

The Congregational Church of New Fairfield

United Church of Christ

ANNUAL REPORT

2007



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Pastor's Report
2007
"Let It Shine!"

When 2007 began we were half way through the project required for the Doctor of Ministry Program I was taking at Hartford Seminary. The 'official' title of the project was "A Whole Church Approach to Spiritual Growth through Covenant and Commitment at the Congregational Church of New Fairfield." It was a long title and an even more ambitious project than I first envisioned, but the response from the congregation made it not only possible but a very positive experience. Approximately 30 people initially covenanted to do at least one of the spiritual practices or activities offered. However, about 61 people participated in one way or the other by the end of the project in May. More important than the number of people who participated in a particular activity or event was the encouragement and support of everyone. Many people came out for Movie Nights and other events. During the year the congregation opened up to a number of new worship experiences, from guided meditation, to Lectio Divina as part of Sunday worship. Most exciting was the willingness of several people to step forward to share their own personal faith stories in our Lenten, "Let It Shine" moments. We completed the project in May with a celebration dinner, but the journey of faith didn't end there.

In addition to all the regular activities of the church, like church dinners, team meetings, and fundraising events. This year a number of our members attended the 26th Synod of the United Church of Christ, which took place in Hartford in June. This Synod was also the 50th anniversary celebration of the denomination. Over 10,000 people attended, which made it the largest conference ever hosted by the city of Hartford. One tradition of any UCC Synod is the 'cookie' hospitality. An estimated 14,000 dozen cookies were needed for the weeklong event. Our congregation contributed over 92 dozen cookies to welcome the world to Connecticut!

Our journey of faith continues even over the summer months. During the time that many people are away on vacation, there are still lots of activities. Worship in the Garden, plenty of rehearsals and then the summer play, which was a wonderful production of "Camelot." In July there are teens coming and going from their mission trip to West Virginia, and of course, the delicious annual Chicken Barbeque in July.

By September, my dissertation was written and approved, but the journey of faith didn't end there. In November we celebrated graduation together with a joyful service led by the Rev. Dr. Robert Polk, former interim pastor. The Dean of Hartford Seminary, Efrain Agosto, preached and conferred the degree. I was delighted that so many members, friends and family were here to share the day. I was honored by the presentation of a beautiful prayer shawl. The celebration continued with a spectacular reception complete with the Eiffel Tower, Perrier Bar, and Fondue Station! I still can't find the words that adequately express my appreciation to the whole congregation.

2007 is gone, the "Year of Spiritual Growth" has ended, with your help I achieved the title, "Dr.," but the journey doesn't end here. Many of the programs and activities that were part of the project continue and some have grown. This year the spirit of generosity and giving was overwhelming. Several mission projects and pleas were made and each one was met with an immediate response of giving and love. The presence of the Holy Spirit continues to move through this place. Now, we move into 2008 and our journey of faith continues as we continue to "Let It Shine!" through worship, fellowship and service.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas

Executive Council Annual Report 2007

The 265th year of the Congregational Church of New Fairfield, CT, can be characterized as a time of continued growth in membership, continued mission work both locally and around the world, transition to our new “restructured” internal organization, and for many in the congregation, a sense of increased spiritual awareness. As the policy making and program planning body of the church, the Executive Council, has overall responsibility for coordinating and supervising the various church teams and committees on behalf of the congregation. Here are just a few of the accomplishments we have experienced during 2007:

- The proposed new structure for managing most aspects of CCNF was accepted as the way we will conduct business from now on. During the September 31st quarterly meeting revised by-laws were unanimously approved by the congregation. To mention just a few, the changes include some reduced team sizes with clearer responsibilities, and emphasis on leadership and volunteerism.
- In July, the youth program sent yet another group to do a little of God’s work in West Virginia. This year’s youth mission trip to Appalachia included 3 work crews made up of 10 teens from our Sr. High Youth Group, 3 Youth Leaders (recent high school graduates), and 7 adult leaders.
- For the thirteenth year, the church produced a wonderful summer all-youth theatrical production under direction of Carl Anderson, Minister of Music. This year’s play was, “Camelot,” and involved many children from the community.
- Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas, our minister, received her Doctor of Divinity degree during a very meaningful and touching Sunday worship service in November. Her final thesis was based on a year-long research project focused on activities to promote spiritual growth, in which members of the congregation were invited to participate. We are VERY proud of her.
- The service club again hosted three traditional dinners for the community – Corned Beef and Cabbage in March, Chicken Barbeque in July, and a Ham dinner & Holiday Bazaar in November.
- Under the direction of Liz Yoho, director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries, our Sunday school and youth programs continued to thrive. They help to draw in new member families while offering that much-needed community forum to teach and practice Christian values with our children.
- Compassionate Connections, the Thrift Shop, as well as many other church programs and organizations continued to provide valuable services to our whole community.
- Our rental property (once, and potentially, parsonage) received significant improvements and upgrades before taking on a new tenant in August. Many thanks to Dale Baird, and numerous others for the combined herculean efforts expended to help maintain this important church asset.
- We were again fortunate to be able to open our church building to numerous outside groups who, without this space to meet, might not be able to exist. These organizations include, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Alcoholics Anonymous, and others.

Though there never seems to be enough money, we made it through 2007 in decent shape. With the help of many generous people and some smart investments we were able to cover all our financial commitments for the year. This part of our church business is always a challenge for the Executive Committee, and as we look forward, it doesn’t promise to be any easier in 2008. So, as always, we continually pray for guidance and often ask for more money.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Wells
Moderator

Worship & Ministry Team Annual Report 2007

2007 was a joyous year of several celebrations. On Nov 11th we proudly celebrated Rev. Pat's Doctoral Conferral Ceremony and presented her with a beautiful new prayer shawl, made by the prayer shawl ministry. We then went to Paris for a very special coffee hour and celebrated with her family and friends. It was a very special occasion with even Dr. Polk in attendance. In September, we honored Carl Anderson, our Minister of Music, by presenting him with a plant, gift certificate and card signed by the congregation to thank him for his dedication and hard work. Win and Kathy Donaldson received an outdoor plant in appreciation and thanks for their years working with the confirmation class and compassionate connections. In October we dedicated the new digital piano for the sanctuary. It has a beautiful sound and will be very helpful in recording music for the Youth Choir.

The by-laws were updated to have our members historically known as Deacons and to include the music program in coordination with the Minister of Music.

We were pleased to welcome new members in 2007 – On April 29th we welcomed Amy and Joe Constantinides (son, Matthew), Cille and Doug Grabert (daughter, Nicole, and son, Brett) and Jennifer and Ben Melton (daughters, Gillian and Olivia) and my husband, John Schalkham. On October 28th we welcomed Karen and Jeff Gruetzner (sons, Ryan and Charlie), Jennifer and Patrick Hickey (sons, Griffin, Kiernan and Cooper) and Irene Howard.

The team purchased beautiful new white paraments for Communion Sunday and the church now has a full set for the entire church calendar year and it was decided that we would be sending our old ones to a church in need. The team and volunteers prepared our annual Easter and Christmas baskets and distributed them to the shut-ins and members of our congregation who experienced the loss of a loved one or serious illness. We met with the confirmation class and their mentors on 2 occasions to have lunch and to discuss our spirituality and share information about CCFN. We financially assisted 2 families in need this year, 1 who lost their home to a fire.

Special Services were held on - Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, 3 Easter Services, Mother's Day, Music Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, Graduation and Father's Day, Confirmation Sunday, Laity Sunday and 2 Christmas Eve Services. Since attendance was so good we decided that our summer worship in the "Martha Fairchild Memorial Garden" should be at 9:30 am and that Communion Sunday would also be held outside. For the first time Rev. Pat served communion by intention and we felt it worked very well. CCFN was scheduled to host the Ecumenical Service this year but due to unforeseen issues the service was cancelled. Once again we offered the Longest Night service for people in need of comfort during the Advent season and once again we experienced bad weather and had to cancel the service.

Liz Yoho, Lynn Raymond and Ron Webb left our team this year after serving out their terms. They were a blessed asset and I would like to thank them for their dedication and hard work over the past 6 years. We were very fortunate to have Linda Heintz and Tony Kimball join the team in June. Linda has accepted the responsibility of Compassionate Connections and is doing a wonderful job and so is Jerry Gay who has assumed the Usher Schedule. Janice Donnelly will be stepping down in June after completing her term and I would like to thank her in advance for her time, energy, support and friendship. In closing I would like to say that it has been an honor to be a member of the Worship and Ministry Team for the past 6 years. I have been blessed to be surrounded and supported by the most amazingly gifted people. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Chatterton Schalkham
Chairperson

Worship & Ministry Team Bank Account Summary

	<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>Savings Account</u>
Balance as of January 1, 2007	\$882.60	\$5,330.12
Income	\$5,963.21	\$1,543.28
Disbursements	<u>\$5,911.15</u>	<u>\$5,904.90</u>
Balance as of December 31 st , 2007	\$934.66	\$968.50

Savings Account Allocation

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Memorials	\$2,340.20	\$373.38
Music Fund	\$2,377.64	\$0.00
Flower Fund	\$193.50	\$193.50
Compassionate Connections	\$50.00	\$50.00
Accumulated Interest	\$218.78	\$237.08
Prayer Shawl	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$114.54</u>
Total	\$5,330.12	\$968.50

Respectfully submitted,
 Laura Baird
 Worship & Ministry Treasurer

Trustee Team Annual Report 2007

The Trustees had a busy and productive year in 2007. Many improvements and repairs were made at the church. Highlights of these accomplishments are noted below.

Jeremy Hutchings, church Treasurer, continues to make improvements in our accounting systems. We are better able to track expenses and payments, and can more accurately anticipate routine expenses. Jeremy has been working closely with The Trustee Team and with our Moderator Andy Wells, to identify ways to improve our financial accounting. In 2008 we will arrange for an independent audit of our financial records as required by our by-laws.

The parsonage received a much needed overhaul this past summer. Many thanks to Dale Baird who coordinated this huge undertaking. We could not have done it without her. Repairs included new rugs, new appliances, a new floor in the kitchen, repairs to the bathrooms, and a much needed cleaning of the entire house. Thank you to Dale and her team of volunteers for completing such a significant project in time for our new tenants. Andy Wells is now managing the rental and overseeing the maintenance of the property.

Other accomplishments over the past year include:

- Repainted lines in parking lot.
- Markers in parking lot for snow plowing.
- Replace ceiling tiles in classrooms.
- Repair water drainage in front of Church.
- Repaired book racks in balcony.
- Purchased hand washing sink. Sink will be installed in 2008.
- Added lights in boiler room and CE closet.
- Repaired molding on left side of Sanctuary.

Thank you to all who have worked on the building and grounds over the year. We really appreciate your support, and couldn't have done it without you.

Ken Taylor has completed his current term as a Trustee. Many, many thanks to Ken for all of his efforts during his term. He was steadfast in his role on the team, guiding us in many ways, and always a wealth of information. His knowledge of the church and its history is invaluable and we will continue to rely on him for his expertise.

The Trustee Team has a full board of members, and we look forward to a busy and productive church year.

Trustee Account Summary	
<u>Beginning Balance, January 1, 2007</u>	\$ 9,284.10
Donations	+ 1,293.20
Interest from investments	+ 3,000.00
Parsonage upgrades	- 5,629.28
Building maintenance	- 1,719.67
Fuel Oil	- 2,543.73
<u>Ending Balance, December 1, 2007</u>	\$ 3,684.62

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Brenzel, Teri Czudak, Carl Koehler & Lynn Raymond

Missions Team Annual Report 2007

Thanks again to the generosity of our Congregation, as well as the different teams and clubs from within the Church. The Mission Team was able to provide assistance to many families, individuals as well as groups in need. In addition to our Basic Mission Support to the UCC, we have also donated to One Great Hour of Sharing, Church World Service, Neighbors in Need, Housatonic Habitat for Humanity, "I Can", Dorothy Day Hospitality House, Amos Hours, Interfaith Aids Ministry, the Fuel Bank and the Fire Department.

We also provided Easter Food Baskets and Children's Easter Toy and Candy Baskets to Covenant to Care, Interfaith Aids Ministry, Social Services in New Fairfield, as well as individual families in our community. We provided backpacks filled with supplies for children in transition to the Department of Children and Families. Special requests were also met, in one instance a complete drum set for a child in Foster Care.

Mission sponsored a table at the Hospice Breakfast held at the Amber Room, where we helped raise money and community awareness for Hospice. "Dress for Success" is a program in New Fairfield as well as other towns. We help to provide new winter coats and shoes as well as complete outfits and try to fulfill children's requests as to the types of clothing and colors that they would like to wear when they go back to school in September.

For the second year in a row, we have donated water and snacks and volunteered at the water station for the Crop Walk held in Danbury. "Good Friends" is a mentoring program that matches children to adults and helps enhance both of their lives. We, again, were able to donate to this wonderful program.

Missions was able to help a family in special need during the Holidays. At Thanksgiving, we were able to donate huge laundry baskets filled with food to the Department of Children and Families as well as to Seniors in need through Social Services in New Fairfield. Again, this year, the Brownie and Girl Scout Troop that meets in our Church also donated two baskets of food. Biscotti's Restaurant, right here in New Fairfield, donated three complete dinners that were cooked and smelled so good.

We were also able to finally participate in the dedication of a Habitat for Humanity House on Golden Hill Road in Danbury. Our church supplied the food, beverages, and paper products. How nice it was to see the love within that home that was made possible through volunteers.

The list still goes on! I am sure that I could write for hours, but I will finish up with our December Holiday Party for Covenant to Care for Children in Foster Care.

Vanilla Swirl, our magician and balloon artists along with our very own Santa helped fulfill wishes and shared many special moments with the children. There were 20 happy, laughing, and grateful children that attended the party. We also gave gifts to 5 more children that were in need. The children had a special surprise when they were given gift cards to Build A Bear - thanks to an anonymous donor. We all had a fun filled afternoon with a luncheon, ice cream cake and cookies. Thank you - everyone for all of your help and contributions for this wonderful Holiday Party.

The Mission Team filled baskets full of food for the New Fairfield Social Services and Interfaith AIDS Ministry along with gifts to be given to the children affected by this disease.

Thanks to all of you, we were again able to continue giving food donations to the Dorothy Day House and the New Fairfield Food Pantry.

Missions Account Balance

January 1, 2007	\$ 2,334.23
Income *	4,910.12
Disbursements *	5,774.28
Balance as of December 31, 2007 **	\$ 1,470.07

* The above included the special family offering as well as the drums special offering.

** \$199.00 is earmarked for Equal Exchange products.

Respectively submitted,
Sue Webb
Chairperson

Christian Education Team Annual Report 2007

In 2007, the Christian Education Team agreed with the other church committees and teams to permanently adopt the new structuring. The CE Team is now comprised of 3 regular members, Gretchen Skidmore, Susan Schenck and Lori Generali. These members fill the role of team leader, financial secretary and recording secretary. Volunteers are called as needed to fill in for special programs and events. This arrangement has worked quite well throughout the year.

This year the Church School enrollment added 8 new families. The Sunday school program continued to thrive under the careful guidance of our Director Liz Yoho. The program is based on a rotation curriculum which focuses on the bible stories and scriptures as well as reinforcing Christian values. Special events for the Sunday school children included Rally Day, the Christmas pageant, the Walk through Holy Week, and finished up with Children's Sunday. The Middle School Youth group has an active program that has fun events for our pre-teen such as Souper Bowl Sunday, Lenten Pancake dinner and movie nights. The High School Youth Group incorporated the training and preparation for the Mission Project with work on the Prayer Walk and parsonage. Both the middle school youth group and high school youth group programs were well attended. The success and high attendance of the youth programs is a clear reflection of the devotion and hard work of Liz Yoho. The Sunday school program is built to cater to the Christian needs of the youth in a way that is enjoyable and educational at the same time. Because of the rotation curriculum our teachers also enjoy the program which allows them to get to know all the Sunday school children.

In closing the CE Team would like to express its appreciation to all those who have given of their time and talents this past year to enable the Christian Education program of this church to be evidence of God's presence among us.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Skidmore
CE Team Leader

CE Account Summary:

January 1, 2007	\$ 584.92
Income	1,525.01
Disbursements	<u>1,265.03</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$ 844.90

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Generali
Treasurer

Children's Ministry Annual Report 2007

Our Christian Education program provides a place for our children and youth to learn about their faith, the Bible and living as a Christian. Our church school classes meet each week during the school year and summer. We use a rotation workshop model for children in grades 1st – 6th.

This format seeks to teach children using a variety of learning methods including; art, drama, video, puppets, cooking, science, games. Each week a class participates in a different workshop. Our rotations this year included: John the Baptist, Mary & Martha, Lent & Easter, Pentecost, The Lost – Sheep, Coin & Son, Abraham & Sarah, The Healing Parables and Advent/Christmas.

Workshop leaders sign up to lead for 3 or 4 weeks so it allows more people the opportunity to share time with our children. Our PK/K class and 7th/8th grade class meet every week as well but use a varied curriculum. Our PK/K class focuses on learning about God, Jesus and how we can follow Him. The 7th/8th grade class focuses on the Christian perspective of current events, bible basics and the life of Jesus. We are blessed and are extremely grateful to the many volunteers that have shared their gifts and time with the ministry programs:

Dale Baird, Laura Baird, Gail Burger, Cristian Carneiro, Mary Carneiro, Leanne Coldwell, Amy Constantinides, Joe Constantinides, Mats Engstrom, Heidi Finlay, Lori Generali, Cassandra Gonzalez, Carolee Harkins, Linda Heintz, Jeremy Hutchings, Jessica Hutchings, Regina Iadarola, Michael Iadarola, Nancy Kile, Tony Kimble, Carl Koehler, Natalie Koehler, Loretta Lechner, Lisa Lee, Donna Pierpont, Brenda Sacco, Pat Sacco, Irene Sahinovic, Susan Schenck, Pam Schretzenmayer, Elissa Scudder, Jane Seaman, Linda Seiler, Gretchen Skidmore, Holly Smith, Betty Swan, Devyn Whiting, Jim Whiting, Diane Williamson, Linda Yannone, Tracy Yoho, Julie York, Liz York. Without the gifts of time and energy from these volunteers, we would not be able to provide such a rich learning environment during church school. Our children benefits from everyone who contributes.

Our nursery is open every Sunday during worship including the summer services. It was staffed by Caitlin Haack who now spends each week with our youngest children. Our summer children's program continued this year with increased attendance. It was wonderful to have children here all summer long. We had 6 youth attend Silver Lake this summer and they had a blast. Special events and programs in the children's program included a Lenten Family Pancake Supper, Walk through Holy Week, Easter egg Hunt, CE Volunteer Appreciation Day, Children's Sunday, Rally Day, Bible Sunday, and the Christmas Pageant. We had two Mission days this year for our children. We supported Church World Service by collecting items, making and decorating bags and filling 18 school kits. We made bag lunches both Sundays for Dorothy Day Hospitality House. We also had the Penza family and 2 dogs from Guiding Eyes for the Blind visit the church school to share their program with us during our Healing Parables rotation.

Our weekly children's offering is designated for mission projects that the children learn about in church school. This year we supported our conference center and camp, Silver Lake, Church World Service, Dorothy Day Hospitality House, Hanahoe Memorial Children's Clinic and NF Fuel Bank.

We look for opportunities to help our children and youth experience and know God. Together we can help them to learn about and understand their Christian faith, share what it means to follow Jesus and encourage their relationship and trust in God.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Yoho

Youth Ministry Annual Report 2007

Our groups in Youth Ministry were active this year. The Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups have many activities throughout the year. They share fellowship time during dinners and activities like going ice skating, apple picking, indoor rock climbing, bike trip, corn maze, movie nights and glow bowling. Another important aspect of our program is giving service within and outside the church. They lead worship in February and worked on the parsonage a few days in the spring. The youth also led a church construction day in March. There was painting and sanctuary cleaning to do, renovate the downstairs bathroom, build a closet for CE under the stairs and build closet shelving. Many church members also contributed to the work done that day. We continued our work on our prayer walk & meditation garden outside the church. The path has been laid out and we built a kneeler and a peace pole to use on the prayer walk. The MSYG also served at the annual ham dinner and went caroling to our church shut-ins. Our new Youth Band also debuted this year by participating in the worship service in March. Our mission work also focused in our community and we did a fundraiser for Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit Dorothy Day, helped at the NF Senior Center with One Book, One Town, participated in the CROP Walk for Church World Service and rang the bell for the Salvation Army.

Our SHYG mission team participated in our eighth trip to Appalachia this summer and was privileged to work on 3 homes in Wyoming County, WV. We had three crews consisting of 10 youth, 3 youth leaders and 7 adults. We worked hard on each project. This year we found ourselves repairing roofs, flooring, porches and bathrooms, installing ceilings and painting. We all had a great experience spending time with the families we met and served. All of our members spent an incredible amount of time together in preparation for this trip to plan, fundraise and learn. We had many training sessions including a bible study and sensitivity training. We focus on group building activities as well as learning construction skills and safety. We know that the experience of working together on this project builds community between people and we all have a great time in the process.

Our group is very thankful and blessed by the support of our congregation, our parents, extended families, friends and adult leaders. It takes a lot of fundraising events to pay for this work trip. As always, we are very grateful to our congregation who continues to support us. We began a new fundraiser this year, "You've been Flamingoed", and had a wonderful time watching our flocks travel throughout the community spreading fun and raising money. We also raised funds through can collections, Easter candy sales, a car wash and the ever-profitable stock sale. In September, we held our annual pasta dinner for stockholders. We use this time to share a little about our trip. Also, we would never be able to accomplish the trip without the dedication of our trip leaders. We are very grateful to those who committed themselves to the 2007 trip – Rev. Pat Nicholas, Donna Pierpont, Gretchen Skidmore, Andy Wells, Bob Wells, Liz Yoho, and Tracy Yoho and to also to Jerry Gay who was not able to attend the trip but is invaluable to our planning and preparing.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Yoho

SHYG Account Summary

Balance as of Jan 1, 2007	\$ 5728.28
Income	\$ 17136.71 *
Disbursements	\$ 16031.95
Balance as of Dec 31, 2007	\$ 4623.52

* Includes \$2000 loan repayment from the CCNF Unified Fund that was borrowed in 2006

Minister of Music Annual Report 2007

Over the past year the music ministry has continued to provide music for worship services and special events. The Senior Choir has an average of 14 members each Sunday and the Junior Choir has been between 8-10 members. Many thanks to all the volunteers that make up the music ministry at our church your efforts are appreciated. Also I would like to extend a special thanks to Dot Bass for directing the Junior Choir again this year.

This year the music ministry is also thrilled with the purchase of a new Clavinova digital piano. This piano has extended memory that will enable the junior and senior choir to use it more effectively. We also express our thanks to the Worship and Ministry team for allowing funds from the Book of Remembrance to be used to purchase the piano.

Special music programs of the year included Music Sunday and an Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday. Once again many members of the congregation took part in these programs making them a success.

Finally, over the summer, the Music Ministry once again produced a successful youth musical "Camelot." Many of our own youth as well as community youth participated in this musical with a cast of about 60. This production continues to not only serve as a substantial fundraiser, but as an effective outreach to community youth. Without the help of many this production would not have been possible, and I would like to thank everyone who helped or supported the production.

We continue to need additional voices for our Senior and Junior Choirs. The Senior Choir is especially in need of male voices, no experience necessary!

We continue to look forward to another successful year and hope that you will come and share your talents as part of the music ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Anderson
Minister of Music

Women's Church Club Annual Report 2007

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in Pilgrim Hall at 1:00 p.m. preceded by dessert and coffee. Our annual luncheon is held on the second Tuesday in April at 12:00 p.m. Our activities for the year are as follows:

Managing the Thrift Shop year round and open the first Saturday of each month

Annual picnic in JULY

Holiday Bazaar in NOVEMBER

Annual Christmas Party in DECEMBER

Host Sunday Coffee Hour twice a year

Clothing was donated from the Thrift Shop for the following:

- 5 bags to the Bridgeport Clothing Drive
- 8 bags to the Claire Luks Clothing Drive to the Indians
- 4 bags of clothing for the Veterans
- 9 bags of clothing to the Lanfill Box for the needy
- 2 bags of clothing to the Methodist Church for the homeless

Women's Church Club Cash Account:

Income from Thrift Shop	\$1,054.29
Donations to the Church from the Thrift Shop	527.39
Donation to the George Birbarie Memorial	25.00
AD for the Church Annual Play – "Camelot"	50.00
Other Church Expenses	451.90
Balance	0.00

Women's Church Club Savings Account:

Balance as of January 1, 2006	\$3,273.97
Deposits	1,347.19
Interest Income	10.40
Disbursements (Church Pledge)	-1,000.00
Disbursements (Certificate of Deposit)	-1,500.00
Balance as of December 31, 2006	2,131.56

Respectfully submitted,
Anita N. Parrillo
Treasurer

Investment Committee Annual Report 2007

Working under the supervision of the Trustees Team, the Investment Committee is responsible for the investment of the Congregational Church of New Fairfield “permanent funds.”

Accounts Summary

Mass Mutual

Total Investment	\$ 174,680.00
Value as of 12/31/06	179,040.61
Withdrawal 2007	11,800.00
Value as of 12/31/07	185,324.70

American Funds

Total Investment	\$ 103,630.00
Value as of 12/29/06	118,449.94
Memorial Added	635.00
Withdrawals 2007	20,000.00
Value as of 12/31/07	111,208.05

UCC Cornerstone Fund Acc't 08-03149001 5.00%

Total Investment	\$ 61,370.00
Value as of 12/31/06	62,531.33
Interest 2/19/07	321.22
Interest 6/30/07	1,127.90
Withdrawals 7/6/07	2,610.45
Value as of 12/31/07	62,918.64

UCC Cornerstone Fund Acc't 08-3149002 4.50%

Total Investment	\$ 17,000.00
Value as of 12/31/06	17,385.93
Interest 6/30/07	387.96
Withdrawal 7/6/07	773.89
Value as of 12/31/07	17,386.12

Respectfully submitted
for the Committee,
Ken Taylor

Outdoor Ministries Annual Report 2007

The Outdoor Ministries team shall be responsible for the construction, administration and upkeep of the Church's outdoor chapel, Biblical garden and memorial wall. The team shall keep a faithful accounting of all moneys received for current and future memorial niches. The team shall report to and be supervised by the Executive Council.

It is hard to believe another year has passed but many things were accomplished in the gardens.

In January, the cost of the niche in the Memorial Wall increased to \$875.00. At the time of interment if the cost of bronze plaque has increased, there will be an additional charge.

- Trees were cut and trimmed to allow additional sun light.
- New rose bushes planted along the stonewall and arbor.
- All Chapel and free standing benches, sanded, and stained.
- Chapel sign refurbished, thanks to Sue Newton.
- Chapel walkway extended and paved to allow easy rolling of piano. ODM paid for this and helped with cost of irrigation ditch and paving.
- A wonderful hand rail was installed by Don Busse and Pat Sacco. All materials for railing were donated by Laurie and Don Busse.
- ODM served hospitality after service 5 Sundays, and we thank everyone for their generous donation on those Sundays.
- The annual Senior luncheon and program, September 11th, was held inside with 55 attending and program was a CD by Tony DeBlois.
- Donated \$100.00 to the Scholarship fund.
- Donated \$140.00 to the Mission Team, to help buy drum set for a young boy.
- Sunday, September 16th, Susan Swan Petrok spoke on Autism and later during the service sang "Love In Any Language".
- The Tony DeBlois concert held October 6th and 7th, was terrific. Anyone who attended was truly inspired. Will Heintz and Karen Kimble had a wonderful time jamming with Tony. We donated \$200.00 each to Autism Society of CT and Focus, Alternative Learning Center, in Canton, CT.
- Thanks to those who helped set up and take down the Nativity.

The Outdoor Ministry held their first meeting April 1998, under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Robert Polk. The ground breaking ceremony was in April, 1999. The dedication of its members, the wonderful support from our Church family has truly made this a special Ministry.

Respectively submitted,
Betty Swan, Chairperson

**Outdoor Ministries
Bank Account Summary 2007**

Checking Account:

Balance, January 1, 2007	\$ 2,625.42
Transfer from Savings	3,000.00
Transfer from CD's	3,801.02
Income from: Memorials, Sunday Collections and Concert	2,929.00
Disbursements	8,923.70

Checking Balance December 31, 2007 **\$ 3,431.74**

Savings Account:

Balance January 1, 2007	\$ 256.30
Interest	9.22
Income	6,800.00
Transfer to checking account	3,900.00

Savings Balance December 31, 2007 **\$ 3,165.52**

CDs	\$ 3,124.20
	1,677.00
	2,366.88

CDs Balance December 31, 2007 **\$ 7,168.08**

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Swan,
Co-Chair

Stewardship Committee Annual Report 2007

*God is able to give us more than we need,
so that we will always have all we need for ourselves
and more than enough for every good cause.
2 Corinthians 9:8*

Stewardship gives a name to something that all of us at the Congregational Church of New Fairfield are doing already - giving and sharing God's gifts. Stewardship is key to the health of congregational ministries like ours and each of us looked inward to consider connecting our faith and our finances in 2008. As Christians, we are called upon to bring a level of intentionality to our stewardship, determining through prayer how we will spend the wealth of time, talent and treasure with which we have been entrusted. That is what each worshipper in our congregation was challenged to do in our **Make the Connection** campaign: to make a conscious, spiritual decision to share his or her gifts in 2008.

Our goals are to reach \$150,000 in pledges and to double the number of electronic pledges from 18 to 32. Though the goals have not yet been met, we narrowly exceeded our total from 2007. The most significant result is the shift from envelop pledging to automatic payments, which has a positive impact on the financial stability of church operations.

On November 7, we mailed 269 "Make the Connection" packets to members and friends. Stewardship Sunday was celebrated on November 18 and results to date are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u># of pledges</u>	<u>total pledged</u>	<u>avg. pledge(rounded)</u>
2008	117, incl. 3 declines	\$128,725	\$1,129
2007	115, incl. 3 declines	\$124,311	\$1,110

Of the 114 financial pledges for 2008, 24 are automatic payments both via the electronic funds transfer service offered by Vanco and via various phone/online services offered by the pledgers' banks. The 24 automatic payments represent 21% of the total number of pledges, and \$56,672 or approx. 44% of the total dollars pledged.

Comparison to year-end totals for the previous five years:

<u>Year</u>	<u># of pledges</u>	<u>total pledged</u>	<u>avg. pledge(rounded)</u>
2006	113	\$103,929	\$ 920
2005	109	\$106,456	\$ 977
2004	115	\$ 99,393	\$ 864
2003	122	\$ 99,443	\$ 815
2002	110	\$ 88,974	\$ 809

THANK YOU ALL for deepening your connections to support our church's mission to put faith into action, to give a Christian education to our children, and to celebrate the love and abundance God has provided our close-knit community.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Pierpont, Stewardship Chair
Mary Bevan
Laura Kimble

Compassionate Connections Ministry Annual Report 2007

I give you a new commandment that you love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

John 13: 34-35

This ministry continues to reach out to many in the congregation throughout the year.

In the fall another Gifts of Caring Offering was received and a Dedication of those caregivers took place in November.

Currently we have 9 visitors, 17 meal providers, 8 transportation providers, 7 minor home repair providers, 3 sewing repair and alteration providers, and 2 parenting partners.

We look forward in 2008 to bring God's light and love to all we care for.

In God's love,
Linda Heintz
Coordinator

Compassionate Connections Ministry

LIST OF VOLUNTEERS 2007/2008

VISITORS

Carolee Harkins	746-5052
Betsy Schalkham	746-9424
Teri Czudak	746-5686
Irene Howard	546-8072
Diane Williamson	798-6997
Betty Swan	746-2319
Donna Pierpont	845-278-0406
Sue & Ron Webb	203-730-1234
Linda Yannone	860-354-0265

DRIVERS

Laura Baird	746-2134
Jean Strilowich	746-3601
Lynn Raymond	746-1883
Al Colo	746-2218
Ken & Ann Taylor	746-2064
Bob Campbell	746-9659
Jackie Hutchings	746-0268
Nancy Eckert	746-2647

MEAL PROVIDERS

Lisa Lee	746-6084
Teri Czudak	746-5686
Irene Howard	203-546-8072
Kristin Frederick	203-241-6453
Hazel Burger	746-2109
Patty Gay	746-1140
Shirley Retallick	746-9727
Loretta Lechner	746-3319
Luella Raymond	746-1883
Bill & Agnes Trimpert	746-3189
Mary Carniero	312-0727
Betsy Schalkham	746-9424
Elissa Scudder	746-0737
Jean Strilowich	746-3601
Cille Grabert	746-9639
Linda Yannone	860-354-0265
Kathy Scott	746-4688

HANDYMEN

Mike Carniero	312-0727
Lynn Raymond	746-1883
Pete Brenzel	740-8709
Carl Koehler	778-4224
Andy Wells	746-3374
Don Busse	312-0622
Tony Kimble	845-279-3051

SEAMSTRESSES

Nancy Sasseen	746-0511
Jane Seaman	743-0931
Gretchen Skidmore	845-279-7394

PARENTING PARTNERS

Linda Seiler	748-4500
Sue Aspesi	746-9743

Summer Play Account Annual Report 2007

The summer of 2007 brought to Pilgrim Hall our twelfth annual production. This year's musical was *Camelot*. We realized a profit of almost \$7,000.00.

Summer Play Bank Account Summary

Balance as of January 1, 2007	\$ 5,365.80
Income:	
Tickets + play bill + concessions + donations	18,442.29
Disbursements:	
Transfer to Unified Account	- 7,000.00
Production expenses	<u>- 11,510.57</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$ 5,297.61

Respectfully submitted,
Dot Bass

Flower Committee Annual Report 2007

The Flower Committee performs a service to the congregation. The Chairperson puts a new Flower Calendar every year in Pilgrim Hall, so members and friends of the church will have an opportunity to donate memorial flowers and flowers for special occasions. The Chairperson keeps watch on the calendar and calls for the flower information: type of flowers and message to be put in the bulletin. Many plants are ordered for Easter and Christmas.

Flower Committee Bank Account Summary

Balance - January 2007	\$ 1,336.97
Income	1,228.50
Interest	8.31
Expenses	<u>- 503.69</u>
Balance – January 2008	\$ 2,070.09

Respectfully submitted
Janice Zackeo
Chairperson

Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2007

The Congregational Church of New Fairfield Scholarship Fund Committee is happy to report this is a very healthy and growing fund, with additions to the fixed assets again this year. The Committee was able to award the Congregational Church of New Fairfield Scholarship for the fifth year. This year's recipient was Victoria Leigh Rama, who is studying Hospitality and Tourism Management.

The members of the committee are Dot Bass, Mary Lou Wallace, and Janice Zackeo

Scholarship Committee Account Summary

Beginning account balance, January 1, 2007	<u>\$33,119.29</u>
Interest	+ 2,259.70
Donations	+ 1,300.00
Scholarships awarded	- 500.00
Ending account balance, December 31, 2007	<u>\$36,178.99</u>

Year End Account Distribution

Met life investment *verbal confirmation	\$19,080.75
Union Savings Bank	13,686.17
Union Savings Bank	3,005.97
Savings Pass Book	406.10
Year End Total	<u>\$36,178.99</u>

Donations:

Clear Family	\$500.00	June Snowdon's Memory	\$25.00
Janet Novicky's Memory	200.00	Carmine Longo's Memory	25.00
Margaret Ganjian's Memory	150.00	Kevin Norton's Memory S.C.	25.00
Dorothy Kramer's Memory	50.00	Connie Fanton's Memory S.C.	25.00
George Lassen's Memory S.C.	150.00	Charlotte Lyon's Memory S.C.	25.00
Out Door Ministry	100.00	George Birbarie's Memory S.C.	25.00
Total Donations:	<u>\$1,300.00</u>		

Interest brought forward from 2006	\$896.57
Interest received in 2007	2,259.70
Scholarship awarded in 2007	-500.00
Interest available for future scholarships	<u>\$2,656.27</u>

This fund is set up to use only the interest for scholarships awarded. Fixed fund assets cannot be withdrawn. Thank you to all for your donations. We welcome donations all year long.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Zackeo, Chairperson

Service Club Annual Report - 2007

The Service Club was formed in 1944 for the support of our Sunday School. Since then the Board of Christian Education was formed to oversee and fund the Sunday School with its yearly General Fund budget. Our fundraising efforts are now used to offset the many expenses of our church.

Our monthly meetings were held on the second Monday of the month beginning in February and running through December. Our meetings this year included an out-to-dinner, a picnic, craft meetings, and a fun-filled Christmas party. Our major fundraisers were a Corned Beef Dinner in March, a Chicken Barbecue in August, a Card Party in September and a Ham Dinner in November. The Bazaar in November and the Tag, Bag and Bake Sale in April were a joint effort of the Women's Church Club and the Service Club. We also donated our time and efforts to many other church activities throughout the year.

Our Profits for the Fundraisers were as follows:

Corned Beef Dinner	\$1,232.96
Tag and Bake Sale	\$1,211.50
Chicken Barbecue	\$ 996.54
Card Party	\$1,022.75
Candy	\$ 176.75
Raffles	\$ 300.00
Ham Dinner	\$1,558.56
Bazaar Crafts (Service Club & Women's Church Club)	\$1,804.10

Our Donations for the year were as follows:

2007 Pledge to General Fund	\$2,200.00
General Fund Donation from Chicken Barbecue Profits	\$1,000.00
General Fund Donation from Bazaar Crafts Profit (Combined with Women's Church Club)	\$1,800.00
General Fund Donation	\$ 25.00
Scholarship Fund Donations	\$ 250.00
Preserve New Fairfield Donation	\$ 100.00
Other Gifts and Donations	\$ 26.00
Donation for "Camelot" Ad	\$ 50.00
New Fairfield Cemetery Association	\$ 100.00

The Service Club would like to thank all our members and friends who worked so hard to make this a successful year and all the people who supported our various activities.

Our plans for 2008 include encouraging new members, updates to the church kitchen and acquiring additional supplies needed to produce the fundraisings events we sponsor.

We welcome new members to join us as we serve our church with enjoyable, challenging and sometimes hard work. Most members attend when they are able, with no requirement to participate in all meetings and activities. We thank the Lord for all of our blessings and look forward to sharing those blessings and good fellowship with others.

Our officers for 2007 were as follows:

President - Betty Swan
Vice-President – Linda Green
Secretary – Pamela Dohan
Treasurer - Janice Zackeo

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela J. Dohan
Secretary

**Service Club Account Summary
2007**

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,720.02
Income	\$12,221.77
Paid Out	\$11,321.76
Balance	\$ 4,620.03

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance	\$5,244.38
Withdrawal CD	\$3,000.00
Interest	\$ 11.89
Balance	\$2,256.27

CD:

Opening Deposit (3/07) *	\$5,000.00
Interest	\$ 210.93
Balance	\$5,210.93

* CD purchased with \$3000 taken from savings, and \$2000 taken from checking.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Zackeo
Treasurer

Hospitality Committee Annual Report 2007

The Hospitality Committee was formed in July 2000 and established the following goals and objectives:

- A. Fellowship Hour
 - a. Encouraged members to sign up to host
 - b. Acknowledge “Fellowship Hour” hosts

- B. Decorate Pilgrim Hall for Christmas
 - a. Members of Hospitality and the Missions Team put together and decorated the tree in time for the Covenant to Care Christmas party
 - b. Tree was dismantled and put away – ready for next Christmas

We received approximately \$132.66 in donations for papers goods and approximately \$806.52 in donated supplies to offset Fellowship Hour expenses during 2007.

Thanks to all who hosted as well as those who donated supplies throughout the year.

Respectively submitted,
Dotty Norman

Nominating Slate for 2007-2008
Congregational Church of New Fairfield

Officers

Moderator	Andy Wells
Vice Moderator	Ken Taylor
Church Clerk	Laurie Busse
Financial Secretary	Sally Kile
Treasurer	Jeremy Hutchings
Historian	Sue Ann Newton

Executive Committee At Large

Betty Swan, Ron Webb, Teri Czudak

Worship & Ministries Team

Emeritus: Russell Bass, Ruth Hawley, Ken Bass, Barbara Coelho, Kirk Dupas

<u>Through 2008</u>	<u>Through 2009</u>	<u>Through 2010</u>
Betsy Schalkham	Laura Baird	Tony Kimble
Janice Donnelly	Jerry Gay	Linda Heintz Beverly Longo

Trustees Team

<u>Through 2008</u>	<u>Through 2009</u>	<u>Through 2010</u>
Peter Brenzel	Carl Koehler	Teri Czudak Lynn Raymond

Christian Education Team

<u>Through 2008</u>	<u>Through 2009</u>	<u>Through 2010</u>
Gretchen Skidmore	Susan Schenk	Lori Generalli

Missions Team

<u>Through 2008</u>	<u>Through 2009</u>	<u>Through 2010</u>
Sue Webb	Carolee Harkins	Marcia Semchysen

Stewardship Team

<u>Through 2008</u>	<u>Through 2009</u>
Donna Pierpont	Laura Kimble Mary Bevan

Hospitality Committee

<u>Through 2008</u>	<u>Through 2009</u>
Dot Norman	Diane Williamson Jane Seaman

Scholarship Committee

<u>Through 2008</u>	<u>Through 2009</u>
Janice Zackeo	Mary Lou Wallace Dot Bass

Appointed Teams and Committees

Fairfield East/UCC Delegates

Elissa Scudder
Rob Webb

Pastoral Relations Team

Ann Taylor
Jim Whiting
Teri Czudak

Respectfully Submitted,
CCNF Executive Council
Andy Wells, Moderator

UCC Delegate Annual Report 2007

The event of the year was the General Synod held in Hartford, CT, marking the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the UCC.

In the fall, Elissa Scudder and I attended the Annual Meeting of the United Church of Christ – it was held on October 19th & 20th, 2007. It was amazing to see so many Churches United together. After the key not speaker, we broke down into smaller groups to discuss different ways to keep our (18-30) age group involved . We came away with many new ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Webb, UCC Delegate

Church Records Baptisms 2007

Child's Name	Parent's Name	Date Of Birth	Date Of Baptism	Minister
Matthew Robert Surovy	Wendy Ann (Soukup) Surovy Andrew Henry Surovy	12-19-06	05-27-07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
Nicholas Christian Sanchez	Samantha (Fairchild) Sanchez Justa Sanchez	10-01-06	06-10-07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
Andrew Choi Young Tompkins	Pamela (Kaergel) Tompkins John Tompkins	12-29-02	06-10-07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
Margaret Rose Anderson	Elizabeth (Kohl) Anderson Carl Anderson	05-05-07	06-24-07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
Ryan William Gruetzner	Karen (Heffernan) Gruetzner Jeffrey Gruetzner	01-09-07	06-29-07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
Angela Cherylann Kulp	Barbara Ann (Qubeck) Kulp William James Kulp, Sr.	05-25-07	08-05-07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
Anya Maria Rosa Gentry	Theresa Alene (Lewis) Gentry Jerry Louis Gentry	02-24-07	07-29-07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
Erin Clare McNulty	Maura McNulty Thomas McNulty	07-10-07	10-21-07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
Jude Francis Cappiello	Christine Anne (Ciarleglio) Cappiello David John Cappiello	07-05-07	11-25-07	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
Brandon Michael Gangi	Jennie Marie (Campbell) Gangi Salvatore Gangi	08-04-07	12-30-07	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas

Church Records Membership 2007

Date	Name	Category	Minister
05/29/07	Amy Constantinides	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/29/07	Joseph Constantinides	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/29/07	Cille Grabert	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/29/07	Doug Grabert	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/29/07	Jennifer Melton	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/29/07	Benjamin Melton	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/29/07	John Schalkham	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/03/07	Timothy John Bishop	Confirmation	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/03/07	Matthew Joseph Dohan	Confirmation	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/03/07	Devin James Haack	Confirmation	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/30/07	Elizabeth Grace Emily Irwin	Confirmation	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/30/07	Elijah Stephen Novicky	Confirmation	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/30/07	Louis William Rogowski	Confirmation	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/30/07	Nicholas Allan Schenck	Confirmation	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/30/07	Christopher John Schretzenmayer	Confirmation	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
10/28/07	Jennifer Hickey	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
10/28/07	Patrick Hickey	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
10/28/07	Karen Gruetzner	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
10/28/07	Jeffrey Gruetzner	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
10/28/07	Irene Howard	New Member	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas

Church Records Deaths 2007

Date of Death	Date of Service	Name	Service at	Minister
01/08/07	01/11/07	Ruth E. Lincoln	CCNF; Interment: Wooster Cemetery	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
01/21/07	02/09/07	Anna L. Czudak	CCNF; Interment: Mountain View Cemetery	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
01/24/07	01/27/07	Kevin G. Norton	CCNF; Interment: St. Peter Cemetery	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
02/05/07	02/10/07	Marie Antoinette Paine	CCNF	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
02/24/07	03/01/07	Joan M. Barbarie	CCNF; Interment: Gerow Cemetery	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
03/02/07	03/07/07	Constance Fanton	CCNF; Interment: Gerow Cemetery	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
03/17/07	05/19/07	Charlotte Lyon	Graveside Service Mountain View	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/09/07	06/12/07	Harriette E. Peck Moissonnier	CCNF; Interment: Pembroke Cemetery	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
08/17/07	08/22/07	Alfred Dube	CCNF; Interment: Elmwood Cemetery	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
08/24/07	08/30/07	George Henry Lassen	CCNF; Interment: Wooster Cemetery	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
10/12/07	10/15/07	Homer A. Norton Jr.	CCNF; Interment: Mountain View Cemetery	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas

**Church Records
Weddings 2007**

Bride's Name	Groom's Name	Date	Minister
Sarah Elizabeth Garufi	Lawrence James Anastasia IV	08/11/07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
Melissa Alison Rhoads	John Justin Graves	09/15/07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas
Jennifer Kim Scogno	Anthony Dominic D'Onofrio	09/29/07	Rev. Patricia A. Nicholas

Unified Fund

2007 Budget

2007 Actual

2007 Budget
Balance

Sources of Funds

Offerings

1-400100 - Plate Offerings	202,962.00	110,396.80	(92,565.20)
1-400101 - Electronic Offerings	-	38,222.61	38,222.61
1-400110 - Pre-Paid Pledges	-	3,665.00	3,665.00
1-400115 - Non-Pledge Offerings	-	16.00	16.00
Total Offerings	202,962.00	152,300.41	(50,661.59)

Contributions

1-402100 – Contributions	-	1,872.95	1,872.95
1-402110 - Committee Contributions	-	45.16	45.16
1-402150 - Miscellaneous Contributions	-	11,548.84	11,548.84
Total Contributions	-	13,466.95	13,466.95

Other Sources

1-403110 - Parsonage Rent	27,600.00	8,752.00	(18,848.00)
1-600100 - Interest Income	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Other Sources	27,600.00	28,752.00	1,152.00

Total Sources of Funds

230,562.00 194,519.36 (36,042.64)

Expenses

Personnel

Pastor

1-500110 - Pastor Salary	40,406.00	40,406.00	-
1-500111 - Social Security Offset – Pastor	4,041.00	4,041.00	-
1-500112 - Housing Allowance - Pastor	12,122.00	12,122.00	-
1-500114 - Auto Allowance - Pastor	2,500.00	2,499.67	(0.33)
1-500115 - Telephone Allowance – Pastor	272.00	271.34	(0.66)
1-500116 - Pension Plan Pastor	7,354.00	7,457.50	103.50
1-500118 - Continuing Ed/Pastor	700.00	214.37	(485.63)
Total Pastor	67,395.00	67,011.88	(383.12)

Ministry Staff

1-500210 - Organist Salary	12,898.00	12,898.22	0.22
1-500310 - Christian Education Director	16,995.00	16,995.00	-
1-500410 – Sexton	8,100.00	7,800.00	(300.00)
1-500510 - Church Secretary	14,008.00	12,090.00	(1,918.00)
Total Ministry Staff	52,001.00	49,783.22	(2,217.78)

Unified Fund Cont'd

Other Staff			
1-500710 - Relief Pastor	1,200.00	800.00	(400.00)
1-500720 - Relief Organist	600.00	150.00	(450.00)
Total Other Staff	1,800.00	950.00	(850.00)
Other Personnel Expenses			
1-500900 - FICA – Church	2,743.00	3,191.82	448.82
1-500910 - Medicare - Church	641.00	746.36	105.36
1-500930 - Books & Periodicals	500.00	-	(500.00)
1-500940 - Sabbatical Account	2,500.00	-	(2,500.00)
Total Other Personnel Expenses	6,384.00	3,938.18	(2,445.82)
Total Personnel	127,580.00	121,683.28	(5,896.72)
Office Expense			
1-501110 – Postage	1,450.00	1,254.88	(195.12)
1-501120 - Office Supplies	-	1,485.01	1,485.01
1-501130 - Copier/Printer Supplies	-	2,796.00	2,796.00
1-501150 - Advertising Expense	1,150.00	1,824.25	674.25
1-501160 - Other Office Expense	1,200.00	136.65	(1,063.35)
Total Office Expense	3,800.00	7,496.79	3,696.79
Administration			
1-505100 - Property Insurance - Church	7,000.00	6,942.40	(57.60)
1-505120 - Workers Compensation	-	1,243.00	1,243.00
Total Administration	7,000.00	8,185.40	1,185.40
Other Expenses			
1-506100 - Financial Secretary	750.00	-	(750.00)
1-506105 – Treasurer	200.00	-	(200.00)
1-506110 - Christmas Gifts	250.00	-	(250.00)
1-506115 - Conference Fees	250.00	210.00	(40.00)
1-506120 - Miscellaneous Other Expense	1,000.00	2,029.17	1,029.17
Total Other Expenses	2,450.00	2,239.17	(210.83)
Building & Maintenance			
Building Maintenance & Repairs			
1-510100 - Church Maintenance & Repairs	3,000.00	10,162.02	7,162.02
1-510110 - Garbage Removal	1,500.00	1,436.04	(63.96)
1-510115 - Parsonage Maintenance	3,000.00	-	(3,000.00)
1-510120 - Snow Removal	3,000.00	750.00	(2,250.00)
1-510130 - Lawn Maintenance	1,650.00	2,080.68	430.68
Total Building Maintenance & Repairs	12,150.00	14,428.74	2,278.74
Maintenance Supplies			
1-510200 - Janitorial Supplies	500.00	280.41	(219.59)
Total Maintenance Supplies	500.00	280.41	(219.59)

Unified Fund Cont'd

Utilities			
1-510300 – Propane	600.00	689.86	89.86
1-510310 - Fuel Oil	15,000.00	10,311.37	(4,688.63)
1-510320 – Electricity	5,500.00	6,660.26	1,160.26
1-510325 - Electricity - Parsonage	-	59.29	59.29
1-510330 – Telephone	2,000.00	1,878.85	(121.15)
Total Utilities	23,100.00	19,599.63	(3,500.37)
Property Tax			
1-501401 - Property Tax - Parsonage	3,000.00	1,329.34	(1,670.66)
1-510400 - Property Tax - Church	3,000.00	159.24	(2,840.76)
Total Property Tax	6,000.00	1,488.58	(4,511.42)
Maintenance Contracts			
1-510500 - Computer Software Support	1,500.00	1,743.50	243.50
1-510510 - Computer Hardware Support	1,800.00	765.00	(1,035.00)
1-510520 - Copier Support	4,500.00	1,551.78	(2,948.22)
Total Maintenance Contracts	7,800.00	4,060.28	(3,739.72)
Beautification			
1-510600 - Sanctuary Flowers	-	171.20	171.20
Total Beautification	-	171.20	171.20
Total Building & Maintenance	49,550.00	40,028.84	(9,521.16)
Benevolences			
Outreach			
1-520105 - Association of Religious Com.	200.00	200.00	-
1-520110 - Silver Lake Conference Ctr	100.00	100.00	-
1-520115 - Amos House	100.00	100.00	-
1-520120 – On Great Hour of Sharing	150.00	150.00	-
1-520125 - Neighbors in Need	100.00	100.00	-
1-520130 - WestConn Ministries	100.00	200.00	100.00
1-520135 - Basic/Wider Mission Support	3,600.00	3,600.00	-
1-520140 - Habitat for Humanity	150.00	150.00	-
1-520145 - New Fairfield Fuel Bank	200.00	200.00	-
1-520150 - AIDS Project	100.00	100.00	-
1-520155 - New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Co.	200.00	200.00	-
1-520199 - Miscellaneous Outreach	500.00	-	(500.00)
Total Outreach	5,500.00	5,100.00	(400.00)
Other Benevolences			
1-520165 - Missionary Society of CT	-	2,705.00	2,705.00
1-520170 - Deacon's Outreach	600.00	370.58	(229.42)
Total Other Benevolences	600.00	3,075.58	2,475.58
Total Benevolences	6,100.00	8,175.58	2,075.58

Unified Fund Cont'd

Ministries

Youth Ministries

1-570100 - Curriculum	2,000.00	1,983.44	(16.56)
1-570110 - Confirmation Materials	350.00	156.24	(193.76)
1-570120 - Bibles	300.00	295.27	(4.73)
1-570130 - Adult Education	100.00	227.91	127.91
1-570140 - Senior Youth Ministry	650.00	194.02	(455.98)
1-570150 - Youth Ministries Office Supplies	200.00	362.54	162.54

Total Youth Ministries	3,600.00	3,219.42	(380.58)
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Other Expenses

1-571100 - Child Care	1,000.00	1,020.00	20.00
1-571120 - Holiday & Gift Expenses	300.00	798.61	498.61
1-571130 - Breakfasts & Gatherings	50.00	-	(50.00)
1-571140 - Cradle Roll	100.00	20.07	(79.93)
1-571150 - Fellowship & Hospitality	50.00	-	(50.00)
1-571160 - Leadership Training	250.00	240.00	(10.00)
1-571170 - Newsletter	100.00	-	(100.00)
1-571180 - Worship Services	300.00	129.80	(170.20)

Total Other Expenses	2,150.00	2,208.48	58.48
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Adult Ministry

1-574010 - Denomination Charge	2,400.00	1,082.00	(1,318.00)
1-574100 - Upper Room	475.00	275.70	(199.30)
1-574110 - Copyright Licenses	250.00	223.00	(27.00)
1-574120 - Compassionate Connections	250.00	142.05	(107.95)

Total Adult Ministry	3,375.00	1,722.75	(1,652.25)
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Music

1-578010 - Youth Choir & Director	300.00	-	(300.00)
1-578020 - Music Supplies	1,000.00	74.12	(925.88)
1-578040 - Music Equipment Maintenance	750.00	220.00	(530.00)

Total Music	2,050.00	294.12	(1,755.88)
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Total Ministries	11,175.00	7,444.77	(3,730.23)
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Other Expenses

Non-budgeted Expenses

1-700100 - Bank Fees\Charges	-	347.70	347.70
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Total Non-budgeted Expenses	-	347.70	347.70
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Total Other Expenses	-	347.70	347.70
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Total Expenses	207,655.00	195,601.53	(12,053.47)
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Net Total	22,907.00	(1,082.17)	(23,989.17)
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Unified Fund Cont'd

Unified Account Beginning Balance 1/1/07		\$	10,086.88
Total Sources of Funds			
Total Contributions	\$	194,519.36	
Total Withholdings	\$	<u>8,045.51</u>	
		\$	202,564.87
Less: Total Uses of Funds			
Total Personnel	\$	121,683.28	
Total Office Expense	\$	7,496.79	
Total Administration	\$	8,185.40	
Total Other Expenses	\$	2,239.17	
Total Building & Maintenance	\$	40,028.84	
Total Benevolences	\$	8,175.58	
Total Ministries	\$	7,444.77	
Total Other Expenses	\$	347.70	
Total Withholdings	\$	<u>8,572.26</u>	
		\$	<u>204,173.79</u>
Unified Account Ending Balance 12/31/07		\$	<u><u>8,477.96</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Hutchings, Treasurer
February 9, 2008

Report of the Financial Secretary

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY 2007 UNIFIED ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2007 Pledges	\$8,900.18	\$8,850.00	\$10,469.00	\$11,151.00	\$8,882.00	\$9,593.00	\$11,255.00	\$7,527.00	\$12,647.00	\$9,483.00	\$9,871.00	\$11,494.50	\$120,122.50
2006 Pledges	\$482.00	\$50.00									\$2,273.00	\$2,993.00	\$5,266.00
2008 Pledges													\$0.00
Bridge The Gap 2006													\$0.00
Contributions	\$565.00	\$677.74	\$535.00	\$1,965.00	\$945.00	\$440.00	\$425.00	\$336.00	\$805.00	\$380.00	\$890.00	\$945.00	\$8,908.74
Loose Collections	\$102.00	\$174.00	\$140.00	\$968.77	\$178.00	\$348.00	\$204.00	264.27	\$323.00	\$400.00	\$548.00	\$520.50	\$4,170.54
Initial Offering Envelopes	\$188.00	\$15.00											\$203.00
Service Club Pledge											\$1,100.00		\$1,100.00
Women's Club Pledge				\$109.12			\$1,164.00		\$90.64			\$163.03	\$1,527.39
Bazaar Profits WCC&WSC													\$0.00
Chicken BBQ (Ser. Club)											\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Baptisms										\$50.00			\$50.00
Weddings					\$50.00			\$150.00	\$200.00				\$400.00
Parsonage Rent	\$2,350.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,220.00					\$2,200.00		\$600.00	\$3,145.73	\$1,000.00	\$16,065.73
Special Services			\$370.00	\$68.00								\$1,912.84	\$2,350.84
Coffee Hour	\$42.00			\$35.50			\$24.00			\$3.50			\$105.00
Copies	\$15.16						\$8.00	\$3.95					\$72.27
Reimbursements (below)			\$228.00		\$54.20	\$57.95				\$45.16		94.50	\$663.90
Transfers Cornerstone Fund										\$182.00	\$47.25		\$20,000.00
Deposit - Confirmation Retreat										\$100.00			\$100.00
Electronic Deposit Fees													
Misc. 1	(\$32.48)	(\$35.01)	(\$31.26)	(\$32.96)	(34.01)	(30.48)	(\$34.27)	(\$32.50)	(\$35.45)	(\$35.70)	(\$35.45)	(\$35.45)	(\$405.02)
TOTAL INCOME:	\$12,894.18	\$12,673.73	\$14,930.74	\$14,264.43	\$10,075.19	\$11,228.47	\$16,430.07	\$17,448.72	\$14,055.19	\$31,222.96	\$18,864.53	\$19,088.52	\$193,176.73
Missions Special Offering									\$406.00				\$1,406.00
CE Director Fund													\$0.00
Senior Youth Group ASP													\$0.00
Misc. 2													\$0.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS:	\$12,894.18	\$12,673.73	\$14,930.74	\$14,264.43	\$10,075.19	\$11,228.47	\$16,430.07	\$17,448.72	\$14,461.19	\$31,222.96	\$18,864.53	\$20,088.52	\$194,582.73

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Weekly Receipts	\$5,176.16	\$3,063.96	\$2,820.02	\$3,282.00	\$2,494.71	\$2,692.50	\$2,040.50	\$4,493.73	\$2,448.00	\$4,154.23	\$4,432.25	\$1,840.00	\$38,938.06
1st Week	\$3,378.25	\$1,845.00	\$2,997.20	\$4,417.72	\$1,506.21	\$2,868.00	\$1,703.00	\$1,022.50	\$3,898.73	\$23,398.16	\$4,053.23	\$4,497.23	\$55,585.23
2nd Week	\$2,474.27	\$7,162.27	\$3,754.02	\$3,159.67	\$4,561.27	\$2,948.75	\$9,743.84	\$3,417.99	\$4,071.75	\$1,840.57	\$6,823.55	\$3,698.45	\$53,656.40
3rd Week	\$1,865.50	\$602.50	\$5,359.50	\$1,799.27	\$1,513.00	\$2,719.22	\$1,917.82	\$8,514.50	\$2,926.71	\$1,830.00	\$3,555.50	\$4,824.50	\$37,428.02
4th Week													\$8,975.02
5th Week													\$0.00
Other													\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$12,894.18	\$12,673.73	\$14,930.74	\$14,264.43	\$10,075.19	\$11,228.47	\$16,430.07	\$17,448.72	\$14,461.19	\$31,222.96	\$18,864.53	\$20,088.52	\$194,582.73

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Receipts	\$12,894	\$25,568	\$40,499	\$54,763	\$64,838	\$76,067	\$92,497	\$109,946	\$124,001	\$155,224	\$174,088	\$193,177	BUDGET
2007 Budget (to date)	\$16,914	\$33,827	\$50,741	\$67,654	\$84,568	\$101,481	\$118,395	\$135,308	\$152,222	\$169,135	\$186,049	\$202,962	\$202,962
Over or (Under) Budget	(\$4,019)	(\$8,259)	(\$10,242)	(\$12,891)	(\$19,729)	(\$25,414)	(\$25,898)	(\$25,362)	(\$28,221)	(\$13,911)	(\$11,960)	(\$9,785)	

Notes:

January: \$282.50=941 Payroll Refund
 February: -\$600.00 Returned Check, -\$8.00 Charge for Return
 March: \$300.00 Funeral Contribution to be used for music software, \$108.00 Reimbursement from Service Club (Ham Dinner Ad), Adult Study \$70.00, \$120 Ins. Reimb.
 April: Special Services - Maundy Thursday total \$70.00 - \$30.00 cash, the rest was put in pledge amounts, \$38 Ash Wednesday
 May: Reimb. for Paper=\$9.49, Reimb. Supplies-Office Max=\$44.71, Contributions Girl Scouts-\$100 & Mom's Club-\$360
 June: Mis. \$75.00 Hall Rentals-KidsFit & Piano Recitals \$110, 941 Refund \$46.75, Office Depot Refund \$11.20, \$635.00-Permanent Funds & Memorial J. Barbarie
 July: \$3,384.34 from Cornerstone Fund
 August: \$7,000 Summer Play Proceeds
 September: Special Missions Offering-\$406.00-used by Mission only - \$25 deposit for Key (Girls Scouts)
 October: -\$10 return item fee, Key Deposit - Boy Scouts - Reimbursements: \$142 Spirituality Group Books, \$50.00 Registration-Annual Meeting UCC
 November: Reimbursement for Chicken BBQ Ad, \$25 key deposit - Girl Scouts
 December: Special "Services - Christmas Eve

Sally Kile
 Financial Secretary

Budget Summary

	2007 Annual Budget			Change from Prior Year Budget			
				Proposed 2008 Annual Budget	\$	%	Comments
Total Missions Team	5,500	400.00	5,100.00	6,050	550	10.0%	
Total Worship & Ministry Team	92,567	63,025.83	29,541.17	97,100	4,533	4.9%	
Total Christian Education Team	22,445	15,378.88	7,066.12	28,790	6,345	28.3%	
Total Trustees Team	82,450	73,171.58	7,889.79	85,310	2,860	3.5%	
Total Congregational Church of New Fairfield	202,962	151,976	49,597	217,250	14,288	7.0%	

Worship and Ministry Team

Acct Code	Acct Description	2007 Annual Budget			Change from Prior Year Budget			
					Proposed 2008 Annual Budget	\$	%	Comments
1-500110	Pastor Salary	40,406	30,304.52	10,101.48	42,430	2,024	5%	
1-500111	Social Security Offset - Pastor	4,041	3,030.78	1,010.22	4,251	210	5%	
1-500112	Housing Allowance - Pastor	12,122	9,091.52	3,030.48	12,730	608	5%	
1-500114	Auto Allowance - Pastor	2,500	1,874.68	625.32	2,500	-	0%	
1-500115	Telephone Allowance - Pastor	271	203.36	67.64	270	(1)	0%	
1-500116	Pension Plan Pastor	7,354	5,606.52	1,747.48	7,354	-	0%	
1-500118	Continuing Ed/Pastor	700	-	700.00	700	-	0%	
1-500210	Organist Salary	12,898	9,673.70	3,224.30	14,190	1,292	10%	
1-500710	Relief Pastor	1,200	800.00	400.00	1,200	-	0%	
1-500720	Relief Organist	600	-	600.00	600	-	0%	
1-500930	Books & Periodicals	500	-	500.00	500	-	0%	
Total Employee Expense		82,592	60,585.08	22,006.92	86,725	4,133	5%	
1-500940	Sabbatical Account	2,500	-	2,500.00	2,500	-	0%	
1-501150	Advertising Expense	1,150	1,157.50	(7.50)	1,150	-	0%	
1-520170	Deacon's Outreach	600	370.58	229.42	600	-	0%	
1-571180	Worship Services	300	-	300.00	300	-	0%	
1-574010	Denomination Charge	2,400	-	2,400.00	2,800	400	17%	
1-574100	Upper Room	475	253.50	221.50	475	-	0%	
1-574110	Copyright Licenses	250	223.00	27.00	250	-	0%	
1-574120	Compassionate Connections	250	142.05	107.95	250	-	0%	
1-578010	Youth Choir & Director	300	-	300.00	300	-	0%	
1-578020	Music Supplies	1,000	74.12	925.88	1,000	-	0%	
1-578030	Music Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	0%	
1-578040	Music Equipment Maintenance	750	220.00	530.00	750	-	0%	
Total Other Expense		9,975	2,440.75	7,534.25	10,375	400	4%	
Total Worship & Ministry Team		92,567	63,025.83	29,541.17	97,100	4,533	4.9%	

Christian Education Team

Acct Code	Acct Description	2007 Annual Budget			Change from Prior Year Budget			
					Proposed 2008 Annual Budget	\$	%	Comments
1-500310	Christian Education Director	16,995	11,896.50	5,098.50	22,100	5,105	30%	
Total Employee Expense		16,995	11,896.50	5,098.50	22,100	5,105	30%	
1-570100	Curriculum	2,000	1,777.49	222.51	2,400	400	20%	
1-570110	Confirmation Materials	350	156.24	193.76	350	-	0%	
1-570120	Bibles	300	-	300.00	200	(100)	-33%	
1-570130	Adult Education	100	157.84	(57.84)	100	-	0%	
1-570140	Senior Youth Ministry	650	73.96	576.04	650	-	0%	
Total Education Expense		3,400	2,165.53	1,234.47	3,700	300	9%	
1-570150	Youth Ministries Office Supplies	200	156.55	43.45	300	100	50%	
Total General and Administrative		200	156.55	43.45	300	100	50%	
1-571100	Child Care	1,000	760.00	240.00	1,040	40	4%	
1-571120	Holiday & Gift Expenses	300	140.23	159.77	300	-	0%	
1-571130	Breakfasts & Gatherings	50	-	50.00	50	-	0%	
1-571140	Craddle Roll	100	20.07	79.93	100	-	0%	
1-571150	Fellowship & Hospitality	50	-	50.00	250	200	400%	
1-571160	Leadership Training	250	240.00	10.00	950	700	280%	
1-571170	Newsletter	100	-	100.00	-	(100)	-100%	
Total Other Expense		1,850	1,160.30	689.70	2,690	840	45%	

**CHURCH STAFF
2007**

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