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**2008**



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## Pastor's Report 2008

When I sat down to write my report, I had no idea what I would write about. I was worried that I wouldn't have enough to fill the page. Then I began to reflect on our year together, and now I'm afraid I won't be able to fit everything in! So, in an effort to keep my report to one page, I'm going to focus on the highlights and 'first time' events. You can read the Team Reports to see all the continuing activities sponsored by so many of our groups. We are blessed to have so many dedicated people giving so much to this church.

We began the year with a Lenten challenge to be "Complaint Free" for 21 days. Many people sported the purple "Complaint Free World" bracelet. Some gave up almost immediately, others kept trying through the entire season; I'm still wearing mine! Two members of our congregation achieved this almost impossible feat: Congratulations to Dot Bass and Amber St. Hilaire!!

This year, we stepped up to a new level of involvement with the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. Through the coordination efforts of Laura Baird, we are now a regular serving team. On the first Friday of March, June, Sept, and Dec. volunteers cooked and served meals. We go to give something to those in need and come away with a greater gift. Special thanks go to Linda Heintz, our own remarkable gourmet chef!

Our Mission Team is always busy on our behalf, helping in our community and beyond. This year they had two "firsts." CCNF was recognized at the CT UCC Conference Spring Meeting as a "Step Up Church," because we increased our giving to "Our Churches Wider Mission" by 1%. Thanks go to the entire congregation! In March, they sponsored a table at the breakfast for "Shelter of the Cross," which is organization that provides housing and training for homeless senior citizens.

The Outdoor Ministry Team works tirelessly to maintain the outdoor chapel, gardens, and memorial wall. This year they sponsored two wonderful events, two concerts by Tony DeBlois, a talented autistic performer, and a concert by our own Carl and Betsy Anderson.

Thanks to Liz Yoho, our young people are always engaged in activities that go from pure fun to serious service. This year, the youth lead the way for the entire congregation to participate in AmeriCares. House captains, Andy Wells and Mike Carneiro put in hours of planning, and a group of over 40 teens and adults made a huge difference in the lives of a family in Newtown. It was a fantastic day!!

This year we celebrated not a 'first,' but my tenth year as pastor of CCNF. I still can't believe that much time has gone by, and I'm still very grateful for all of you. I am blessed by your support and encouragement.

Beautiful new choir robes were purchased this year. The expense was covered entirely by the generous donations of the congregation and a special gift given in memory of Dot Hatch by her family. The choir now looks as good as it sounds!

This year we kicked off a new youth program, joining forces with the teens from Congregational Churches in Danbury, Brookfield, and New Milford. CCNF hosted the inaugural event facilitated by the new Conference Minister for Youth, DaVita McCallister. Since then the group has come together both for fun and to provide health care items and clothing for homeless teens in Danbury.

The Worship and Ministry Team hosted the first "Getting to Know You" dinner for new members and long time members. It was a delightful evening! The event is one that everyone agreed should be repeated.

Under the leadership of Cille Grabert, and Marylouise Marion, the Women's Ministry group came to life this year. The group hosted an overnight retreat, the first in many years, and got together for several fun events.

This summer our lawn was covered with the red, white and blue of over 4,700 flags that represented Americans who gave their lives in Afghanistan or Iraq. On August 15 an army of volunteers placed the flags. On August 17, we dedicated the "Field of Flags" with a special Sunday morning worship, which included the New Fairfield Veterans. The "Field of Flags" was taken down on Sept. 7, when it moved to the Congregational Church in Clinton. Sadly, approximately 150 flags were stolen, but miraculously they were returned in November.

Now, as feared, I have run out of space. Thank you all for filling so many spaces, so many needs, and so many ministries this past year. The efforts of all of us working together, the compassion that is shown, and the variety of gifts shared is what makes us a vital and growing witness to Christ's love.

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

## **Executive Council 2008**

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. The year 2008 was the first full year of operation under the new organizational structure approved in 2007, and though it may still need some minor adjusting, the church still functions quite well under the new rules. Actually, as we look back on 2008, it's obvious that we're doing something right evidenced by the countless Christian deeds performed. Here are just a few:

- Thanks to the financial support of the congregation plus friends and families of our youth, this year the Senior High Youth program was able to sponsor two separate mission events.
  - In May, we completed a home repair project in Newtown, CT, through the AmeriCares Homefront organization. We gathered nearly 40 volunteers on a Saturday to make some interior flooring repairs, spread crushed stone for a new driveway surface, and paint the entire exterior of the house. More than half of the volunteers who worked that day were adult members and friends of CCFN.
  - In July, we sent another group of youth and adults into the back woods of Logan County, West Virginia, to do what little we could to help some very poor families in that area. This year's trip to Appalachia included 3 work crews made up of 11 teens from our Sr. High Youth Group, and 7 adult leaders.
- For the 13<sup>th</sup> year, the church produced a summer all-youth theatrical production under direction of Carl Anderson, Minister of Music. This year's play was, "Guys and Dolls," and the cast consisted of children and young adults from our congregation and the community.
- The service club again hosted traditional dinners for the community – a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner in March, and a Ham dinner & Holiday Bazaar in November.
- Under the direction of Liz Yoho, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, our Sunday school and youth programs continued to thrive. They clearly represent one of our strengths as a congregation, and help to draw new member families by offering that much-needed safe forum to teach Christian values to our children.
- Compassionate Connections, the Thrift Shop, and several other church programs and organizations continued to provide valuable services to church members as well as the surrounding community.
- Our rental property (once, and potentially in the future, parsonage) remained occupied for the whole year by a tenant who has taken very good care of it, and even made some tasteful improvements at her own expense.
- We were again fortunate to be able to open our church building to several outside groups who, without this space to meet, might not be able to exist. Some of the outside organizations include, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Especially worthy of note this year was the celebration of Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas' 10th anniversary as our minister. The list of her accomplishments during that time is impressive. She presided over the welcoming of 167 new members (114 adults + 53 confirmands), performed 34 weddings, 127 baptisms and 91 funerals or memorial services. (Not counting the many others conducted at local funeral homes for those without close ties to a church.) She initiated several, now traditional and expected activities such as the summer youth mission trip, drumming circle and thought-of-the-week e-mails. She challenged us to grow spiritually through ideas such as, movie nights, prayer circles, complaint-free bracelets, and devotional readings to open committee meetings. Also during this time she earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Hartford Seminary. Congratulations to our Rev. Dr. Pat for all of her achievements. We are VERY proud of her and VERY blessed to have such a dedicated, compassionate, wise and approachable person to help guide us in the ways of the Lord.

The Congregational Church of New Fairfield, CT, has a long tradition in the community. In fact, this church, our church, was established in 1742 partly so that, no less than two years later, the village of New Fairfield could be chartered. Throughout 2008 and still today CCFN continues to be an important member of the (now-global) community, be it in New Fairfield, a neighboring town, two-days' drive away, or even the other side of the world, this church makes a positive impact through the prayers, donations and hard work of its members.

Respectfully,  
Andrew Wells  
Moderator

## **Worship & Ministry Team 2008 Annual Report**

The past year was an exciting and fun-filled year as we continued many old traditions and started a few new ones.

The Worship and Ministry team is made up of six members and is responsible for working with the Pastor on all aspects of the Worship service. This includes working with the Minister of Music on coordination of the music program. Each year the W&M team provides performance reviews on the Pastor and the Minister of Music, and also reviews the church membership roster. W&M team looks to assist the Pastor in caring for the spiritual well being of the Church and all that attend, whether they are members or not, and to provide a welcoming atmosphere for all that come into contact with the church. This also involves welcoming new members and overseeing the Confirmation program. The W&M team is responsible for preparing the Communion elements for Communion services. W&M team also is responsible for ministering to the sick, sorrowing, the indifferent and the stranger.

Over the summer, we said a sad goodbye to two very experienced members: Janice Donnelly and Betsy Chatterton Schalkham and gave a hearty welcome to Mary Carneiro and Peter Brenzel. Remaining members are Jerry Gay, Laura Baird, Tony Kimble and Linda Heintz. Jerry Gay assumed the Chairmen role, Tony Kimble does the usher and welcome host schedules, Laura Baird took over submitting articles to the Candlelight, Pete Brenzel assumed the treasurer duties and Linda Heintz continued with Compassionate Connections.

The events of the year were varied and exciting, as usual. January started out with the realization of how quickly the Easter Services were arriving. Due to the early arrival of Easter, the Cantata normally performed by the Choir was skipped this year due to lack of time to prepare after Christmas. The Youth band again performed for both Christmas Eve services. In June we said goodbye to Dot Bass retiring as Jr. Youth Choir Director but it was handed over to the capable hands (baton?) of Betsy Anderson. Jr. Choir also doubled up on bells (joined by Rev Pat) on several occasions throughout the year. Special services were given for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, 3 Easter services (including 6am by confirmands held indoors due to cold weather), Music Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, Laity Sunday, Longest night service, and 2 Christmas Eve services. Much thanks to Carl Anderson for providing special music at many services throughout the year. The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service was directed towards the service held in Danbury. Christmas and Easter baskets were again delivered to those in need. Services in July and August were again held outside in the Martha Fairchild garden with Communion by Intinction. In October we celebrated Rev. Pat's 10-year anniversary with this Church ministry. We have been truly blessed by her guidance over the past 10 years.

We welcomed new members in May and November. We also welcomed 5 confirmands as members in June after meeting with them at a lunch to discuss their spiritual journey. September brought another 14 more confirmands to the next year's class and W&M had an opening lunch with them in October.

We ordered 20 new choir robes for September and purchased some additional portable microphones for use in the sanctuary in December. We completed a document that outlines all the duties and responsibilities of a W&M team member, in one place. November found us trying something new in sponsoring a new & old member social get together. Special 'Kudos' to Linda Heintz for assisting in providing an amazing dinner for the 75 people that attended and to the whole team for trying something new. It is hoped that this fun gathering can be continued in following years.

The W&M team has a separate bank accounts for a Checking & Savings account, which is used for receiving memorials and for special funds for Music, Flowers, Prayer Shawl and Compassionate Connections. Funds are used for small projects involving worship or to assist those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Gay

Worship & Ministry Chairperson

## Worship & Ministry Team Bank Account Summary

	<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>Savings Account</u>
Balance as of January 1, 2008	\$934.66	\$ 968.50
Income	\$3,706.13	\$4,072.24
Disbursements	<u>\$4,221.46</u>	<u>\$3,811.15</u>
Balance as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2007	\$419.33	\$1,229.59

### Savings Account Allocation

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Memorials	\$373.38	\$610.94
Music Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flower Fund	\$193.50	\$193.50
Compassionate Connections	\$50.00	\$5.15
Accumulated Interest	\$237.08	\$252.61
Prayer Shawl	<u>\$114.54</u>	<u>\$167.39</u>
Total	\$968.50	\$1,229.59

Respectfully submitted,  
Pete Brenzel  
Worship & Ministry Treasurer

## Trustee Team Annual Report 2008

The Trustees welcomed Gretchen Skidmore to the team this year; Gretchen filled the position vacated by Peter Brenzel. The team thanks Peter for all the hard work and time he put in as a member of the Trustee Team. The team worked hard this year keeping up with the many maintenance concerns of the church, as well as some new upgrades. Highlights of these accomplishments are noted below.

This year with the aide of accounting system Jeremy Hutchings, church Treasurer, is now able to provide the team with a very clear picture of the church finances. Jeremy was able to meet with the trustees and give us a first hand look of how the financial software works. This communication allows the team to better anticipate the financial needs of the church.

We are in the process of extending the lease with the tenant in the parsonage for another year. Andy Wells continues to manage the rental and oversee the maintenance of the property. The parsonage has continued to be updated and remains an income source for the church.

Other accomplishments over the past year include:

- Cleared brush from between the parking lot and parsonage.
- Acquired new fans for sanctuary.
- Built and installed window well covers.
- Installed stairway railing to the balcony.
- Installed hand-washing sink in the kitchen.
- Installed new door lock and closing system on side door to sanctuary.
- Installed thermostat covers to help better manage heating.

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.

The Trustee Team has a full board of members, and has already identified many jobs to be tackled over the coming year.

### Trustee Account Summary

<b>Beginning Balance, January 1, 2008</b>		<b>\$ 3,684.62</b>
Donations		+ 569.00
<u>Building maintenance</u>		<u>-1106.99</u>
<b>Ending Balance, December 1, 2007</b>		<b>\$ 3,146.63</b>

### Rental Property Account Summary

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2008</b>		<b>\$3,032.19</b>
Rent		\$24,200.00
Transfer to Unified (pledge)		-\$19,200.00
Transfer to Unified (extra)		-\$2,200.00
Transfer to Unified (insurance)		-\$600.00
Repairs		\$0.00
Other unplanned		-\$190.00
Property Tax		-\$2,743.85
Electricity (Aug.2007)		-\$208.59
<b>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2008</b>		<b>\$2,089.75</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Teri Czudak, Carl Koehler, Gretchen Skidmore & Lynn Raymond

## **Missions Team Annual Report 2008**

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation as well as the different boards and clubs from within the church, the Mission Team was able to provide assistance to many individuals, organizations and families in need of extra help this year.

In addition to our basic mission support, we also donated to One Great Hour of Sharing; Spread the Love, Neighbors in Need, and the Christmas Fund. "I Can", a Cancer Support Group, The Dorothy Day House, The Amos House, Interfaith AIDS Ministry, New Fairfield Fuel Bank, as well as the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department.

This year we not only sponsored a table for the Hospice Breakfast but also a new one for the Shelter of the Cross, which helps people ages 58 and older have a safe place to live.

We were again able to clothe a child for the school year for the "Dress for Success Program"; once more this child goes to school right in this town.

In addition to the above, we also provided Easter Baskets for children as well as food baskets, hams, and gift certificates for families in New Fairfield as well as "Covenant to Care" families.

Backpacks were filled once more with school supplies and given to children in transition. We also filled many special requests this year.

We were also able to donate to the Good Friend Program a mentoring program that matches children to adults that helps to enhance both of their lives.

At Thanksgiving, we were able to donate baskets filled with food to the Senior Center, Interfaith AIDS Ministry, as well as local families. The Girl Scout Troop that meets here also donated some food and a turkey. Biscotti's Restaurant donated cooked dinners that were delivered to families that were unable to cook their own.

The list still goes on, but I will finish up with our December Holiday Party, for Covenant to Care for children in foster care. Vanilla Swirl is a wonderful magician and balloon artist who for many years has joined Santa and given lots of laughs and shared many special moments with the children that attended. In addition, were able to give gifts to 27 children, the service club donated filled Christmas stockings for each child, and every child also received a gift card to Barnes and Noble, thank you again to the anonymous donor. We all had a fun afternoon with plenty of home cooked food, ice cream cake, and cookies.

Thank you all again for your help in wrapping the presents, and the contributions of gifts for this party. We also donated baskets of food at Christmas times for Interfaith Aids Ministry as well as others. We could not continue the work we do without all of your help and support.

### **Missions Account Balance**

January 1, 2008	\$1,470.07
Income *	6,352.75
Disbursements *	5,088.69
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Balance as of December 31, 2008	\$2,734.13

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

Respectively submitted,  
Ron Webb  
Missions Team Chairperson

## **Christian Education Team Annual Report 2008**

This year the CE Team was comprised of 3 regular members Susan Schenck, Lori Generali, and Linda Seiler. 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 3 new families. The Sunday school program continued to thrive under the careful guidance of our Director Liz Yoho. The program continued to operate using 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 in the sanctuary, Family Pancake Dinner at the beginning of Lent, a Communion Education Class and the Children's Sunday Picnic. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders moved into a new expanded classroom where they have room to do a variety of activities. The room is also used for Confirmation classes and youth group activities.

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. The rotation model also allows our teachers to enjoy the program as they get to know all the Sunday school children. This year the program benefited from improved success in recruiting "classroom guides" and volunteers for special activities.

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 activity nights. The High School Youth Group incorporated the training and preparation for Americares, the summer mission trip to West Virginia with work on the Prayer Walk, and parsonage. The Senior High youth participated in a regional UCC activity with students from nearby towns. This kick-off activity for a new Regional Youth Group was well attended by our youth and those from the other towns. In addition, the Middle School Youth Group is in the process of planning events with youth from the New Life Community Church. The success of programs such as these is due to the devotion and hard work of Liz Yoho.

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,  
Susan Schenck  
CE Team Leader

### **CE Account Summary:**

Beginning on January 1, 2008	\$ 844.90
Income	2,180.47
Disbursements	<u>1,968.20</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2008	\$1,057.17

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Generali  
CE Team Treasurer

## **Children's Ministry Annual Report - 2008**

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 all year long. We use a rotation workshop model for children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. 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: Ruth & Naomi, 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, Lent & Easter, Miracles – Feeding 5,000, Beatitudes, Noah, Daniel, Elijah, and Advent/Christmas. Our special summer program focused on the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience and kindness. We strive to have all of our class taught by a team so that everyone has an opportunity to share in worship as well. Our PK/K class and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade class meet every week but use a varied curriculum. Our PK/K class focuses on learning about God, Jesus and how we can follow Him. The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade class focuses on the Christian perspective of current events, bible basics and the life of Jesus. They are working hard to prepare for confirmation in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. We are blessed and are extremely grateful to the many volunteers that have shared their gifts and time with the ministry programs: Christine Albert, Laura Baird, Gail Burger, Don Busse, Mary Carneiro, Amy Constantinides, Joe Constantinides, Karen Engstrom, Mats Engstrom, Heidi Finlay, Pat Finlay, Lori Generali, Jennifer Hickey, Michael Iadarola, Katy Johannssen, Nancy Kile, Tony Kimble, Carl Koehler, Natalie Koehler, Loretta Lechner, Lisa Lee, Frank Markle, Jennifer Melton, Lori Opsal, Donna Pierpont, Pat Sacco, Ardian Sahinovic, Irene Sahinovic, Susan Schenck, Pam Schretzenmayer, Linda Seiler, Gretchen Skidmore, Sue St.Hilaire, Betty Swan, Jim Whiting, Diane Williamson, Linda Yannone, Tracy Yoho. Without the gifts of time and energy of these volunteers, we would not be able to provide the learning environment during church school. Our children benefit from everyone who contributes.

Our nursery is open every Sunday during worship and is staffed by Caitlin Haack. Our church had 10 youth and one adult 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, special in worship presentation of a Walk through Holy Week, Easter egg Hunt, CE Volunteer Appreciation Day, Children's Sunday, and year end picnic, Rally Day, Bible Sunday for 10 children, and the Christmas Pageant. We had several special days throughout the year, mission days, earth day and the International Day of Peace in September. We made bags lunches for Dorothy Day Hospitality House. 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, Heifer Project, NF Fuel Bank, and our mission team's Thanksgiving baskets. We hosted a Deck the Halls luncheon and activities for the church at the beginning of advent that was well attended and enjoyed.

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.

Peace,  
Liz Yoho  
Director of Children & Youth Ministries

## Youth Ministry - Annual Report 2008

Our Youth Ministry program was active this year. The Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups share fellowship time during dinners and activities like the Lake Waramaug picnic, going ice skating, apple picking, an awesome fall bike trip, hiking, movie nights, and glow bowling. Another important aspect of our program is giving service within and outside the church. They led the worship in February and worked on the church clean up in the spring. We continued our work on our prayer walk & peace garden outside the church. The path has been laid out and covered over halfway with woodchips. We built 2 benches and the peace pole to use on the prayer walk. The peace pole was dedicated following church on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The MSYG also served at the annual ham dinner and did the shopping for the Mission Team Thanksgiving baskets. Our mission work also focused in our community, we did a fundraiser for Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit Dorothy Day and the NF Food Pantry, and rang the bell for the Salvation Army raising over \$500. The Middle School Youth took an overnight trip to Heifer in May and spent the day learning about hunger, ecology, and life in Guatemala. The trip was an amazing experience for the youth and the adult leaders; Mary Carneiro, Mickey Sahinovic, Liz & Tracy Yoho.

Our SHYG hosted the first gathering of youth from our Regional UCC Youth Groups. Rev. DaVita McCallister, Youth Conference Minister from the CT Conference led the group for the evening. Youth from Brookfield and Danbury attended. We have also worked together on the issue of teen homelessness and prepared personal care kits for the socials workers in Danbury.

Our SHYG mission team led the church in our first sponsoring of a project with AmeriCares Homefront. We had a fantastic time working on a home in Newtown and had an amazing 44 volunteers from church to help us. We also participated in our ninth trip to Appalachia this summer with ASP and were privileged to work on 3 homes in Logan County, WV. We had three crews consisting of 11 youth and 7 adults. We worked hard on each project. This year we found ourselves repairing flooring, doors, repairing electrical work, installing drainage ditches, siding and much more. 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 had 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 'flamingoed' again this year and were very successful. We also raised funds through can collections, 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 2008 trip – Mike Carneiro, Jerry Gay, Pat Nicholas, Andy Wells, Bob Wells, Liz Yoho, and Tracy Yoho. We have begun fundraising and plans for our summer 2009 trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS.

Peace,  
Liz Yoho  
Director of Children & Youth Ministries

### SHYG Account Summary

<b>Balance as of Jan 1, 2008</b>	<b>\$ 4623.52</b>
Income	\$ 16222.38
Expenses - ASP	\$ 13272.39
Expenses - Back Bay	\$ 5150.00
Expenses - AmeriCares	\$ 149.11
Expenses - SHYG / Misc.	<u>\$ 2207.53</u>
<b>Balance as of Dec 31, 2008</b>	<b>\$ 66.87</b>

## **Minister of Music Annual Report 2008**

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 till June and for Betsy Anderson for taking over the Junior Choir in September.

This year the music ministry purchased two new wireless microphones. We would like to express our thanks to the Worship and Ministry team for allowing the funds to purchase these needed microphones.

Special music programs of the year included special Advent music, youth band, Music Sunday service and a joint musical program with the Sunday School 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 "Guys and Dolls." 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 2008

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

Host Sunday Coffee Hour twice a year

Clothing was donated from the Thrift Shop for the following:

- 31 bags to Goodwill
- 5 bags to the Claire Luks Clothing Drive for the American Indians
- 4 bags of clothing for the Veterans
- 10 bags of clothing to the Landfill Box for the needy
- 2 bags of clothing to the Children's Organization Drive

### Women's Church Club Cash Account:

Income from Thrift Shop	\$1,138.72
Donations to Church from the Thrift	569.38
Donation to the Bruce Wallace Memorial	25.00
Donation to the Dorothy Hatch Memorial	25.00
Ad for the church annual play "Guys & Dolls"	50.00
Other Church Expenses	469.34
	0.00
Balance	0.00

### Women's Church Club Savings Account:

Balance as of January 1, 2007	\$2,131.56
Deposits	1,476.54
Interest Income	8.68
Disbursements (Church Pledge)	-1,100.00
Disbursements (Certificate of Deposit)	-170.00
	2,346.78
Balance as of December 31, 2008	2,346.78

(Certificate of Deposit \$1,593.19)

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita N. Parrillo  
Treasurer

## **Women's Ministry Annual Report 2008**

The Women's Ministry of the Church of New Fairfield meets once a month to provide enriching activities for fellowship for the women in the church. It has been a great way to meet other women and relax. We have seen a wonderful increase in our membership. This year, we have explored many different types of activities. Many of our members have graciously opened their homes for a movie night, a pool dinner party, an appetizer and dessert recipe night, a dinner party, a holiday celebration, and a creative cooking demonstration. We have also traveled to the Cloisters in New York City and a hike at Kent Falls. We are always looking for new members and new activity ideas.

We had a very successful "Spa Treatment for Your Soul" retreat in November at the Oratory of the Little Way in Gaylordsville. We had eleven ladies. Our guest speaker was Sue Murdock. Reverend Pat led our communion and prayer service. We all experienced the wonderful support and deeper friendships that we have together. We had delicious food and inspiring conversations. We invite new members to come join us for a joyful fulfilling experience with other women of the church.

Respectively submitted,  
Cille Grabert

## Investment Committee Annual Report 2008

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.” Committee members during 2008 were Ken Taylor, Janice Zackeo and Lou Rogowski.

### Accounts Summary

<b>Mass Mutual (Acct ...496)</b>	
Total Investment	\$ 174,680.00
Value as of 12/31/07	185,324.70
Value as of 06/30/08	188,495.70
Withdrawal 08/18/08	13,000.00
Value as of 12/31/08	178,626.65
<b>American Funds (Acct ...668)</b>	
Total Investment	\$ 104,265.00
Value as of 12/31/07	111,208.05
Withdrawals 2008	0.00
Value as of 12/31/08	74,011.88
<b>UCC Cornerstone Fund (Acct ...001)</b>	
(5.00% Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2008)	
Total Investment	\$ 61,370.00
Value as of 12/31/07	62,918.64
Interest 2008	3,185.25
Withdrawals 2008	0.00
Value as of 12/31/08	66,103.89
<b>UCC Cornerstone Fund (Acct ...002)</b>	
(4.50% Jan. 1 –May 16, 2008)	
(3.75% May 17 – Dec 31, 2008)	
Total Investment	\$ 17,000.00
Value as of 12/31/07	17,386.12
Interest 2008	709.99
Withdrawals 2008	0.00
Value as of 12/31/08	18,096.11

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,  
Ken Taylor

## **Outdoor Ministries Annual Report 2008**

We had two concerts this year. Tony DeBlois performed February 23-24<sup>th</sup>. In October, Carl and Betsy Anderson put on an inspiring "Evening Light" service.

In March, we lost our beloved member, Bruce Wallace. The committee added to the gardens, a beautiful grape arbor and bench in his memory.

Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, Preserve New Fairfield began their House and Garden tour at the Martha Fairchild Gardens. We received many compliments.

Jean Kilcourse provided wonderful entertainment singing many beautiful songs at the annual Senior luncheon. The Seniors really look forward to this event.

The usual maintenance, planting and weeding was done along with some tree pruning.

We want to thank all those adults and youth who set up and took down chairs for the DeBlois concert, those who set up and took down the Christmas crèche and for your generous donations on our special Sundays. It is greatly appreciated.

There were several new people who signed the Ministry Task list, and we look forward to calling on you for any extra help we may need.

The ODM members are: Don Busse, Janice Donnelly, Debbie Gardiner, Dan Gerow, Christine Haack, Lynn Raymond, Shirley Retallick, Pat Sacco, Betsy Schalkham, Jane Seaman, Jean Ann Strilowich, Betty Swan, Mary Lou Wallace and Janice Zackeo.

It is with God's love and our faith we look forward to celebrating our tenth anniversary in April 2009.

Respectively submitted,  
Betty Swan, Chairperson

**Outdoor Ministries  
Bank Account Summary 2008**

Checking Account:	
Balance, January 1, 2008	\$3,431.74
Income from: Memorials, Sunday Collections, Donations and Concerts	4,574.01
Disbursements	4,413.06
 Checking balance December 31, 2008	 3,592.69
Savings Account:	
Balance January 1, 2008	\$3,165.52
Interest	13.63
Income	900.00
 Savings Balance December 31, 2008	 \$4,079.15
CD's	
# . . . 968	\$2,460.59
# . . . 602	3,239.64
# . . . 921	1,740.23
 CD's Balance December 31, 2008	 7,440.46

The above accounts are as they stand as of Dec. 21, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Swan,  
Co-Chair

## Stewardship Committee Annual Report 2008

*"Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but  
the righteous will thrive like a green leaf" - Proverbs 11:28*

The Bible tells us it is the righteous, not the rich, who thrive. But how do the righteous thrive without riches? The righteous thrive because they understand and possess something that holds a higher value: God's love.

Amidst the volatility our nation's financial health, we came together on Stewardship Sunday, November 16, to show our love for God and to pledge financial support to our church in 2009. We prayed about the priority the church has in our lives, and challenged ourselves to give until it felt good. Our 2009 goal remained at \$150,000 unchanged from 2008 and 2007. Our results as of 2/1/09:

<u>Year</u>	<u># pledges</u>	<u>total pledged</u>	<u>avg. pledge</u>
2009	102, incl. 3 declines	\$135,858.	\$ 1372.
2008	124, incl. 3 declines	\$133,368.	\$ 1076.

With the generosity of people who stepped up the pledge ladder, and those who pledged for the first time, we not only exceeded last year's total amount pledged, but more significantly, the average pledge rose 27% from \$1,076 to \$1,372.

Of the 99 financial pledges, 29 are electronic funds transfers (24 Vanco services; 5 other). We expect pledge responses to continue into 2009 and pray that everyone in our congregation will strive 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 2008

*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, Gifts of Caring Offerings were received and a Dedication of Caregivers took place in November. The Caregiver Volunteers for the 2007-2008 Season include 10 Visitors, 17 Meal Providers, 9 Transportation Providers, 7 Minor home repair Providers, 3 Sewing & Alterations Providers, and 2 Parenting Partners.

From November 2007 until November 2008 we made 63 visits to members of our congregation who were in the hospital, or at home due to an illness or an operation. In addition, our Visitor Volunteers each have one or two special friends that they visit, call and take treats and/or meals to on a regular basis (once or twice a month and sometimes weekly). We made 55 phone calls to check up on people to see if they needed a meal, a ride or a visit. We cooked and delivered 24 meals and in some cases grocery items. We had 50 requests for transportation and 2 requests for sewing and home repair.

We look forward in 2009 to bring God's light and love to all we care for.

Thanks to the volunteers,  
Linda Heintz  
Coordinator

## Compassionate Connections Ministry

### LIST OF VOLUNTEERS 2009/2010

#### VISITORS

Carolee Harkins  
Betsy Schalkham  
Teri Czudak  
Irene Howard  
Diane Williamson  
Betty Swan  
Donna Pierpont  
Sue & Ron Webb  
Linda Yannone

#### DRIVERS

Laura Baird  
Jean Strilowich  
Lynn Raymond  
Al Colo  
Ken & Ann Taylor  
Bob Campbell  
Jackie Hutchings  
Nancy Eckert

#### MEAL PROVIDERS

Lisa Lee  
Teri Czudak  
Irene Howard  
Kristin Frederick  
Hazel Burger  
Patty Gay  
Shirley Retallick  
Loretta Lechner  
Luella Raymond  
Bill & Agnes Trimpert  
Mary Carniero  
Betsy Schalkham  
Elissa Scudder  
Jean Strilowich  
Cille Grabert  
Linda Yannone  
Kathy Scott

#### HANDYMEN

Mike Carniero  
Lynn Raymond  
Pete Brenzel  
Carl Koehler  
Andy Wells  
Don Busse  
Tony Kimble

#### SEAMSTRESSES

Nancy Sasseen  
Jane Seaman  
Gretchen Skidmore

#### PARENTING PARTNERS

Linda Seiler  
Sue Aspesi

## Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2008

The Congregational Church of New Fairfield Scholarship its Committee is happy to report the Scholarship fund is very healthy and growing, with additions to its fixed assets again this year. The Scholarship Committee was able to award Congregational Church of New Fairfield Scholarships for the sixth year. We had two award recipients:

Gregory Dohan, studying Business and attending the University of Connecticut  
Thomas Schretzemayer, studying Criminal Justice with a concentration in law enforcement administration .

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

### **2008 Activity**

<b><u>Balance brought Forward</u></b>	<b><u>\$35,294.38</u></b>
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### **Donations received in 2008**

Flower Committee	1,500.00
Bruce Wallace's Memory S.C.	100.00
Janet Novicky, Kevin Norton & Homer Norton	25.00
Bruce Wallace's Memory	25.00
Janet Novicky	25.00
Homer Norton's Memory	25.00
<b>Total Donations:</b>	<b><u>\$1700.00</u></b>

### **Available For Scholarship Awards**

Interest 2008	1,184.17
Interest Balance brought forward	1,771.66
2008 Scholarship	-1,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$ 1955.83</u></b>

### **Account Balances**

MetLife investment *verbal confirmation *	\$19,683.62
Union Savings Bank CD	14,200.37
Union Savings Bank CD	2,185.17
USB Savings Passbook	1,109.39

<b><u>End of Year Scholarship Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$37,178.55</u></b>
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The Scholarship Fund is set up to distribute only the interest. 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 2008

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 and a fun-filled Christmas party. Our major fundraisers were a Corned Beef Dinner in March, 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	\$1,633.45
Tag and Bake Sale	\$1,033.10
Card Party	\$ 650.42
Candy	\$ 271.95
Raffles	\$ 312.00
Ham Dinner	\$1,448.69
Bazaar Crafts (Service Club & Women's Church Club)	\$1,661.26

Our Donations for the year were as follows:

2008 Pledge to General Fund	\$2,200.00
General Fund Donation from Bazaar Crafts Profit (Combined with Women's Church Club)	\$1,660.00
Purchased New Sandwich Board	\$ 95.00
Purchased Six (6) New Folding Tables	\$ 318.00
Americares Workday Sandwich Donation	\$ 42.00
FOCUS Donation	\$ 100.00
Lustgarten Foundation Donation	\$ 25.00
Flag Replacement for "Field of Flags"	\$ 25.00
Scholarship Fund Donations	\$ 150.00
Preserve New Fairfield Donation	\$ 100.00
Donation for "Guys and Dolls" Ad	\$ 50.00
New Fairfield Cemetery Association	\$ 100.00
Mission Party-Filled Christmas Stockings Donation	\$ 108.00
Other Gifts & Donations	\$ 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 2009 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 2008:            President - Betty Swan  
    Vice-President – Linda Green  
    Secretary – Pamela Dohan  
    Treasurer - Janice Zackeo

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Pamela J. Dohan  
 Service Club Secretary

Service Club Financial Report 2008:

<u>Checking Account:</u>		<u>Savings Account:</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$4,620.03	Beginning Balance	\$2,256.27
Income	\$9,630.58	Withdrawal CD	\$ 0.00
Paid Out	\$7,397.69	Interest	\$ 8.99
Balance	\$6,852.92	Balance	\$2,265.26

CD:  
 Balance                            \$5,376.67

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Janice Zackeo  
 Service Club Treasurer

**Summer Play Committee  
 Annual Report 2008**

The summer of 2008 brought to Pilgrim Hall our thirteenth annual summer production. This year’s musical was ***Guys and Dolls***. Six performances were presented and a total of 770 tickets used.

We realized a profit of almost \$8,000.00, which was transferred to the United Fund to help pay church expenses.

**Summer Play Bank Account Summary**

Balance as of January 1, 2008	\$ 5,297.61
Income	20,993.79
Disbursements	<u>20,834.48</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2008	\$ 5,456.92

Respectfully submitted,  
 Dot Bass

## **Flower Committee Annual Report for 2008**

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 to glorify the sanctuary. 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 Account Summary**

<b>January 2008 Balance</b>	<b>\$2070.09</b>
Income	928.50
Expenses	639.56
Donation to Scholarship fund	1500.00
Interest	<u>5.13</u>
<b>January 2009 Balance</b>	<b>\$ 864.16</b>

Respectfully Submitted  
Janice Zackeo  
Chairperson

## **Hospitality Committee Annual Report 2008**

The Hospitality Committee was formed in July 2000 and established the following goal and objective:

- A. Fellowship Hour
  - Encourage members to sign up to host
  - Acknowledge "Fellowship Hour" hosts

We received approximately \$145.27 in donations for papers goods and approximately \$865.62 in donated supplies to offset Fellowship Hour expenses during 2008.

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

Respectively submitted,  
Dotty Norman

## **Officers & Teams for 2008-2009**

### **Congregational Church of New Fairfield**

**Officers** *(1 year term, with no more than 3 consecutive terms except for Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Historian)*

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** *(1 year term with no term limits)*

Betty Swan  
Janice Zackeo  
Joe Constantinides

**Worship & Ministries Team** *(3 year term, with no more than 2 consecutive terms)*

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

<u>Through 2009</u>	<u>Through 2010</u>	<u>Through 2011</u>
Laura Baird	Tony Kimble	Peter Brenzel
Jerry Gay	Linda Heintz	Mary Carniero

**Trustees Team** *(3 year term, but no more than 2 consecutive terms)*

<u>Through 2009</u>	<u>Through 2010</u>	<u>Through 2011</u>
Carl Koehler	Lynn Raymond	Gretchen Skidmore
Teri Czudak		

**Christian Education Team** *(3 year term, with no more than 2 consecutive terms)*

<u>Through 2009</u>	<u>Through 2010</u>	<u>Through 2011</u>
Susan Schenk	Lori Generali	Linda Sieler

**Missions Team** *(3 year term, with no more than 2 consecutive terms)*

<u>Through 2009</u>	<u>Through 2010</u>	<u>Through 2011</u>
Carolee Harkins	Marcia Semchysen	Ron Web

**Stewardship Team** *(2 year term, with no limit on number of consecutive terms)*

<u>Through 2009</u>	<u>Through 2010</u>
Laura Kimble	Donna Pierpont
Mary Bevan	

**Hospitality Committee** *(2 year term, with no limit on number of consecutive terms)*

Through 2009  
Diane Williamson  
Jane Seaman

Through 2010  
Dotty Norman

**Scholarship Committee** *(2 year term, with no limit on number of consecutive terms)*

Through 2009  
Mary Lou Wallace  
Dot Bass

Through 2010  
Janice Zackeo

## **Appointed Teams and Committees**

**Fairfield East/UCC Delegates**

Sue Webb  
Ron Webb

**Pastoral Relations Team**

Ann Taylor  
Jim Whiting  
Teri Czudak

**Investment Team**

Ken Taylor  
Janice Zackeo  
Lou Rogowski

Respectfully Submitted,  
CCNF Executive Council  
Andy Wells, Moderator

**Congregational Church of New Fairfield  
Treasurer's Report  
January to December 2008**

		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Union Savings Bank</b>			
	1-100100 – Unified Checking	\$8,054.87	
	<b>Total Union Savings Bank</b>	8,054.87	
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>		\$8,054.87
	<b>Total Beginning Balance</b>		<u>\$8,054.87</u>
		<u>Sources of Funds</u>	
<b>Offerings</b>			
	1-400100 – Plate Offerings	\$106,609.18	
	1-400101 – Electronic Offerings	49,205.82	
	<b>Total Offerings</b>		\$155,815.00
<b>Contributions</b>			
	1-402150 – Miscellaneous		
	<b>Contributions</b>	\$26,955.50	
	<b>Total Contributions</b>		26,955.50
<b>Other Sources</b>			
	1-403110 – Parsonage Rent	\$18,200.00	
	<b>Total Other Sources</b>		\$18,200.00
	<b>Total Withholdings</b>		9,351.44
	<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>		<u>210,321.94</u> <u>\$218,376.81</u>
<b>Uses of Funds</b>			
	<b>Total Personell</b>		\$131,046.03
	<b>Total Office</b>		6,280.98
	<b>Total Administration</b>		7,776.00
	<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		654.21
	<b>Total Building &amp; Mainenance</b>		40,259.50
	<b>Total Benevolences</b>		6,373.25
	<b>Total Ministries</b>		9,273.19
	<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		533.60
	<b>Total Withholdings</b>		8,457.60
	<b>Total Uses of Funds</b>		<u>\$210,654.36</u> <u>\$7,722.45</u>
		<u>Ending Balance</u>	
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Union Savings Bank</b>			
	1-100100 Unified Checking	7,722.45	
	<b>Total Union Savings Bank</b>	7,722.45	
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>		\$7,722.45
	<b>Total Balances on Hand</b>		<u>\$7,722.45</u>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeremy Hutchings, CCNF Treasurer

## **UCC Delegate Annual Report 2008**

At the Spring meeting of the CT Conference of the UCC the “Now for the Future” Campaign for Silver Lake was presented. The delegates watched a DVD on the progress of the project to further encourage participation by local churches. Valerie Tutson presented a play to the children as well as the young adults who attended Silver Lake. We then broke into small group workshops to bring back different ideas to our church.

The church’s contributions to Basic Support of the UCC has remained steady over time but has not kept up with the rising costs. After much conversation, it was noted to raise the per capita dues from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per member. The income from per capita dues of the Connecticut Conference is retained in CT having the greatest impact on the budget.

Our neighbors in New England also have per capita dues. For 2009, Rhode Island is \$18.00 and Massachusetts is \$16.40 per member. So, as you can see Connecticut is striving to keep our expenses down.

At the Fall conference, The Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree spoke about her personal challenges, faced with a diagnosis of cancer and how through spirituality and prayers, one’s life can completely change and how you can still remain strong in your faith and ministry.

Also, at the Fall Conference, the installation of the Rev. DaVita McCallister as Associate Conference Minister for Youth and Young Adults was held.

The Congregational Church of New Fairfield was recognized as a Step-Up church. The monies from Basic Support help enable the work at the National setting of the UCC and the conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Webb, UCC Delegate

## Church Records Baptisms 2008

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Parent's Name</b>	<b>Date Of Birth</b>	<b>Date Of Baptism</b>	<b>Minister</b>
Kiley Mae McManemin	Lori McManemin & James McManemin	05/22/07	02/17/08	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
Madeline Faith Drace	Nicole Drace & Kenneth Drace	10/07/07	03/09/08	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
Nathan James Johannssen	Kathryn Dodd Baxter & Brian Frederick	06/19/07	04/20/08	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
Olivia Hirsch	Victoria Ann (Catapano) Hirsch & Robert Christopher Hirsch	11/02/07	05/31/08	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
Robert Hirsch	Victoria Ann (Catapano) Hirsch & Robert Christopher Hirsch	11/02/07	05/31/08	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
Katherine Rose Barresi	Theresa Marie Mancuso Barresi & Gregory Salvatore Barresi	11/04/07	06/15/08	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
Liam Vincent Nargi	Jessica Leigh (MacKechnic) Nargi & Michael Edward Nargi	11/23/07	06/15/08	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
Emma Lynn Melton	Jennifer Lynn (Johnson) Melton & Benjamin Ferrell Melton	08/27/08	11/30/08	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas

## Church Records Weddings 2008

<b>Bride's Name</b>	<b>Groom's Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Minister</b>
Kelly Nicole Novicky	David Raymond Wasylean	06/07/08	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas

## Church Records Membership 2008

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Minister</b>
02/24/08	Dennis John Marion	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
02/24/08	Mary Louise Marion	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
02/24/08	Frank Markle	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
02/24/08	Sallie Markle	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
02/24/08	Gail Boden	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
02/24/08	Donn Smythe	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/01/08	Kristopher David Bevan	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/01/08	Cristian Thomas Carneiro	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/01/08	Kassandra Tiffany Gonzalez	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/01/08	Brett William Grabert	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/01/08	William Justin Williams	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/09/08	Joy Cordia (Madsen) Scott	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/09/08	Brian Frederick Johannssen	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/09/08	Katheryn (Dodd) Johannssen	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/09/08	Vicki A. (Catapano) Hirsch	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/09/08	Rose Smythe	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas

## Church Records Deaths 2008

<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Date of Service</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Service at</b>	<b>Minister</b>
03/01/08	03/08/08	Bruce Wallace*	CCNF; Interment: Martha Fairchild Garden	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
03/06/08	03/15/08	Edward M. Passarella	CCNF; Burial: Mountain View Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
03/20/08	03/25/08	Lillian A. Weston	Green Funeral Home	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/16/08	07/19/08	Dorothy Violet Hatch*	CCNF; Burial: Brookfield Center Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
06/18/08	06/21/08	Ronald William Sudol	CCNF; Burial: Gerow Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
07/31/08	08/05/08	George Lindner*	CCNF	Rev. Cindy Maddox
12/19/08	12/27/08	Archie Underwood, Jr.	Burial: Mountain View Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
12/29/08	01/01/09	Albert Clear	CCNF; Burial: Mountain View Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas

\* Church Member

# Financial Secretary's Report

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2008 Pledges	\$10,046.00	\$9,571.00	\$12,150.81	\$9,677.00	\$9,083.00	\$10,649.00	\$6,379.00	\$12,582.50	\$12,269.25	\$11,265.00	\$10,251.00	\$11,248.00	\$127,171.56
2007 Pledges	\$2,261.00	\$37.00									\$1,065.00		\$2,298.00
2009 Pledges											\$1,650.00		\$1,065.00
Contributions	\$955.00	\$1,224.00	\$2,845.00	\$425.00	\$980.00	\$797.25	\$520.00	\$786.00	\$1,390.00	\$1,289.50	\$1,650.00	\$2,932.00	\$15,793.75
Loose Collections	\$278.31	\$406.75	\$876.00	\$340.91	\$273.00	\$337.00	\$240.00	\$240.50	\$273.00	\$205.00	\$255.00	\$1,004.75	\$4,730.22
Initial Offering Envelopes	\$97.00	\$25.00	\$70.00		\$10.00							\$10.00	\$212.00
Service Club Pledge		\$1,100.00									\$1,100.00		\$2,200.00
Women's Club Pledge				\$101.00			\$158.80			\$1,175.58		\$234.00	\$1,669.38
Bazaar Profits WCC&WSC	\$1,800.00											\$1,660.00	\$3,460.00
Baptisms	\$100.00		\$150.00			\$200.00							\$450.00
Weddings					\$50.00								\$50.00
Parsonage Rent	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$3,800.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$19,800.00
Special Services			\$31.00							\$55.00			\$31.00
Coffee Hour	\$30.00					\$63.27							\$148.27
Copies					\$3.00								\$3.00
Reimbursements (below)	\$114.75						\$15.58						\$130.33
Summer Play								\$7,900.00					\$7,900.00
Mass Mutual								\$13,000.00					\$13,000.00
Trustees For Oil			\$648.00										\$648.00
Electronic Deposit Fees	(\$52.36)	(\$52.61)	(\$48.11)	(\$43.65)	(\$45.45)	(\$43.25)	(\$43.75)	(\$40.05)	(\$35.22)	(\$36.22)	(\$35.22)	(\$34.97)	(\$510.86)
Misc. 1	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$190.00		\$20.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$175.00	\$20.00	(\$510.00)	\$510.00		\$517.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$17,229.70	\$13,923.14	\$18,512.70	\$12,100.26	\$11,973.55	\$13,653.27	\$10,919.63	\$38,443.95	\$15,517.03	\$13,443.86	\$16,395.78	\$18,653.78	\$200,766.65
Missions Special Offering													\$0.00
CE Director Fund													\$0.00
Youth Group Helper Project					\$540.00								\$540.00
Misc. 2													\$0.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS:	\$17,229.70	\$13,923.14	\$18,512.70	\$12,100.26	\$12,513.55	\$13,653.27	\$10,919.63	\$38,443.95	\$15,517.03	\$13,443.86	\$16,395.78	\$18,653.78	\$201,306.65

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Weekly Receipts													
1st Week	\$6,408.17	\$2,527.00	\$2,068.00	\$3,277.13	\$3,636.83	\$2,859.00	\$5,174.53	\$2,463.00	\$5,649.53	\$4,469.28	\$3,420.00	\$5,308.28	\$47,260.75
2nd Week	\$3,604.75	\$4,661.42	\$4,689.17	\$5,833.00	\$1,645.00	\$2,495.28	\$3,114.22	\$3,261.03	\$4,995.00	\$3,631.00	\$4,552.28	\$4,364.00	\$46,846.15
3rd Week	\$2,391.03	\$4,878.00	\$6,467.81	\$1,655.13	\$6,217.22	\$5,297.00	\$1,203.30	\$14,707.50	\$1,267.50	\$3,428.58	\$3,897.00	\$1,647.50	\$53,057.57
4th Week	\$4,825.75	\$1,856.72	\$3,995.72	\$1,335.00	\$1,014.50	\$1,460.72	\$1,427.58	\$16,936.92	\$3,605.00	\$1,915.00	\$2,835.50	\$7,334.00	\$48,542.41
5th Week			\$1,292.00			\$1,541.27		\$1,075.50			\$1,691.00		\$5,593.77
TOTAL:	\$17,229.70	\$13,923.14	\$18,512.70	\$12,100.26	\$12,513.55	\$13,653.27	\$10,919.63	\$38,443.95	\$15,517.03	\$13,443.86	\$16,395.78	\$18,653.78	\$201,306.65
Receipts	\$17,230	\$31,153	\$49,666	\$61,766	\$73,739	\$87,393	\$98,312	\$136,756	\$152,273	\$165,717	\$182,113	\$200,767	BUDGET
2008 Budget (to date)	\$18,104	\$36,208	\$54,313	\$72,417	\$90,521	\$108,625	\$126,729	\$144,833	\$162,938	\$181,042	\$199,146	\$217,250	\$217,250
Over or (Under) Budget	(\$874)	(\$5,056)	(\$4,647)	(\$10,651)	(\$16,782)	(\$21,232)	(\$28,417)	(\$8,077)	(\$10,664)	(\$15,325)	(\$17,033)	(\$16,483)	

Notes: January: Reimbursement for Christmas Bazaar Ad  
 February: Adult Education  
 March: Contributions - Bruce Wallace Funeral, Special Service=Maundy Thursday  
 April: \$101.00 - Women's Church Club - Thrift Shop 1st Quarter  
 May: \$20.00 from Girl Scout Council - Use of Room  
 June: \$50.00 Piano Recital  
 July: \$50.00 Boy Scout, Reimbursement \$15.58 - Village Flower Shop  
 August: \$25.00 Deposit for Key #6, \$150.00 - Meeting House Hill Group  
 September: \$20.00 from Girl Scouts - Troop 50426  
 October: \$1,100 Pledge for Women's Church Club, other amounts for Thrift Shop Proceeds, -\$510.00 return item plus charge  
 November: +\$510.00 - reimbursement of return item plus charge.  
 December: Christmas Eve amounts were divided - some people paid their pledges, others contributed extra. Total received in the early service was: \$2,512.00 (both pledges and contributions); Total Received for later service was: \$1,251.00 (both pledges and contributions). Amount for Sunday was \$3,441.00 (includes Bazaar Profit)

## 2009 CCNF Budget Summary

	2008 Annual Budget	2008 Forecast (actual paid thru Oct. + estimate thru EOY)	Budget Remaining (Exceeded)	Change from Prior Year Budget		Change from Prior Year Actual	
				\$	%	\$	%
<b>Total Missions Team</b>	6,050	6,050.00	0.00	375	6.2%	375	6.2%
<b>Total Worship &amp; Ministry Team</b>	97,100	89,987.86	7,112.14	1,020	1.1%	8,132	9.0%
<b>Total Christian Education Team</b>	28,790	26,721.31	2,068.69	705	2.4%	2,774	10.4%
<b>Total Trustees Team</b>	85,310	78,277.57	7,032.15	7,750	9.1%	14,782	18.9%
<b>Total Congregational Church of New Fairfield</b>	<b>217,250</b>	<b>201,037</b>	<b>16,213</b>	<b>9,850</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>26,063</b>	<b>13.0%</b>

## Christian Education Team Budget

Acct Code		Acct Description	2008 Annual Budget	2008 Forecast (actual paid thru Oct. + estimate thru Dec.)	Budget Remaining (Exceeded)	2009 Annual Budget	Change from Prior Year Budget
							\$ %
1-500310		Christian Education Director	22,100	22,100.00	-	23,105	1,005 5%
<b>Total Employee Expense</b>			<b>22,100</b>	<b>22,100.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,105</b>	<b>1,005 5%</b>
1-570100		Curriculum	2,400	1,239.55	1,160.45	2,400	- 0%
1-570110		Confirmation Materials	350	136.80	213.20	350	- 0%
1-570120		Bibles	200	170.00	30.00	200	- 0%
1-570130		Adult Education	100	582.49	(482.49)	100	- 0%
1-570140		Senior Youth Ministry	650	654.36	(4.36)	1,000	350 54%
<b>Total Education Expense</b>			<b>3,700</b>	<b>2,783.20</b>	<b>916.80</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>350 9%</b>
1-570150		Youth Ministries Office Supplies	300	-	300.00	-	(300) -100%
<b>Total General and Administrative</b>			<b>300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(300) -100%</b>
1-571100		Child Care	1,040	720.00	320.00	1,040	- 0%
1-571120		Holiday & Gift Expenses	300	299.13	0.87	300	- 0%
1-571130		Breakfasts & Gatherings	50	99.93	(49.93)	100	50 100%
1-571140		Craddle Roll	100	-	100.00	100	- 0%
1-571150		Fellowship & Hospitality	250	19.05	230.95	-	(250) -100%
1-571160		Leadership Training	950	700.00	250.00	800	(150) -16%
<b>Total Other Expense</b>			<b>2,690</b>	<b>1,838.11</b>	<b>851.89</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>(350) -13%</b>
<b>Total Christian Education</b>			<b>28,790</b>	<b>26,721.31</b>	<b>2,068.69</b>	<b>29,495</b>	<b>705 2.4%</b>

## Trustees Team Budget

Acct Code	Acct Description	2008 Annual Budget	2008 Forecast (actual paid thru Oct. + estimate thru Dec.)	Budget Remaining (Exceeded)	2009 Annual Budget	Change from Prior Year Budget \$	%
1-505100	Property Insurance - Church	6,200	4,631.00	1,569.00	4,000	(2,200)	-35%
1-510100	Church Maintenance & Repairs	3,000	2,965.55	34.45	3,000	-	0%
1-510110	Garbage Removal	1,500	1,484.22	15.78	1,500	-	0%
1-510120	Snow Removal	3,000	375.00	2,625.00	3,000	-	0%
1-510130	Lawn Maintenance	1,650	1,314.40	335.60	1,650	-	0%
1-510140	Inspection Fees	200	120.00	80.00	200	-	0%
1-510200	Janitorial Supplies	250	707.85	(457.85)	650	400	160%
1-510210	Maintenance Paper Products	500	40.73	459.27	100	(400)	-80%
1-510300	Propane	650	800.69	(150.69)	750	100	15%
1-510310	Fuel Oil	15,000	16,773.41	(1,773.41)	20,000	5,000	33%
1-510320	Electricity	7,000	4,503.68	2,496.32	7,000	-	0%
1-510330	Telephone	2,000	2,179.96	(179.96)	2,300	300	15%
<b>Total Building Expenses</b>		<b>40,950</b>	<b>35,896.49</b>	<b>5,053.51</b>	<b>44,150</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>8%</b>
1-500410	Sexton	8,100	7,748.00	352.00	9,050	950	12%
1-500510	Church Secretary	12,090	12,090.00	-	12,480	390	3%
1-500900	FICA - Church	3,500	3,453.80	45.96	3,670	170	5%
1-500910	Medicare - Church	820	797.28	22.68	860	40	5%
1-505120	Workers Compensation	1,250	1,359.00	(109.00)	1,250	-	0%
<b>Total Employee Expenses</b>		<b>25,760</b>	<b>25,448.08</b>	<b>311.64</b>	<b>27,310</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>6%</b>
1-501110	Postage	1,450	1,105.25	344.75	1,450	-	0%
1-501120	Office Supplies	1,500	981.97	518.03	1,500	-	0%
1-510500	Computer Software Support	1,500	1,477.50	22.50	1,500	-	0%
1-510510	Computer Hardware Support	1,800	687.50	1,112.50	1,800	-	0%
1-510520	Copier Support	4,500	3,954.84	545.16	4,500	-	0%
<b>Total General Administrative</b>		<b>10,750</b>	<b>8,207.06</b>	<b>2,542.94</b>	<b>10,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
1-506100	Financial Secretary	750	215.00	535.00	500	(250)	-33%
1-506105	Treasurer	200	-	200.00	200	-	0%
1-506110	Christmas Gifts	250	-	250.00	-	(250)	-100%
1-506115	Conference Fees	350	204.00	146.00	350	-	0%
1-506120	Miscellaneous Other Expense	1,000	2,364.50	(1,364.50)	4,000	3,000	300%
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		<b>2,550</b>	<b>2,783.50</b>	<b>(233.50)</b>	<b>5,050</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>98%</b>
1-501401	Property Tax - Parsonage	3,000	2,743.85	256.15	3,000	-	0%
1-505110	Property Insurance - Parsonage	800	600.00	200.00	800	-	0%
1-510115	Maint & repair Parsonage	1,500	2,390.00	(890.00)	2,000	500	33%
1-510325	Electricity - Parsonage	-	208.59	(208.59)	-	-	-
<b>Total Parsonage Expenses</b>		<b>5,300</b>	<b>5,942.44</b>	<b>(642.44)</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total Trustees</b>		<b>85,310</b>	<b>78,277.57</b>	<b>7,032.15</b>	<b>93,060</b>	<b>7,750</b>	<b>9.1%</b>

## Missions Team Budget

Missions Team Budget						Change from Prior Year Budget	
Acct Code	Acct Description	2008 Annual Budget	2008 Forecast (actual paid thru Oct. + estimate thru Dec.)	Budget Remaining (Exceeded)	2009 Annual Budget	\$	%
1-520100	Dorothy Day Hospitality House	150	150	-	150	-	0%
1-520105	Association of Religious Comm.	150	150	-	150	-	0%
1-520115	Amos House	150	150	-	150	-	0%
1-520120	One Great Hour of Sharing	150	150	-	150	-	0%
1-520125	Neighbors in Need	100	100	-	100	-	0%
1-520130	WestConn Ministries	100	100	-	100	-	0%
1-520135	Basic/Wider Mission Support	3,750	3,750	-	4,125	375	10%
1-520140	Habitat for Humanity	150	150	-	150	-	0%
1-520145	New Fairfield Fuel Bank	200	150	50.00	200	-	0%
1-520150	Interfaith Aids Ministry	150	200	(50.00)	150	-	0%
1-520155	New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Co.	200	200	-	200	-	0%
1-520166	Silver Lake	200	200	-	200	-	0%
1-520167	Christmas Fund	50	50	-	50	-	0%
1-520168	Strengthening the Church	50	50	-	50	-	0%
1-520199	Mission Team Outreach Fund	500	500	-	500	-	0%
<b>Total Missions</b>		<b>6,050</b>	<b>6,050.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,425</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>6%</b>

## Worship & Ministry Budget

		2008 Annual Budget	2008 Forecast (actual paid thru Oct. + estimate thru Dec.)	Budget Remaining (Exceeded)	2009 Annual Budget	Change from Prior Year Budget
Acct Code	Acct Description					\$ %
1-500110	Pastor Salary	42,430	42,430.08	(0.08)	42,430	- 0%
1-500111	Social Security Offset - Pastor	4,251	4,251.12	(0.12)	4,240	(11) 0%
1-500112	Housing Allowance - Pastor	12,730	12,729.84	0.16	12,730	- 0%
1-500114	Auto Allowance - Pastor	2,500	2,499.96	0.04	2,500	- 0%
1-500115	Telephone Allowance - Pastor	270	270.00	-	270	- 0%
1-500116	Pension Plan Pastor	7,354	7,403.92	(49.92)	7,400	46 1%
1-500118	Continuing Ed/Pastor	700	-	700.00	700	- 0%
1-500210	Organist Salary	14,190	14,190.00	-	14,620	430 3%
1-500710	Relief Pastor	1,200	800.00	400.00	800	(400) -33%
1-500720	Relief Organist	600	150.00	450.00	900	300 50%
1-500930	Books & Periodicals	500	79.95	420.05	500	- 0%
<b>Total Employee Expense</b>		<b>86,725</b>	<b>84,804.87</b>	<b>1,920.13</b>	<b>87,090</b>	<b>365 0%</b>
1-500940	Sabbatical Account	2,500	-	2,500.00	3,000	500 20%
1-501150	Advertising Expense	1,150	1,304.00	(154.00)	1,300	150 13%
1-520170	Deacon's Outreach	600	323.25	276.75	600	- 0%
1-571180	Worship Services	300	43.99	256.01	300	- 0%
1-574010	Denomination Charge	2,800	2,762.00	38.00	3,200	400 14%
1-574100	Upper Room	475	46.80	428.20	400	(75) -16%
1-574110	Copyright Licenses	250	223.00	27.00	250	- 0%
1-574120	Compassionate Connections	250	400.00	(150.00)	250	- 0%
TBD	Hospitality		-	-	250	250 100%
1-578010	Youth Choir & Director	300	-	300.00	30	(270) -90%
1-578020	Music Supplies	1,000	79.95	920.05	700	(300) -30%
1-578030	Music Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
1-578040	Music Equipment Maintenance	750	-	750.00	750	- 0%
<b>Total Other Expense</b>		<b>10,375</b>	<b>5,182.99</b>	<b>5,192.01</b>	<b>11,030</b>	<b>655 6%</b>
<b>Total Worship &amp; Ministry Team</b>		<b>97,100</b>	<b>89,987.86</b>	<b>7,112.14</b>	<b>98,120</b>	<b>1,020 1.1%</b>

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