moderator	Howard Satalino	(2) 2016
Clerk	Jayne Apel	
Assistant Clerk	Patricia Andrulot	
Treasurer	Donna Basler	
Assistant Treasurer	Lauren Basler	

### **Boards of the Church**

#### **Board of Christian Education (8)**

Valerie McCarthy	(1) 2017	Shawn Clancy	(2) 2017
Dennis McCarthy	(2) 2017	Margaret Sanzo	(2) 2016
Logan Satalino	(1) 2017	Dawn Clancy	(1) 2017
Connie Holmeen	(2) 2017		

#### **Board of Deaconesses (24)**

Shirley Foster	(6) 2016	Bethia Granston	(4) 2016
Ruby Passon	(6) 2016	Jessie Slade	(4) 2017
Joan Peters	(5) 2016	Jackie LeBrun	(4) 2016
Marilyn LaFontaine	(7) 2017	Nancy Tomlinson	(3) 2016
Margaret Sanzo	(3) 2016	Joyce Wolk	(4) 2016
Dennis McCarthy	(5) 2017	Carmelita Knight-Sloley	(1) 2015
Valerie McCarthy	(5) 2017	Joy Gaston	(1) 2017

#### **Life Deaconesses**

Janice Arbuckle	Josephine Sale
Flora Ranney	Lillian Saunders
Gerry Rozie	

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **Board of Deacons (16)**

Joe Murdzek	(1) 2017	Erin Cattanach	(1) 2017
Beth Roberts	(1) 2017	Tobias Jones	(1) 2017
Mary Agnes Innocent	(1) 2017	Dennis McCarthy	(2) 2016
Al Harris	(2) 2017	Rich Beebe	(1) 2015
Darrell Basler	(2) 2016	Cindy Woodman	(1) 2016

### **Board of Missions (8)**

Mary Agnes Innocent	(2) 2016	Darrell Basler	(1) 2015
Brenda Murdzek	(1) 2015	Patricia Andrulot	(1) 2016
Sue Randall	(1) 2015	Beth Roberts	(2) 2016
Jack Ranney	(2) 2016	Pat Sirois	(1) 2016

### **Board of Music (2)**

Latonya Harris-Banks	(1) 2017	Shawn Murdzek	(1) 2015
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### **Board of Stewardship (8)**

Sharon Walters	(1) 2017	Darrell Basler	(1) 2016
Chris Basler	(2) 2017	Allen Apel	(1) 2017
Dave Gaston	(2) 2017		

### **Board of Trustees (8)**

Alan Embleton	(2) 2016	Kathy Cattanach	(1) 2017
Howard Satalino	(2) 2016	Frantz Innocent	(2) 2017
Sharon Walters	(2) 2016		
Dick Stevens	(1) 2017		

### **Committees of the Church (Required by the Bylaws)**

#### **Budget Committee (Member-at-large)**

Brenda Murdzek

#### **Flower Committee**

Connie Holmeen	Barbara Stevens	Jessie Slade
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#### **Historical Committee**

Howard Satalino	Archivist	Erin Cattanach	
Valerie McCarthy		Joyce Wolk	Historian
Flora Ranney		Margaret Sanzo	
Barbara Stevens			

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)

### **Library Committee**

Linda Cronkhite

Toni Fish

Gerry Rozie

Joan Peters

Jackie LeBrun

Jo Sale

Nancy Tomlinson

### **Nominating Committee (6)**

Kathy Cattanach

(1) 2016

Valerie McCarthy

(2) 2017

Beth Harlow

(1) 2016

### **Positions Required by the Bylaws**

#### **Archivist**

Howard Satalino

#### **Auditors**

Allen Apel

Mary Mourey

#### **Historian**

Jotyce Wolk

#### **Librarian**

Joan Peters

### **Positions Required for Missions and Ministry**

#### **Book of Remembrances and Scholarship Fund**

Beth Roberts (acknowledgements)    Beth Roberts (inscriptions)

#### **Calendar Committee**

Pam Scheinfeldt

### **Capitol Region Conference of Churches**

#### **Christian Activities Council**

#### **East Hartford Interfaith Ministry**

Valerie McCarthy

Kathy Cattanach

Margaret Sanzo

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **Food Bank**

Rich Beebe  
Abbie Beebe  
Judy Dufresne

Gerry Rozie

### **Hartford East**

Beth Harlow  
Dennis McCarthy

Sharon Walters

### **State Conference**

Chuck Holmes (Moderator)  
Pat Sirois

Kathy Cattanach

### **Ushers**

Chuck Holmes

