

*The Congregational Church of New Fairfield*

*United Church of Christ*

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2009**



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## Pastor's Report 2009

Each year I have seen the commitment of our congregation grow stronger, and the concern for our members, our neighbors, and our world reach farther and farther; this year was no exception. Over my eleven years as pastor, this congregation continues to surprise me with your ability to try new things, begin new programs, and stretch beyond the comfortable and familiar.

This year, our youth once again led the way, deciding to 'try out' a new location for their Summer Work Trip. The destination was not the familiar hills of Appalachia, but the distant city of Biloxi, MS. To kick off this new focus for mission, in February both teens and dedicated parents hosted "Mardi Gras Madness." This event was not only a fantastic success as a fundraiser – it was fantastic fun! The work trip was a whole new experience for both teens and the adult leaders. We were the first group to stay in the brand new facility at Back Bay Mission, which is a ministry of the United Church of Christ. We worked on homes damaged four years before in the disaster of Katrina. This trip opened our eyes to the extent of the damage and the need in this region even so many years after the storm.

The Angel Food Ministry is an example of the willingness of our congregation to meet the needs of the greater community and step out into new territory. When I brought the idea of being a host church for AFM, I had no idea what kind of response it would receive. The concept was immediately recognized as a valuable ministry and a group of people were quick to volunteer their help. Betty Swan, Dot Bass, and Mary Lou Wallace stepped up to take the lead. Since then we have provided food at a reasonable cost for many people who are struggling to make ends meet in these tough economic times. The need is great and in this economy is constantly growing. But it wouldn't happen with the dedication of many. Special thanks need to go to the very early morning crew who get up before dawn and drive to New Haven to collect our order.

We are all blessed by the quality and caliber of the people on the church staff. In 2009 our ministry team reached a new level of commitment and expertise. Liz Yoho completed a year long course of study in the Associate of Christian Education program (ACE). This program is provided by the United Church of Christ in conjunction with Hartford Seminary. In addition to the classroom work, the ACE program requires each student to do a 'hands on' practical project in their ministry setting. Liz's project, "Practicing Peace" was well thought out and provided activities, information, and experience on practicing peace in our everyday lives. She received her certificate at a graduation ceremony at Hartford Seminary in May.

In September, we celebrated the beginning of a new relationship with Carl Anderson, Minister of Music – now 'Student Minister' as well. Carl is continuing his studies towards ordained ministry at Andover Newton Theological Seminary. A requirement for graduation is to serve as a student minister for at least one school year. We were fortunate that the Congregational Church of New Fairfield was accepted as a learning site. It has been, and continue to be, a blessing to be part of Carl's journey of faith in this way.

Because of the dedication and commitment of so many in our congregation, I was able to take my second sabbatical knowing that you are well equipped to do the work of the church. Even in the sabbatical time you were willing to take a risk and open your hearts to Pastor Betsey Polglase. Although Betsey was approved for ordination pending a call, she was just beginning her ministry. Your willingness to call her as the sabbatical interim allowed her a loving and encouraging place to gain experience.

Each year, I am amazed by what this congregation is able to accomplish. Each year I feel blessed to be a part of it.

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

## **Executive Council 2009**

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. As we look back over 2009, it's clear 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, 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 Danbury, through the AmeriCares Homefront organization. We gathered nearly 40 volunteers on a Saturday to make interior repairs, roofing replacement, replacement of severely water damaged exterior walls, plus extensive yard cleanup.
  - In July, we sent another group of youth and adults to Biloxi Mississippi who helped make repairs and provide services to that area so ravaged by Hurricane Katrina
- For the 14<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 "Godspell," harkening back to the first production we put on 14 years ago and the cast consisted of children and young adults from our congregation and the surrounding 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. A new computer lab has been a fantastic addition to this program.
- Compassionate Connections, the Thrift Shop, and the start of the Angel Food ministry along with several other church programs and organizations continue to provide valuable services to church members as well as the surrounding community.
- Our rental property (once and potentially in the future, the 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 many outside service 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.

Of special note this year is the Congregation's support for the start of Carl Anderson's ministerial student teaching internship at our Church. Rev. Pat has been attending weekly classes near Boston in order to be a qualified supervisor for student teaching assignments. This Supervisor training will allow for the possibilities of future student teaching assignments here at our Church. This time commitment by both Rev Pat and Carl has added yet even another dimension to our Church and we are all the richer for it.

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 2009 and still today CCFN continues to be an important member of the (now-global) community, be it in New Fairfield, a neighboring town, a plane ride away to Mississippi, 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 submitted,

Jerry Gay, Moderator

## **Worship & Ministry 2009**

The past year had lots of activity as the membership on the W&M team changed and we dealt with Pastoral coverage while Rev Pat was away on Sabbatical (already 10yrs with CCNF ☺) and embarked upon supporting our Minister of Music, Carl Anderson, as he proceeds though his student teaching requirements.

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 which 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, ministering to the sick, sorrowing, as well as welcoming a stranger.

Over the summer the team said a sad good-bye to two members Laura Baird and Jerry Gay and gave a hearty welcome to Betsy Schalkham & Ron Webb, both having lots of experience. Remaining members are Mary Carneiro, Peter Brenzel, Tony Kimble and Linda Heintz. Betsy re-assumed the Chairman role, Tony Kimble continued the usher and welcome host schedules, Mary took over submitting articles to the Candlelight, Pete continued with the treasurer duties and Linda Heintz continued with Compassionate Connections. Then over the summer, Linda made a move to the Adirondacks and resigned from the team; we were very sad to see her go and will miss seeing her in church as well as on the team; however we wish her much happiness. In the fall, we welcomed Janice Donnelly, a prior team member back to the team to fill this open spot.

The events of the year were varied and exciting, as usual. W&M worked with the Trustees to acquire funding for placing ceiling fans in the Sanctuary. Memorial Funds eventually paid for half of the cost with Trustees covering the other half. January started out with following up on finishing the Photo Directory which came out in the early spring. We supported the creation of the Angel Food Ministry, which helps not only our own church family, but also anyone in the community who desires to be a part of it. In addition to the actual help it can provide on food costs, this ministry brings our Church into contact with folks we never would have otherwise seen. There were special services for Ash Wed, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, 3 Easter services (including 6:30 a.m. by confirmands held indoors due to cold weather), Music Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, Laity Sunday, Longest night service and 2 Christmas Eve services. Warmest thanks to Carl Anderson for providing special music at many services throughout the year and in providing an Easter Cantata for Palm Sunday. The Junior Choir with Betsy Anderson has prospered and provides a fantastic addition to the music ministry. The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service was directed towards services held in Danbury. As part of our outreach, Christmas and Easter baskets were again delivered to those in need. Services in July and August were held outside in the Martha Fairchild garden with Communion by Intinction.

The major event for the summer was the addition of Pastor Betsey Polglase to our church family. Rev Pat had reached a second five-year point with the church (is that really possible already!) and had earned a second three-month Sabbatical to re-group, re-cover, re-new and re-establish herself in a program of prayer and study. Pastor Betsey stepped right in for June, July and most of August and immediately became one of our family. We were quite sad to say goodbye to her and her husband John, but were happy to welcome Rev Pat back in late August.

The other major event this year was the acceptance of Carl Anderson as a student minister at our Church. As part of this program Rev Pat travels to Boston twice a month for training as a student teacher supervisor. In future years this will allow us to work with other student ministers as they finish seminary school. Carl is working on all aspects of Worship, including teaching some of the confirmation classes. As he is also continuing in his Minister of Music duties, this makes for a very busy year for Carl and with our support we wish the very best for Carl over this very intensive year.

We welcomed 10 new members into the congregation in November. We also welcomed 14 confirmands as members in May after meeting with them at a lunch to discuss their spiritual journey. September brought 12 more confirmands to the next year's class and W&M had an opening lunch with them in October.

The W&M team has 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. Accounting as follows:

	<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>Savings Account</u>
Balance 1 Jan 2009	\$ 419.33	\$ 1229.59
Income	3969.00	3562.31
Disbursements	3910.78	1464.00
Balance 1 January 2010	477.55	3327.90

Savings Account Allocation

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Memorials	610.94	1420.94
Music Fund	0.00	1695.00
Flower Fund	193.50	129.00
Compassionate Conn.	5.15	5.15
Interest	252.61	10.42
Prayer Shawl	167.39	67.39
Total	\$ 1229.59	\$ 3327.90

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Chatterton Schalkham

## **Trustee Team 2009**

The Trustees welcomed the new moderator Jerry Gay to participate in our monthly meetings. The team thanks Andy Wells for all the hard work and time he put in as the 2009 moderator. We enjoyed having him at our meetings. 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 aid of the accounting system and Jeremy Hutchings, church Treasurer, Jerry is now able to provide the team with monthly finance reports. These reports keep us informed of the financial status of the church and enable us to project what the financial needs will be for each month.

This year we signed a two year lease with the tenant in the parsonage which is good until the end of 2011. 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. This year the kitchen will get a much needed upgraded. At this time the trustees are discussing the best way to finance the project.

Other accomplishments over the past year include:

- Cleared brush from around the parking lots.
- Acquired new fans for sanctuary.
- Installed exit signs and emergency lighting over the stairways to the balcony.
- Had the pot holes in the driveway repaired.
- Had the septic tank pumped out and riser cap/cover added to septic cleanout.
- Cleaned the gutters and downspout.
- Outlets and computer hook-up terminals added for all computer stations in room.

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>\$ 3,146.63</b>
Donations	+ 5000.00
<u>Building maintenance</u>	- 2947.50
<b>Ending Balance, December 1, 2007</b>	<b>\$ 5,199.13</b>

### Rental Property Account Summary

The rental of our parsonage has run smoothly this year. We are fortunate to have a tenant who takes great pleasure in investing her own energy and money into this lovely church asset. She has done some tasteful landscaping, and keeps the overall property very neat and clean. She would really like to have the kitchen upgraded in 2010, and is willing to contribute a significant portion of the expense if we can reach agreement on the whole project. Because the budget for this will likely exceed discretionary limits described in our by-laws, we expect to bring a plan before the congregation for a vote early in 2010.

### Rental Property Account Summary

<b>Beginning Balance*</b>	<b>\$4,289.75</b>
Rent	\$26,400.00
	-
Xfer to Unified (pledge)	\$20,400.00
Xfer to Unified (insurance)	\$0.00
Repairs	\$0.00
Other unplanned **	-\$476.00
Property Tax	-\$2,789.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$7,024.75</b>

\* The 2008 ending balance was understated by \$2,200.00

\*\* Replacement kitchen windows installed Oct. 2009.

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

## **Missions Team 2009**

Thanks again for the generosity of our congregation, as well as the different teams and clubs from within the church. A special thanks to Rev. Pat, Toys for Tots and Shear Impulse. They really helped us meet our commitments for the Children's Holiday Party as more children were added on at the last minute.

This has been a busy year. We have been able to provide assistance to many families, individuals, as well as groups that have needed extra help. We have donated to Dorothy Day Hospitality House, Association of Religious Community, The Amos House, One Great Hour of Sharing, New Fairfield Fuel, New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Co., Strengthening the Church, The Christmas Fund, Ann's Place, and Interfaith Aids Ministry, as well as our Basic/Wider Mission.

We were able to fill two tables for the Hospice Breakfast this year as well as sponsor a table for Shelter of the Cross. We were blessed to have hats, mittens, and scarves lovingly handmade to give to the children and adults in need. It is so nice to see the smiles on their faces as they picked out their gifts.

Finally, we were able to have our Holiday Party after Social Services postponed it due to a storm that bypassed us. The children were still happy to see Santa and our magician even if the party was held the following week.

The Mission Team continued to give donations of food to the New Fairfield Food Pantry as well as Dorothy Day Hospitality House.

We have also filled baskets with food for New Fairfield Social Services, Interfaith Aids Ministry, as well as Covenant to Care. Along with the food, each family received a gift card to a local store as many organizations cannot accept food that has to be refrigerated.

Backpacks have been filled with school supplies and given to those in need as well.

I am sure that there are many more projects that we have done, but I will end by saying thank you! Our church is filled with loving and compassionate people that care for others!

### **Missions Account Balance**

January 1, 2009	\$ 2,734.13
Income *	6,033.56
Disbursements *	<u>6,036.45</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$ 2,731.24

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

Respectively submitted,  
Sue Webb  
Missions Team Chairperson

## **Christian Education Team 2009**

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 4 new families. The Sunday school program continued to thrive under the careful guidance of our Director, Liz Yoho. As in the past the program used a rotation curriculum which focuses on the Bible stories and scriptures as well as reinforcing Christian values. Through the diligent work of Liz Yoho, and many generous donations from the congregation, the Sunday school program was able to add a computer room to the rotation. Students are able to use educational Christian software to study the stories of the bible as one of the weekly rotations for each topic. Special events for the Sunday school children included Rally Day, the Christmas Pageant, Family Pancake Dinner at the beginning of Lent, an Easter Egg Hunt, and the Children's Sunday Picnic. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders studied the books of the bible as well as some of the topics in the rotation.

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 and service oriented events for our pre-teens such as Souper Bowl Sunday, road cleanups, serving at church dinners, a bike trip, and game & activity nights. The High School Youth Group incorporated the training and preparation for AmeriCares, the summer mission trip to Mississippi and work on the church grounds. They also fundraised to pay for this mission project. 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, 2009	\$ 1,057.17
Income	\$5,074.09
Disbursements	<u>\$4,961.37</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$1,169.89

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Generali  
CE Team Treasurer

## **Children's Ministry 2009**

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: Jonah, Esther, Samuel, Missions, Holy Week, Call of the Disciples, Paul, Prince of Peace, Lord's Prayer, David, and Advent/Christmas. Our special summer program focused on an adventure trek through the Bible with stops in Galilee, the Upper Room, Pharisees' House, Bethlehem and the Promised Land. 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, Mary Carneiro, Heidi Finlay, Pat Finlay, Lori Generali, Linda Heintz, Jennifer Hickey, Katy Johannssen, Nancy Kile, Tony Kimble, Megan Knight, Loretta Lechner, Lisa Lee, Jennifer Melton, Lori Opsal, Donna Pierpont, Pat Sacco, Irene Sahinovic, Susan Schenck, Pam Schretzenmayer, Linda Seiler, Gretchen Skidmore, Jim Whiting, 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 6 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 Mission Sunday, Easter egg Hunt, Earth Day CE Volunteer Appreciation Day, Children's Sunday, and year end picnic, Rally Day, Pinwheels for Peace, Bible Sunday for 12 children, and the Christmas Pageant. I completed my ACE Project and presented a Practice Peace program to the congregation in March. I was extremely grateful for all the support given to me. We began a new program called God & Me and had our first three children complete the program. Our weekly children's offering was designated for mission projects like Church World Service, Silver Lake and our Mission Teams Thanksgiving Baskets. We also use our offerings to help fund the new computer room, now called the Digital Den. We purchased 6 new computers, a printer, 12 computer chairs and installed counter tops. We also purchased a new video camera and projector. We were blessed with special gifts from many congregation members and the memorial gifts in memory of Mike Hess. We are recycling batteries and used sneakers as part of our 'green' efforts. We co-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 2009

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. The MSYG served at the annual Corned Beef and Ham Dinners. We continued our work on our prayer walk & peace garden outside the church. The MSYG 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 \$350. We revived our road clean up program and cleaned from Consolidated to Hidden Valley. We learned to make applesauce with the Service Club and made cookies for shut-ins.

Our SHYG had a fantastic retreat in Cape Cod in April with Marina Wells and the Christian Union Church in North Truro, MA. We worked on finding balance in our lives and a way to be centered. We also had time for an awesome whale watch and campfire dinner on the beach. We took a trip to Nightwatch in December at St. John the Divine Cathedral in NYC. We also spent time together with dinner and discussion nights and fellowship activities.

Our SHYG mission team led the church in our second project with AmeriCares Homefront. We had a fantastic time working on a home in Danbury with our confirmands and some youth friends from the New Milford Congregational. All together there were 50 people on the project. We also participated in our tenth mission trip and went for the first time to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS. We had a team consisting of 14 youth and 7 adults. Once we got used to the heat, we got busy repairing walls, mudding and taping and then painted the outside of an entire house. We all had a great experience meeting one of our homeowners, Greg and his dog Gumbo. We also had an opportunity to go to New Orleans and spend a day touring the sights. 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 had a very successful first time Mardi Gras Madness event that raised over \$3200. This included a silent auction, Canjun food, basket raffles, activities, beads and masks and live music by the Bandolins. An awesome team led by Mary Carneiro, Cille Grabert, Helga Schretzenmayer, Sue Monshaw and Jackie Hutchings made the event such a success. We ‘flamingoed’ again this year and spread the pink love around town. We also raised funds through our 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 2009 trip – Laura Baird, Mary Carneiro, Jackie Hutchings, Jeremy Hutchings, Pat Nicholas, Liz Yoho, and Tracy Yoho. We have begun fundraising and plans for our summer 2010 trip back to Appalachia.

Peace,  
Liz Yoho  
Director of Children & Youth Ministries

### SHYG Account Summary

<b>Balance as of Jan 1, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 66.87</b>
Income	\$ 19667.84
Expenses	<u>\$ 14624.42</u>
<b>Balance as of Dec 31, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 5110.29</b>

## **Minister of Music 2009**

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 Betsy Anderson, for directing the Junior Choir this year and Janice Donnelly who serves as our music Librarian, for keeping us so well organized.

Special music programs of the year included special Advent music, Music Sunday service and a special program for the Residents of the Masonicare Healthcare Center with the Community Baptist Church of Manchester. 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 "Godspell." 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 2009

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 for business 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:

- 23 bags to Goodwill
- 10 1/2 bags of clothing for the Veterans
- 9 bags of clothing to the Landfill Box for the needy

### Women's Church Club Cash Account:

Income from Thrift Shop	\$1,043.75
Donations to Church from the Thrift	522.08
Donation to the Laura Stietzel Memorial	75.00
Ad for the church annual play "Godspell"	50.00
Other Church Expenses	396.67
	0.00
Balance	0.00

### Women's Church Club Savings Account:

Balance as of January 1, 2009	\$2,346.78
Deposits	1,081.55
Interest Income	5.28
Disbursements (Church Pledge)	-1,200.00
Disbursements (Certificate of Deposit)	-500.00
	1,733.61
Balance as of December 31, 2009	1,733.61

(Certificate of Deposit \$2,146.12)

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita N. Parrillo  
Treasurer

## **Women's Ministry 2009**

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.

Over the past few years, we have explored many different types of activities and 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, hiked at Kent Falls, and attended retreats at the Oratory of the Little Way in Gaylordsville and most recently at Camp Washington.

We all have experienced wonderful support and deeper friendships over the past few years. We are looking forward to another year of fun, cultural exploration, but mostly a mutual building of our faith. We invite new members to come join us for a joyful fulfilling experience with other women of the church. We are always looking for new members and new activity ideas.

Respectively submitted,  
Mary Carneiro

## Investment Committee 2009

Working under the supervision of the Trustees Team, the Investment Committee is responsible for the maintenance and investment of the Congregational Church of New Fairfield “permanent fund.” Committee members this year were Andy Wells, Janice Zackeo and Lou Rogowski.

### Investment Summary

**Mass Mutual** (Acct ...496)

Total Investment	\$ 174,680.00
Value as of 12/31/08	178,626.65
Change in account value	6,250.91
Withdrawals during 2009	0.00
Value as of 12/31/09	184,842.56

**American Funds** (Acct ...668)

Total Investment	\$ 104,265.00
Value as of 12/31/08	74,011.88
Change in portfolio value	20,543.73
Withdrawals during 2009	0.00
Value as of 12/31/09	94,555.61

**UCC Cornerstone Fund** (Acct ...001)

Total Investment	\$ 61,370.00
Value as of 12/31/08	66,103.89
Change in account value	2,729.00
Withdrawals during 2009	0.00
Value as of 12/31/09	68,832.89

**UCC Cornerstone Fund** (Acct ...002)

Total Investment	\$ 17,000.00
Value as of 12/31/08	18,096.11
Change in account value	684.96
Withdrawals during 2009	0.00
Value as of 12/31/09	18,781.07

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,  
Andrew Wells

## Outdoor Ministries 2009

In April, ODM celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a fun night of Square Dancing, preceded by a bake bean and pulled pork supper.

Garden Maintenance:

1. Fertilized dog wood and apricot trees. Locust trees treated for fungi.
2. New annuals planted, boxwood and shrubs pruned, Belgium blocks straightened, weeding, new stone dust in walkways.
3. New Jack Grant Chapel sign.

The September 8<sup>th</sup> Senior luncheon was well attended. Beautiful music was provided by the Harmonnets, of which our own Debbie Gardiner is a member.

Due to the continued wet weather the gardens suffered and the planned sanding and staining of benches postponed to 2010.

Thank you to all who volunteered your Sunday collections and donations.

May the Gardens continue to give peace and tranquility to all.

### BANK ACCOUNT SUMMER 2009

<u>Checking Account</u>		<u>Savings Account</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$3,592.69	Beginning Balance	\$4,079.15
Income	\$2,971.00	Income	\$3,732.33
Disbursements	\$4,059.74	Withdrawal . . CD	\$3,000.00
Ending Balance	\$2,503.95	Ending Balance	\$4,811.48

<u>CD's</u>			
Number 968 -	Number 602 -	Number 921 -	Number 031 -
\$2,558.99	\$3,320.52	\$1,773.41	\$3,061.54

**CD's ENDING TOTAL: \$10,714.46**

Respectively submitted,  
Betty Swan, Chairperson

## Angel Food Ministries 2009

Angel Food Ministries began in Georgia in 1994 to help people in need. We became involved in April, partnership with The First Congregational Church of Derby. In August, we received our own identification number, allowing us to set up our own computer site, a direct link to the AFM home office. This service made it possible for our customers to order on line with credit card or use food stamps.

Orders are taken the first two Sundays and distribution day is the fourth Saturday. We travel to Rock Church in New Haven to meet the refrigerated trailer truck that brings the food up directly from Georgia. We begin the day in a circle, while Pastor Roundtree says a prayer. Then out in the parking lot the food is quickly loaded into the vehicles with everyone helping each other.

Then back at church a wonderful group of volunteers have set up a great system which allows the customers to pick up their food quickly and efficiently.

The church received \$1.00 per order. Number of orders per month: April-60 orders, May-36 orders, June-35 orders, July 46 orders, August-46 orders, September-79 orders, October-46 orders, November-87 orders, December 69 orders, for a total of 504 orders. Since beginning in April, we have served 119 customers from Bethel, New Milford, Danbury, and New York. Some are steady customers, and some trying this service once. You can order any amount, any month and this service is open to all.

In November for Thanksgiving, we gave 4 Thanksgiving boxes and 1 Senior Box to people in need in our church.

Special Church collection provided working capital: \$369.00

Travel expenses: . . . Gas, truck rental: \$305.30

In April, our first trip, we rented a truck not sure of the space needed, but we found out that we could pack all the boxes in our van. In November, for the Thanksgiving run, we needed two vans.

Record of money for this Ministry: Savings Bank of Danbury

Total Deposits: March - December 2009	\$10,311.00
Disbursements: April - December 2009	\$9,985.30
Balance December 31, 2009	\$325.70

Respectfully submitted,  
Dot Bass  
Mary Lou Wallace  
Betty Swan

## Stewardship Committee 2009

### *Stewardship 2010: Get Real. Get Going. Get Giving.*

Stewardship is the challenge of discipleship. We invited the congregation to celebrate Stewardship Sunday on November 22 with a call to ***get real, get going, and get giving***:

***Get real*** about the tremendous abundance that God has graced each of us with.

***Get going*** by dreaming big and finding ways to manifest those dreams.

Christian Education, Worship & Ministry, Trustees and Missions presented their Team Dreams on four consecutive Sunday services leading up to Stewardship Sunday. The Christian Education Team dreams to extend their curriculum to include a working kitchen. The Trustee Team wants to shore up the church building, and catch up with often-deferred maintenance, so it's a more welcoming place for everyone who comes here seeking the comfort of being close to God. The Worship & Ministry Team wants to install a wheelchair ramp that allows all worshippers to come in through the front doors, and they want to add parking lot lights for a safe approach to the church after dark. The Missions team is eager to go beyond our borders to help the poorest of the poor climb out of hopelessness through Heifer International. As Christians, how can we do any less than dream big?

And on November 22 we were challenged to ***get giving***, with generosity and gratitude.

Our first step was to get real. We live in a culture that fears scarcity; but when we get real we recognize that we live in a culture that is enormously blessed. So as we stopped to consider the blessings in our lives, we asked ourselves -- What is it that you are thankful for, right now?

**This week, I am thankful for**

As part of worship, we each noted our gratitude. When the offeratory plate was passed, we didn't just place in our gift of money, we placed our thanks to God in there, too.

"From Jesus' fullness, we have all received grace upon grace."  
-John 1:16

Our results as of Feb. 1, compared with the same time last year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Pledges</u>	<u>Total Pledged</u>	<u>Average Pledge</u>
2010	107	\$137,093	\$1,281
2009	102, Inc. 3 declines	\$135,858	\$1,372
2008	124, Inc. 3 declines	\$133,368	\$1,076

The Stewardship Committee will strive to find news ways to celebrate stewardship throughout the year to encourage generous support of our church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Pierpont  
Stewardship Committee, Chair  
Stewardship Committee Members: Laura Kimble, Andy Wells

## Compassionate Connections Ministry 2009

*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 year we said ‘good-bye’ to coordinator, Linda Heintz. In September, Linda and her family decided to make their Lake Champlain home their permanent residence. Under Linda’s able guidance this ministry became even more involved in taking care of the needs of our congregation. Her departure made it necessary for a reorganization of the ministry. We are fortunate to have so many people willing to give their time and talent to this ministry. Their gifts are making the transition go smoothly.

The new design provides team leaders for each of the Compassionate Connection services. During the transition, I will serve as coordinator. The team leaders are:

**Visitation:** Irene Howard

**Meals:** Agnes Trimpert

**Transportation:** Nancy Eckert

**Home Repair:** Lynn Raymond

**Sewing:** Jane Seaman

In the fall, Gifts of Caring Offerings were received and a Dedication of Caregivers took place in November. The Caregiver Volunteers for the 2008-2009 Season include 6 Visitors, 17 Meal Providers, 9 Transportation Providers, 3 Minor home repair Providers, and 2 Sewing & Alterations Providers

This ministry continues to work to meet the need of our congregation, and will continue to evolve as we work through this transition year – thanks to the efforts of so many volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas

# Compassionate Connections Ministry

## LIST OF VOLUNTEERS 2009/2010

### VISITORS

Irene Howard (Coordinator)  
Teri Czudak  
Carolee Harkins  
Katy Johannssen  
Donna Pierpont  
Jayne Morin  
Mayra Olafson  
Joy Scott  
Betty Swan

### HOME REPAIR

Lynn Raymond  
(Coordinator)  
Pete Brenzel  
Mats Engstrom  
Tony Kimble

### DRIVERS

Nancy Eckert (Coordinator)  
Laura Baird  
Bev & Bob Campbell  
Jackie Hutchings  
Mayra Olafson  
Donna Pierpont  
Lynn & Luella Raymond  
Nancy Sasseen  
Monica Schmidt  
Jean Strilowich  
Ken & Ann Taylor  
Bill & Agnes Trimpert  
Liz Yoho

### MEAL PROVIDERS

Bill & Agnes Trimpert  
(Coordinator)  
Gail Boden  
Hazel Burger  
Mary Carneiro  
Leann Coldwell  
Teri Czudak  
Cille Grabert  
Patty & Jerry Gay  
Jennifer Melton  
Marie Moore  
Jayne Morin  
Barbara Paris  
Lynn & Luella Raymond  
Nancy Sasseen  
Betsy Schalkham  
Monica Schmidt  
Kathy Scott  
Linda Seiler  
Ron & Sue Webb  
Jean Strilowich  
Linda Yannone  
Liz Yoho

### SEWING

Jane Seaman (Coordinator)  
Gretchen Skidmore  
Nancy Sasseen

## Scholarship Committee 2009

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 seventh year. We had three award recipients:

Danielle Czudak, studying to be an English Teacher/Professor, attending University of Connecticut.

Jessica Hutchings, studying Fashion Design, attending Lasell College

Leigh Scudder, attending University of Connecticut.

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

### 2009 Activity

**Balance brought Forward** \$37,178.55

#### Donations in Memory of:

Janet Novicky	\$25
Janet Novicky, Kevin Norton & Homer Norton	\$25
Dorothy Kramer	\$25
Laura Stietzel ( Service Club)	\$25
Laura Stietzel	\$300
Edward Passarella (Service Club)	\$150
Gertrude Kalinka ( Service Club)	\$25
Dorothy Hatch (Service Club)	\$25
Gertrude Kalinka	\$590
Maria Rack (Service Club)	\$75
Mable Williams (Service Club)	\$125
Out Door Ministries	\$200
Alfred Clear	\$4340
<b>Total Donations:</b>	<b><u>\$5,930</u></b>

Interest 2009	\$ 922.97
Interest Balance brought forward	\$1,955.83
2008 Scholarship	-1,500.00
<b>Balance:</b>	<b><u>\$1,378.70</u></b>

	Balance		Interest 2009
MetLife Investment		\$20,301.87	\$618.25
Union Savings Bank CD		\$14,470.75	\$270.38
Union Savings Bank CD		\$ 2,208.60	\$ 23.43
USB Savings Passbook		\$ 5,550.20	\$ 10.81
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>\$42,531.42</u></b>	<b><u>\$922.87</u></b>

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 2009

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 May 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	\$1,531.39
Tag and Bake Sale	\$ 570.88
Card Party	\$ 813.00
Candy	\$ 214.36
Raffles	\$ 286.00
Ham Dinner	\$1,213.61
Bazaar Crafts (Service Club & Women's Church Club)	\$1,742.30

Our Donations for the year were as follows:

2009 Pledge & "Bridge the Gap" to General Fund	\$3,000.00
General Fund Donation from Bazaar Crafts Profit (Combined with Women's Church Club)	\$1,735.00
Americares Workday Sandwich Donation	\$ 45.90
Department of Children & Families Donation	\$ 100.00
Scholarship Fund Donations	\$ 425.00
Preserve New Fairfield Donation	\$ 100.00
Donation for "Godspell" Ad	\$ 50.00
New Fairfield Cemetery Association	\$ 100.00
New Fairfield Fire Department	\$ 100.00
Mission Party-Filled Christmas Stockings Donation	\$ 107.00
Other Gifts & Donations	\$ 127.98

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 2010 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 2009 were as follows:

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Dohan  
Secretary

Service Club Financial Report 2009:

Checking Account:

Beginning Balance	\$6,852.92
Income	\$8,688.89
Paid Out	\$8,068.03
Balance	\$7,473.78

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance	\$2,265.26
Withdrawal CD	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 7.21
Balance	\$2,272.47

CD:

Balance	\$5,468.49
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Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Zackeo  
Treasurer

**Summer Play Committee  
2009**

The summer of 2009 brought to Pilgrim Hall our fourteenth annual summer musical. This year's musical was *Godspell*. Six performances were presented and 801 tickets used.

We realized a profit of \$10,600.00, which was transferred to the United Fund to help pay church expenses.

Summer Play Bank Account Summary

Balance as of January 1, 2009	\$5,456.95
Income	22,069.75
Disbursements	21,752.88
Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$5,773.82

Respectfully submitted,  
Dot Bass

## Prayer Shawl Ministry - 2009

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, established at CCNF in 2005, is a community of members who gather together to knit and crochet shawls. These shawls provide comfort, warmth, and hope in times of desperation or illness and celebration in the times of rejoicing. The ministry meets once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from August through June and includes prayer, conversation, and crafting. In 2009, 57 shawls were distributed, not including the many pocket shawls for the pancreatic walk. Since 2005, the ministry has given out 202 shawls and continues to grow and seek new members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue St. Hilaire & Dot Bass

## Flower Committee - 2009

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 Bank Account Record:

January 2009	Balance	\$ 864.16
	Income	+1,013.50
	Expenses	-615.45
	Interest	+2.91
January 2009		\$1,265.12

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Zackeo  
Chairperson

## Hospitality Committee - 2009

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 \$143.55 in donations for papers goods and approximately \$958.99 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 2009-2010**  
**Congregational Church of New Fairfield**

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

Moderator	Jerry Gay
Vice Moderator	Donna Pierpont
Church Clerk	Loretta Lechner
Financial Secretary	Sally Kile
Treasurer	Jeremy Hutchings
Historian	Ken Taylor

**Executive Committee At Large** *(1 year term with no term limits)*

Laurie Busse  
Betty Swan  
Joe Constantinides

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

Emeritus: Ruth Hawley, Ken Bass, Barbara Coelho and Kirk Dupas		
<u>Through 2010</u>	<u>Through 2011</u>	<u>Through 2012</u>
Tony Kimble	Peter Brenzel	Betsy Schalkam
	Mary Carneiro	Ron Webb

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

<u>Through 2010</u>	<u>Through 2011</u>	<u>Through 2012</u>
Lynn Raymond	Gretchen Skidmore	Carl Koehler Teri Czudak

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

<u>Through 2010</u>	<u>Through 2011</u>	<u>Through 2012</u>
Lori Generali	Linda Seiler	Susan Schenk

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

<u>Through 2010</u>	<u>Through 2011</u>	<u>Through 2012</u>
Marcia Semchysen	Becky Williams	Sue Webb

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

<u>Through 2010</u>	<u>Through 2011</u>
Donna Pierpont	Andy Wells

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

Through 2010  
Dotty Norman

Through 2011  
Diane Williamson  
Jane Seaman

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

Through 2010  
Janice Zackeo

Through 2011  
Mary Lou Wallace  
Dot Bass

## **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  
Jerry Gay, Moderator

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Congregational Church of New Fairfield**  
**January to December 2009**

**Accounts**

Beginning Balance		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Union Savings Bank</b>		
1-100100 - Unified Checking	\$7,722.45	
1-100110 - Restricted Checking	\$0.00	
<b>Total Union Savings Bank</b>	<b>\$7,722.45</b>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$7,722.45</b>
<b>Total Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$7,722.45</b>
<b>Sources of Funds</b>		
<b>Offerings</b>		
1-400100 - Plate Offerings	\$121,566.37	
1-400101 - Electronic Offerings	\$47,934.31	
1-400115 - Non-Pledge Offerings	\$5,000.00	
<b>Total Offerings</b>		<b>\$174,500.68</b>
<b>Contributions</b>		
1-402150 - Miscellaneous Contributions	\$13,132.00	
<b>Total Contributions</b>		<b>\$13,132.00</b>
<b>Other Sources</b>		
1-403110 - Parsonage Rent	\$19,200.00	
1-403120 - Reimbursements	(\$50.00)	
<b>Total Other Sources</b>		<b>\$19,150.00</b>
<b>Total Withholdings</b>		<b>\$10,736.88</b>
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$217,519.56</b>	<b>\$225,242.01</b>
<b>Uses of Funds</b>		
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>\$140,136.83</b>
<b>Total Office Expense</b>		<b>\$6,506.19</b>
<b>Total Administration</b>		<b>\$7,522.00</b>
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,080.90</b>
<b>Total Building &amp; Maintenance</b>		<b>\$35,384.77</b>
<b>Total Benevolences</b>		<b>\$5,991.10</b>
<b>Total Ministries</b>		<b>\$6,559.27</b>
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		<b>\$453.86</b>
<b>Total Withholdings</b>		<b>\$10,772.25</b>
<b>Total Uses of Funds</b>	<b>\$215,407.17</b>	<b>\$9,834.84</b>
<b>Balances On Hand</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Union Savings Bank</b>		
1-100100 - Unified Checking	\$4,834.84	
1-100110 - Restricted Checking	\$5,000.00	
<b>Total Union Savings Bank</b>	<b>\$9,834.84</b>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$9,834.84</b>
<b>Total Balances on Hand</b>		<b>\$9,834.84</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jeremy S. Hutchings  
 CCFN Treasurer

## **UCC Delegate 2009**

This Spring Rev. Pat, Ron and I were able to attend the meeting of the United Church of Christ. At that time, we listened to what other churches were going through with the economy as bad as it has become. We shared different ways of coping, as well as different things their churches were doing to add to the growth of their churches. Some of the things were a quiet room, a nurse that takes blood pressure, going green, and many things that we already do.

Each church that had a prayer shawl group was asked to bring one to donate to those in need. It was wonderful to see everyone walk up the aisle and place their shawl among the others. We then broke into small groups to discuss what was happening in our churches and what we can do to help.

We were unable to go to the fall meeting so I have nothing to share about that meeting. We are all looking forward to this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Webb, UCC Delegate

## **Dorothy Day 2009**

This was the second year of CCNF serving meals at Dorothy Day Hospitality House in Danbury. We served a hot, delicious meal to the hungry on the first Friday of five months this year in March, June, August, October, and December of 2009. Each time we served approximately 75 to 100 hungry people.

Throughout the year, approximately 30 different people from the congregation participated in food preparation, serving and clean-up. Countless others participated by contributing fresh fruits and vegetables. Our volunteers were also joined by a few helpers from various places (another church, friend of CCNF members, people needing community service hours). We worked happily together to participate in the wonder that is Dorothy Day.

Laura Baird is the Coordinator for our work at Dorothy Day, and she gets lots of help from Liz Yoho, Rev. Pat, and the rest of the congregation. It truly is a group effort.

If you've never served at Dorothy Day, we do encourage you to give it a try. You will witness love, generosity, and appreciation there.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Baird

**Church Records  
Baptisms 2009**

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Parent's Name</b>	<b>Date Of Birth</b>	<b>Date Of Baptism</b>	<b>Minister</b>
Sabrina Grace Schmidt	Monica Alice Mankowsky & Eric Eugen Schmidt	10/10/07	10/25/09	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
Tristan John Knight	Megan Duffy Knight & John Patrick Knight	08/07/97	11/14/09	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas

**Church Records  
Weddings 2009**

<b>Bride's Name</b>	<b>Groom's Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Minister</b>
Adina Pavon	Mark Garafola	07/11/09	Pastor Betsey Polglase
Keegan Phelps-Franco	Keith Scelia	07/19/09	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas

## Church Records Membership 2009

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Minister</b>
05/17/09	Walker Joseph Baird	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Jamie Lynn Bishop	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Trevor Dean Cocozza	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	David John Fejes	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Andrew Steven Hutchings	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Lauren Monica Lechner	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Paige Margaret Marion	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Emily Sarah Michalek	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Sydney Priscilla Monshaw	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Adrian H. Sahinovic	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Marcus Allan Schenck	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Niles Michael Spaulding	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Devyn Elizabeth Abdella	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
05/17/09	Amanda Jean Williams	Confirmation	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/08/09	Nancy Elizabeth Abdella	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/08/09	James Joseph Peterson	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/08/09	Katherine (Butterfield) Peterson	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/08/09	Robert Henry Plate	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/08/09	Kathleen Marie (Goodwin) Plate	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/08/09	Jessica Lynne Plate	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/08/09	Kelsey Marie Plate	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/08/09	Stephen Snyder	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/08/09	Donna Peck (Moissonnier) Tescione	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/08/09	Patricia L. (Moissonnier) Tescione	New Member	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas

## Church Records Deaths 2009

<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Date of Service</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Service at</b>	<b>Minister</b>
01/07/09	01/10/09	Gertrude Kalinka*	CCNF; Mountain View Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
01/26/09	01/30/09	Mabel Williams*	CCNF; Mountain View Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
02/19/09	02/24/09	George O. Bowen*	CCNF; Mountain View Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
03/22/09	03/27/09	Matthew Gillotti	Green Fn'l Home – Charter Oak Crematory	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
04/07/09	04/11/09	James C. Anderson	Wooster Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
04/25/09	04/30/09	Michael Hess*	CCNF; Mountain View Cemetery	Rev. Cindy Maddox
05/21/09	05/26/09	Laura Virginia Stietzel*	CCNF; Central Cemetery, Brookfield	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
11/22/09	11/25/09	Nelson Arthur Secor*	Hull Fn'l Home – Pembroke Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
12/14/09	12/18/09	June Truet*	CCNF	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas
12/29/09	12/31/09	Russell Bass*	Hull Fn'l Home – Pembroke Cemetery	Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Nicholas

\* Church Member

# Financial Secretary's Report 2009

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2009 Pledges	\$9,566.00	\$10,779.25	\$13,599.00	\$11,560.76	\$11,752.00	\$9,651.00	\$10,047.00	\$10,955.33	\$10,570.00	\$11,733.00	\$14,072.85	\$11,490.00	\$135,776.19
2008 Pledges	\$875.00	\$154.00											\$1,029.00
2010 Pledges											\$185.00	\$700.00	\$885.00
Contributions	\$930.00	\$1,160.00	\$1,199.00	\$1,936.00	\$1,610.00	\$1,320.00	\$935.00	\$1,323.00	\$611.00	\$1,624.00	\$1,627.00	\$1,026.00	\$15,301.00
Loose Collections	\$201.35	\$139.16	\$206.00	\$647.00	\$432.00	\$129.50	\$175.00	\$88.75	\$174.00	\$438.00	\$259.00	\$338.00	\$3,227.76
Initial Offering Envelopes	\$56.00	\$60.00		\$10.00									\$126.00
Service Club Pledge						\$1,250.00		\$1,750.00					\$3,000.00
Women's Club Pledge		\$550.00										\$650.00	\$1,200.00
Bazaar Profits WCC&RWSC												\$1,735.00	\$1,735.00
Chicken BBQ (Ser. Club)													\$0.00
Baptisms													\$0.00
Weddings			\$50.00		\$50.00		\$200.00			\$450.00			\$750.00
Parsonage Rent	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$20,400.00
Special Services		\$20.00	\$3.00				\$150.00			\$34.05			\$1,795.00
Coffee Hour							\$82.00						\$119.05
Copies							\$5.00						\$5.00
Reimbursements (below)	\$37.00	\$132.50	\$243.80					\$97.93		\$389.01		\$134.20	\$1,034.44
Summer Play									\$10,600.00				\$10,600.00
Bridge The Gap							\$2,390.00	\$550.00		\$250.00	\$150.00		\$3,340.00
Thrift Shop			\$57.50				\$141.42			\$126.63		\$112.88	\$438.43
Electronic Deposit Fees	(\$39.01)	(\$35.46)	(\$33.51)	(\$32.91)	(\$31.16)	(\$30.86)	(\$35.71)	(\$33.16)	(\$32.66)	(\$35.16)	(\$31.91)	(\$22.33)	(\$393.84)
Misc. 1		\$150.00	\$5,000.00				\$250.00				\$500.00	\$82.50	\$5,982.50
TOTAL INCOME:	\$13,326.34	\$14,789.45	\$22,044.79	\$15,830.85	\$15,512.84	\$14,019.64	\$16,039.71	\$16,431.85	\$23,622.34	\$16,709.53	\$18,461.94	\$19,741.25	\$206,530.53
Missions Special Offering													\$0.00
CE Director Fund													\$0.00
Youth Group Heifer Project													\$0.00
Misc. 2													\$0.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS:	\$13,326.34	\$14,789.45	\$22,044.79	\$15,830.85	\$15,512.84	\$14,019.64	\$16,039.71	\$16,431.85	\$23,622.34	\$16,709.53	\$18,461.94	\$19,741.25	\$206,530.53
Weekly Receipts													
1st Week	\$3,457.36	\$2,949.75	\$4,062.00	\$4,406.52	\$4,250.00	\$4,056.16	\$3,549.36	\$2,969.00	\$3,037.86	\$5,061.42	\$4,134.85	\$4,079.31	\$46,013.59
2nd Week	\$3,296.42	\$1,834.06	\$7,797.01	\$4,097.92	\$3,899.86	\$6,872.42	\$3,112.37	\$1,361.28	\$15,361.92	\$3,266.92	\$3,290.61	\$4,222.38	\$58,413.17
3rd Week	\$3,453.06	\$6,850.92	\$6,536.42	\$5,741.91	\$4,462.92	\$2,204.06	\$5,290.48	\$3,963.56	\$4,022.56	\$6,658.69	\$6,582.92	\$3,867.56	\$59,625.06
4th Week	\$3,119.50	\$3,154.72	\$1,415.36	\$1,584.50	\$1,065.06	\$887.00	\$4,087.50	\$3,097.01	\$1,200.00	\$1,722.50	\$2,517.56	\$7,582.00	\$31,432.71
5th Week			\$2,234.00		\$1,835.00			\$5,041.00			\$1,936.00		\$11,046.00
Other													\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$13,326.34	\$14,789.45	\$22,044.79	\$15,830.85	\$15,512.84	\$14,019.64	\$16,039.71	\$16,431.85	\$23,622.34	\$16,709.53	\$18,461.94	\$19,741.25	\$206,530.53

Receipts	2009 Budget (to date)	Over or (Under) Budget	Notes:
	\$13,326	\$28,116	January: \$37 = Insurance Reimbursement
	\$18,925	\$37,850	February: \$132.50 from Outdoor Ministries, double payment, Contribution from ODM for Oil - \$100.00, Key Deposit - \$25.00, Girl Scouts for Mother/Daughter Games Day - \$25.00
			March: \$5,000 special contribution - to be transferred to Trustees, \$57.50=Thrift Shop Proceeds, \$243.80 reimbursement from Fairfield County Irrigation.
			April: (\$5,599) (\$9,734) (\$9,709) (\$13,121) (\$18,026) (\$20,911) (\$23,405) (\$18,707) (\$20,923) (\$21,386) (\$20,569)
			May: June: July: \$150.00 Special Services to be reimbursed to Pastor Poiglase for Memorial Service; \$50.00 for Plano Recital, \$200 for Sanctuary use Scellia/Phelps-Franco.
			August: September: October: Reimbursement - Invoice 31
			November: \$500 from Boy Scouts for use of the building.
			December: \$134.20 - stamps for Stewardship Mailing, \$82.50 for Recycled Print Cartridges, Christmas Eve Services - Amounts are as received (those in pledge envelopes will be credited on 12/27 for their statements). Of the amounts collected Christmas Eve, \$944.00 was put into pledges. The actual amount for the two services totaled \$2,739.00; \$1,411.00 for 5:30 and \$1,328.00 for 7:30.

Sally Kile  
Financial Secretary

## CCNF Budget Summary - 2010

	% of Total Budget	2008 Actual Expenses	2009 Annual Budget	2010 Proposed Budget	Change from 2009 Year Budget	
					\$	
					%	
Total Missions Team	3.0%	\$6,050	6,425	7,125	700	10.89%
Total Worship & Ministry Team	43.3%	\$89,868	98,120	101,659	3,539	3.61%
Total Christian Education Team	13.5%	\$28,062	29,495	31,805	2,310	7.83%
Total Trustees Team	37.8%	\$77,505	88,060	88,829	769	0.87%
Total Parsonage Section	2.3%	\$3,534	5,000	5,400	400	8.00%
<b>Total Congregational Church of New Fairfield</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>205,019</b>	<b>227,100</b>	<b>234,818</b>	<b>7,718</b>	<b>3.40%</b>

### Christian Education Team Budget 2010

Acct Code	Acct Description	2008 Annual Actual	2009 Annual Budget	Proposed 2010 Annual Budget	% Change
1-500310	Christian Education Director	22,100	23,105	25,415	10%
<b>Total Employee Expense</b>		<b>22,100</b>	<b>23,105</b>	<b>25,415</b>	<b>10%</b>
1-570100	Curriculum	2,058	2,400	2,400	0%
1-570110	Confirmation Materials	137	350	350	0%
1-570120	Bibles	199	200	200	0%
1-570130	Adult Education	582	100	100	0%
1-570140	Youth Ministry	743	1,000	1,000	0%
<b>Total Education Expense</b>		<b>3,719</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>0%</b>
1-571100	Child Care	960	1,040	1,040	0%
1-571120	Holiday & Gift Expenses	264	300	300	0%
1-571130	Breakfasts & Gatherings	100	100	100	0%
1-571140	Cradle Roll	-	100	100	0%
1-571160	Leadership Training	709	800	800	0%
<b>Total Other Expense</b>		<b>2,052</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total Christian Education</b>		<b>28,062</b>	<b>29,495</b>	<b>31,805</b>	<b>7.8%</b>

## Trustees Team Budget 2010

Acct Code	Acct Description	2008 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	%
1-505100	Property Insurance - Church	6,417	4,800	6,000	25%
1-510100	Church Maintenance & Repairs	3,544	3,000	4,000	33%
1-510110	Garbage Removal	1,493	1,500	1,500	0%
1-510120	Snow Removal	850	3,000	3,000	0%
1-510130	Lawn Maintenance	2,264	1,650	2,300	39%
1-510140	Inspection Fees	120	200	200	0%
1-510200	Janitorial Supplies	583	650	1,000	54%
1-510210	Maintenance Paper Products	280	100	-	-100%
1-510300	Propane	888	750	750	0%
1-510310	Fuel Oil	18,803	20,000	16,500	-18%
1-510320	Electricity	4,909	7,000	7,500	7%
1-510330	Telephone	2,186	2,300	2,300	0%
<b>Total Building Expenses</b>		<b>42,337</b>	<b>44,950</b>	<b>45,050</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
1-220100	Federal Taxes Payable	-	-	-	N/A
1-220110	FICA Taxes Payable	-	-	-	N/A
1-220120	Medicare Taxes Payable	-	-	-	N/A
1-220130	State Taxes Payable	-	-	-	N/A
1-500410	Sexton	7,696	9,050	12,064	33%
1-500510	Church Secretary	12,090	12,480	12,480	0%
1-500900	FICA - Church	3,477	3,670	4,040	10%
1-500910	Medicare - Church	813	860	945	10%
1-505120	Workers Compensation	1,359	1,250	1,500	20%

## Trustees Team Budget 2010 (Cont'd)

Total Employee Expenses		25,435	27,310	31,029	13.6%
1-501110	Postage	1,048	1,450	2,000	38%
1-501120	Office Supplies	1,236	1,500	1,500	0%
1-501125	Tax Forms and Envelops		-	-	N/A
1-510500	Computer Software Support	1,541	1,500	1,600	7%
1-510510	Computer Hardware Support	728	1,800	1,800	0%
1-510520	Copier Support	2,026	4,500	4,500	0%
<b>Total General Administrative</b>		<b>9,080</b>	<b>10,750</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>6%</b>
1-506100	Financial Secretary	-	500	-	-100%
1-506105	Treasurer	-	200	-	-100%
1-506110	Christmas Gifts	-	-	-	N/A
1-506115	Conference Fees	204	350	350	0%
1-506120	Miscellaneous Other Expense	450	4,000	1,000	-75%
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>		<b>654</b>	<b>5,050</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>-73%</b>
<b>Total Trustees - Without parsonage</b>		<b>77,505</b>	<b>88,060</b>	<b>88,829</b>	<b>0.87%</b>
Parsonage expenses – Paid for out of Parsonage Account Checkbook					
1-501401	Property Tax - Parsonage	2,744	3,000	2,900	-3%
1-505110	Property Ins - Parsn - In Unified	600	-	-	n/a
1-510115	Maint & repair Parsonage	190	2,000	2,500	25%
1-510325	Electricity - Parsonage		-	-	n/a
<b>Total Parsonage Expenses</b>		<b>3,534</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>8.00%</b>
<b>Total Trustee - With Parsonage</b>		<b>81,039</b>	<b>93,060</b>	<b>94,229</b>	<b>1.26%</b>

## Missions Team Budget 2010

Acct Code	Acct Description	2008 Actual	2009 Annual Budget	2010 Proposed Budget	% Change
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	200	100%
1-520135	BasicWider Mission Support	3,750	4,125	4,125	0%
1-520140	Habitat for Humanity	150	150	150	0%
1-520145	New Fairfield Fuel Bank	200	200	200	0%
1-520150	Interfaith Aids Ministry	150	150	150	0%
1-520155	New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Co.	200	200	200	0%
1-520166	Silver Lake	-	200	200	0%
1-520167	Christmas Fund	50	50	150	200%
1-520168	Strengthening the Church	50	50	150	200%
1-520199	Mission Team Outreach Fund	500	500	700	40%
New	Shelter of the Cross	-	-	200	N/A
	<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>6,050</b>	<b>6,425</b>	<b>7,125</b>	<b>10.9%</b>

## Worship & Ministry Budget 2010

Acct Code	Acct Description	2008 Actual	2009 Annual Budget	Proposed 2010 Annual Budget	% Change
1-500110	Pastor Salary	42,430	42,430	44,127	4.0%
1-500111	Social Security Offset - Pastor	4,251	4,240	4,413	4.1%
1-500112	Housing Allowance - Pastor	12,730	12,730	13,239	4.0%
1-500114	Auto Allowance - Pastor	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%
1-500115	Telephone Allowance - Pastor	270	270	270	0.0%
1-500116	Pension Plan Pastor	7,404	7,400	7,400	0.0%
1-500118	Continuing Ed/Pastor	-	700	700	0.0%
1-500210	Organist Salary	14,190	14,620	15,205	4.0%
1-500710	Relief Pastor	800	800	1,200	50.0%
1-500720	Relief Organist	150	900	1,500	66.7%
1-500930	Books & Periodicals	145	500	500	0.0%
<b>Total Employee Expense</b>		<b>84,870</b>	<b>87,090</b>	<b>91,054</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

### Worship & Ministry Budget 2010 (Cont'd)

1-500940	Sabbatical Account	-	3,000		500	-83.3%
1-501150	Advertising Expense	1,363	1,300		1,300	0.0%
1-520170	Deacon's Outreach	323	600		600	0.0%
1-571180	Worship Services	161	300		300	0.0%
1-574010	Denomination Charge - National	782	2,390		2,390	0.0%
1-574015	Denomination Charge - CT	1,955	810		810	0.0%
1-574100	Devotional Media	47	400		225	-43.8%
1-574110	Copyright Licenses	223	250		250	0.0%
1-574120	Compassionate Connections	-	250		250	0.0%
1-571150	Hospitality		250		1,000	300.0%
1-578010	Youth Choir & Director	-	30		30	0.0%
1-578020	Music Supplies	144	700		700	0.0%
1-578030	Music Equipment		-		-	0.0%
1-578040	Music Equipment Maintenance	-	750		750	0.0%
New	Stewardship	-	-		1,500	N/A
<b>Total Other Expense</b>		<b>4,998</b>	<b>11,030</b>		<b>10,605</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>
<b>Total Worship &amp; Ministry Team</b>		<b>89,868</b>	<b>98,120</b>		<b>101,659</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

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2009**

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