

Central Square Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
71 Central Square  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

CSCC UCC  
2018  
Annual  
Report

February 10

2019



These reports complete are pending approval of the Annual Meeting on February 10, 2019. Upon approval, with any edits, a final copy will be published for the record.

Annual Meeting

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Annual Meeting, February 11, 2018

Moderator Diane Sheibley called the meeting to order at 12 Noon, and expressed thanks and gratitude to all for the food brought forth for the luncheon.

It was determined by Vice Moderator Mark Sorgman that a quorum was present.

Moderator Sheibley asked everyone to review the minutes from last year's annual meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was moved by John Schuller and seconded by Mary Barnsley. Approval of the minutes was unanimous.

The Moderator wanted to recognize the other executive officers of the church-

Vice Moderator – Mark Sorgman

Clerk – Kathleen Mosher

Kathleen is home sick so Carol Chaffee is taking minutes of the meeting. Thank you, Carol.

Pastor's Annual Report- Rev. Beth Stotts

Rev. Beth references "there's a sweet, sweet spirit" song theme that seems to continuously be present within this church and is spreading throughout the association and conference of the UCC. We are "God's beloved community".

Minister of Music Annual Report- Julia Scott Carey

Julia mentions the expanse of talented musicians in our congregation, from our choir members, to the children's choir, to solo instrumentalists. She also mentioned how we opened worship in the fall, Rally Sunday, with guest vocalist, Josh Collier, tenor.

Moderator's Annual Report – Diane Sheibley

Diane acknowledges the staff and their importance

Ellen Atherton – Congregational Administrator

Larissa DeMarco – Youth Minister

Paul Holmes – Director of Video Evangelism

Treasurer's Annual Report – Larry Brown

Thanks to Dave Sheibley, assistant treasurer and Judy Pino, financial secretary.

Big highlights were the sale of the parsonage, and no withdrawal from the endowment funds to supplement the budget.

It takes a weekly income of \$3253 to run this place we call our home, Central Square Congregational Church.

Deacon's Annual Report – Rev. Beth spoke for Deacons

New since last year –

There is a deacon assisting with worship every week

Membership Roll has been divided alphabetically amongst the deacons, so each "shepherd has a flock" to care for.

## Trustees Annual Reports- Barbara Morey

### 3 Big Items

- Sale of Parsonage
- Lots of lighting fixtures have been changed with National Grid paying for most, the church had very little expense.
- Steeple repairs, things look good, but more to do on it is the challenge. A work order is being prepared by the vendor, that will describe the entire scope of what needs to be done. Mark Paley of Heritage Restoration based in Rhode Island.

## Christian Education Annual Report – Lisa Masiello

Highlights of endings and beginnings – Terry Reynolds retired as superintendent after 8 years and Krissy Cannizzo came on board as superintendent.

Challenges include consistent attendance – families are pulled in many directions on Sunday mornings, so CE tried some group setting activities but “twens – 6,7 and 8 grades need their own class as do the 9-12 grades, so with Marlene BJ coming forward for 2 Sundays a month for twens and Youth minister Larissa coming onboard, needs are being met.

Nathan McDermott and Max Compton shared their enthusiasm and commitment to the mission youth group and trips. Nick Cannizzo shared some of his thoughts about Sunday School.

## Board of Christian Outreach Annual Report-Bill O’Neil and Rob Basler

Bill reviewed the programs that are listed in the report and Rob Basler brought the story to life with the “man in the dumpster” story. Rob states that it is “because of all of you” that these programs happen and CSCC makes a difference.

## Stewardship Committee Annual Report – Rich Sullivan

Rich reads scripture passage that was theme from last year’s annual campaign and noting its success and reminding us all that March 18 is the kick off day for this year’s campaign.

## Growth Annual Report – Gail Wershing

Gail highlights that the church joined the Bridgewater Business Association and participated in Autumnfest. Growth’s focus is on promoting what this church does inside and outside for the community.

## Memorials/Historical Annual Report – Terry Reynolds

Committee is all new so no annual report. Historical highlights include the sale of the parsonage, the renovation of the steeple, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament and the addition of a fireproof safe in the memorials office.

## Music Committee Annual Report – Ellen Crawford

Ellen echoes Julia’s sentiments about the musicians in the church. Last year was a transition time of saying goodbye to Lin Schuller as our Minister of Music and welcoming Julia Scott Carey as our new Minister of Music.

## Fair Committee Annual Report – Diane Sheibley

Net proceeds just under the \$7000 mark.

Golf Tournament Committee Annual Report – Barbara Morey  
Net Profit of \$9822.25 says it all.

Women's Guild and Fellowship Annual Report – Gail Wright

We supported 25 organizations from our budget and assisted families in need through our Angel Fund. Friday, February 9, 2018, marked the first of what is hoped to be many, ecumenical women's gatherings. 53 in attendance from 7 churches. This has been talked of for over a year and has finally come to fruition with great success. Focus and goals will be the opiate crisis and outreach to BSU students.

Report from our church delegates – John Sharland

The other delegate is Deb Sorgman. John attended General Synod in Baltimore, MD over the long weekend of July 4. John states that it was a fascinating experience and his trip was funded by our dues to the Pilgrim Association and the Massachusetts conference of the United Church of Christ. The next Synod is in 2019 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

John recently attended meeting in Slatersville, RI which focused on forming a Tri State Conference moving from individual state conferences and this might happen in the next six months.

John attends the ecclesiastical councils for the Pilgrim Association where a quorum is needed. Candidates present themselves to the membership and the membership votes as to whether ordainment is in order, subject to a candidate receiving a call from a church. John recently attended the Ecclesiastical Council for Peter Johnston.

Moderator Sheibley announces the Nominating Committee for 2018 –

Carol Chaffee, Tracey Doherty, Jasvir McIntosh, Lisa Masiello, Meg McDermott,  
Denise Molinari, John Sharland and Rich Sullivan.

Diane also announces that 2021 will be our 200<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. A committee will be formed.

Nancy Winter calls for applause for our Moderator – a job well done.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chaffee

## Report of the Minister

*"And he who sat upon the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' And he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment.'"*

In Revelation 21:6 God identifies as "Alpha and Omega." Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and Omega is the last letter of the alphabet. In other words, God is "the beginning and the end." But God isn't speaking about alphabets. God is speaking of reality. God is absolutely the beginning and absolutely the end. Everything that is originates ultimately in God. And everything will somehow end with God.

Isaiah puts it like this: *"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god"* (44:6). In other words, since everything comes from God and nothing will outlast God, therefore God has no final competitors. "Besides me there is no god!" God has the first word and the last word in history. All other attempts to have the last word will fail.

This year has been an Alpha and Omega year for many of us. For me, it brought the birth of my daughter and the death of my father. For the church, it brought a three month period of time where we had an auxiliary pastor, and the beginning of discussions for hiring a youth pastor. The end of traditional year round church school, and the beginning of a more liturgically appropriate Christian Education program. The death of several long-time members of the church, and the baptisms and dedications, weddings, and celebrations of life's big milestones. Lots of beginnings and endings. And God is with us through it all.

In the microcosm of beginnings and endings, is the "meantime". Some highlights from the "meantime", our ministry together this past year:

- Observing, benefiting from, and taking part in all the hours of service we provide to the greater Bridgewater community
- Lots of special worship services including Summer worship in Music Alley, Ash Wednesday, Thanksgiving Ecumenical worship, etc., several baptisms, guest preachers, communion, and the Christmas Pageant, amongst many others.
- Meaningful conversations when we meet "at the table" during breakfast Sundays
- Continuing worship "Think Tanks" to prepare for special seasons in the liturgical year
- Lenten and Advent Book Studies, discussion groups, and faith formation classes
- Creation of a Care Team to extend the ministry of the diaconate
- Attending the Conference workshops in the fall

In the "meantime", my typical weeks are generally spent developing worship (both alone and in collaboration with CSCC members and deacons), presiding over worship on Sunday mornings, visiting congregants at their homes, rehab centers, and hospitals, attending various meetings, writing, writing, and more writing. This year the Deacons have been a great help in providing lay ministry to congregants through worship and through their parish care assignments as well as working with the new Care Team.

I have enjoyed being involved in the Bridgewater Area Clergy Group, as well as the Pilgrim Association Clergy Community of Practice (a cohort group for female clergy on the South Shore). Both groups have been important sources of support and advice in ministry.

Beginnings and endings can be scary. But scripture reminds us that God makes all things new. And God is with us. In the beginning and the end, God is with us. May we, in a world full of anxiety and tumult, find peace in the Alpha and Omega. Amen.

**Special thanks to:**

**All our Boards and their chairs:** (Deacons, Christian Education, Trustees, Stewardship, Christian Outreach)

**Committees and chairs:** (Pastoral Relations, Growth, History & Memorials, Music), The Women's Guild & Fellowship

**Our staff:** church administrator, Ellen Atherton; Minister of Music, Julia Scott Carey; Sexton, Rich Sullivan; Superintendent of the Sunday School, Krissy Cannizzo; Director of Video Evangelism, Paul Holmes

**Church officers:** Moderator, Diane Sheibley; Vice Moderator, Mark Sorgman; Treasurer, David Sheibley; Vice Treasurer, Larry Brown; Clerk, Kathleen Mosher; Financial Secretary, Judy Pino

**All members and friends**

Faithfully submitted by the Pastor,  
Rev. Beth Stotts

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### Report of the Minister of Music

2018 was a wonderful year in the musical life of the church. Our adult choir has performed an Introit, Anthem, and Prayer Response (in addition to an occasional Benediction) in every service between Labor Day and Memorial Day, with the exception of some holiday weekends. The adult choir continues to sing varied and challenging repertoire. They are able to learn music quickly and effectively, always presenting an expressive and meaningful performance.

The children's choir has performed one Sunday a month. It has been wonderful to watch the children's voices mature, as they gain confidence in their performances. There have been opportunities for the other children of the church to learn about and perform music, too, including a spotlight on the song "The Little Drummer Boy" during Advent (this song allowed us all to reflect on how we use our own musical gifts and voices to praise Jesus).

We have had a number of very exciting solo performances this year, both vocal solos and instrumental solos. We are so lucky to have such a multi-talented congregation. In addition to hearing performances from all the musical members of our own church, we were fortunate to be joined by a guest artist, Ute Gfrerer, who sang in six different selections on "Music Sunday" during Advent. The members of our congregation gave wonderful feedback about Ute's performance, and it seemed that everyone felt her additions to our worship service made our Advent season feel even more special. We will plan on continuing to have a guest singer once a year.

We had another meeting of our "Score Club" this fall, in which we studied Steven Sametz's piece "A Child's Requiem." Score Club provides a terrific opportunity for all members of our community to share their thoughts about music, and for us to be exposed to large sacred choral works which would be beyond the scope of what we could perform during a worship service. We will be choosing a date for a spring Score Club soon.

It has been a true joy for me to be the Minister of Music at this church. The choirs are amazing to work with, and their performances and dedication is very inspiring. I love to plan the services and to think about the message which we are trying to convey in each service. Some special services for me recently were our Epiphany service, in which we sang four different settings of the text "What Star Is This," allowing us to reflect on what it means to follow our stars, and our Martin Luther King service, in which we sang Civil Rights music and music which had to do with African American history.

I will very much look forward to a wonderful 2019 and to the musical opportunities this new year will bring in our church!!

## Report of the Music Committee

The music program at CSCC continues to thrive under the direction of Minister of Music Julia Scott Carey. The transition from separate positions of choir director and accompanist to a combined single position of minister of music has been smooth.

The Music Committee met to brainstorm ways of growing our adult choir. Flyers were made up and handed out at the Town of Bridgewater Autumnfest.

The adult choir continues to rehearse most Sundays (September through May) and shares program music including an introit, anthem, and prayer response each week. The junior choir rehearses and performs monthly.

The Music Committee enthusiastically encourages all church members to invite new singers to join our choirs!

Respectfully, Ellen Crawford

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## Report of the Church Moderator

Dear Friends,

I love being Moderator of such an active church community. It allows me to know so many people, and witness them using their many talents and strengths in doing God's work. It allows me to work closely with our Pastor, our Congregational Administrator, and all of the other church leaders. And it allows me to help our church celebrate the good times, and work through the more difficult times. It allows me to witness on a daily basis how wonderful a community we have, and how blessed I am in my life.

This last year was no exception. We expressed, as a congregation, the importance of revitalizing our youth ministry, and took action toward that goal. We held events that bonded us closer to the Bridgewater community, thanks to the leadership of our Growth Committee, our Board of Christian Education, our Fair Committee, and our Breakfast Team (and others!). And we continue to have many opportunities, both new and tried-and-true, to connect with each other, and with those who need us, inside and outside of our walls.

May the next year be another exciting one, filled with rewarding service, renewed enthusiasm, and ever-deeper bonds of community. Thank you for allowing me to be your Moderator, and for your support and friendship. And I thank each and every one of you for your commitment to CSCC, and for your service to God.

Respectfully,  
Diane Sheibley



## Report of the Church Treasurer

Fiscal year 2018 went very much as planned, the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2018 with a net loss of \$13,579 vs a budgeted loss of \$13,880.

Giving was strong for the year with pledges coming very close to expected and unpledged offerings exceeding budget by 25%.

The Golf Tournament and Church Fair did well with the Sunday breakfasts and a Facebook fundraiser helping to bring the Fundraiser/Events total slightly over budget.

The single unusual expense item was in church building maintenance, some unexpected repairs were needed on the steeple, which brought that budget line about \$12,700 over what was expected. We transferred \$12,500 from the Capital Campaign account to help cover the expense resulting in our net loss ending up very close to the budgeted amount.

Although we did end up with a net loss, our cash position has been strong enough that we have not had to withdraw money from our endowments to cover expenses since December of 2014.

Financial documents included:

Operating Budget vs Actual FY2018

Cash Balances as of June 30, 2018

Pass Through Fund Report FY 2018

Respectfully submitted,

David Sheibley

Church Treasurer

**Central Square Congregational Church UCC**  
**Operating Budget vs. Actual Report**  
July 2017 through June 2018

	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Income			
4000* - Pledges / Offerings			
4010 - Regular Pledges	124,498	125,580	99%
4015 - Unpledged Offerings	27,546	22,000	125%
4020 - Prior Fiscal Year Pledges	380		
4030 - Plate Offering	2,335	3,000	78%
Total 4000* - Pledges / Offerings	154,759	150,580	103%
4200* - Special Collections			
4235 - MACUCC Fellowship Dues	619		
4236 - Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	18		
4246 - United Church Mission	0	0	0%
Total 4200* - Special Collections	637	0	100%
4300* - Fundraisers/Events Revenue			
4312 - 4312 Golf Tournament	6,481	7,200	90%
4315 - 4315 Breakfasts	762		
4320 - Church Fair	7,161	7,000	102%
4370 - Misc Fundraisers	390		
Total 4300* - Fundraisers/Events Revenue	14,794	14,200	104%
4400* - Facility Usage Income			
4410 - Non Profit Bldg Use	3,525	3,600	98%
4430 - Private Bldg Use	763	1,700	45%
Total 4400* - Facility Usage Income	4,288	5,300	81%
4500* - Investments			
4525 - BCU Money Market Income	311		
Total 4500* - Investments	311		
4600* - Miscellaneous Income			
4601 - Bank Interest	32		
4606 - Transfer In from Cap Camp Acct	12,500		
4607 - Misc Donations	450		
4600 - Miscellaneous Income - Other	648		
Total 4600* - Miscellaneous Income	13,630		
Total Income	188,419	170,080	111%

**Central Square Congregational Church UCC**  
**Operating Budget vs. Actual Report**  
July 2017 through June 2018

Expense	Actual	Budget	% Budget
6000* - Senior Minister Expenses			
6005 - Payroll	41,921	41,921	100%
6010 - FICA Stipend	4,717	4,560	103%
6020 - Pension Fund	9,255	8,380	110%
6048 - Housing Allowance	21,600	21,600	100%
6050 - Professional Expenses	2,113	2,000	106%
6065 - Health & Dental Ins	11,058	9,400	118%
6075 - Life & Disability Ins	992	875	113%
Total 6000* - Senior Minister Expenses	91,654	88,736	103%
6200* - Support Staff Expenses			
6215 - Pulpit Supply	400	250	160%
6218 - Sabbatical Budget	1,080	1,080	100%
6220 - Office Coordinator	13,890	15,600	89%
6225 - Director of Youth Ministry	2,550	0	
6235 - Auxiliary Pastor	2,000		
6245 - Minister of Music	15,000	15,000	100%
6250 - Sexton/Custodian	5,882	12,000	49%
6255 - Sup. Staff Holiday	693		
6256 - Sup. Staff Sick/Personal Days	180		
6257 - Sup. Staff Vacation	600		
6260 - Sup. Staff FICA	2,981	3,245	92%
6270 - Workers' Comp Ins	2,898	1,200	242%
6275 - Support Staff Supplies	0	110	0%
9000 - Payroll Expenses	0	550	0%
Total 6200* - Support Staff Expenses	48,154	49,035	98%

**Central Square Congregational Church UCC**  
**Operating Budget vs. Actual Report**  
July 2017 through June 2018

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% Budget</u>
6400* - Office Expenses			
6410 - Bank Service Charges			
6412 - Vanco Fees	357		
6415 - PayPal Fees	22		
6417 - Credit/Charge Card Fees	2		
6410 - Bank Service Charges - Other	0	205	0%
Total 6410 - Bank Service Charges	381	205	186%
6440 - Internet & Computer Related Exp	2,879	2,090	138%
6490 - Office Supplies	426	330	129%
6510 - Payroll & Treasurer Supplies	952	0	
6520 - Postage & eDelivery	573	255	225%
6525 - Printing & Reproduction	1,968	2,145	92%
6555 - Telephone	1,631	1,450	113%
Total 6400* - Office Expenses	8,811	6,475	136%
6600* - Church Building Costs			
6615 - Building Supplies	1,633	2,000	82%
6620 - Fire Alarm Monitoring Service	552	552	100%
6640 - Property & Liability Insurance	8,021	9,286	86%
6650 - Repairs & Maintenance	17,692	5,000	354%
6670* - Utilities			
6672 - Gas & Electric	6,108	4,600	133%
6673 - Fuel Oil	6,767	6,500	104%
6674 - Water & Sewer	2,108	850	248%
Total 6670* - Utilities	14,983	11,950	125%
Total 6600* - Church Building Costs	42,880	28,788	149%

**Central Square Congregational Church UCC**  
**Operating Budget vs. Actual Report**  
July 2017 through June 2018

	Actual	Budget	% Budget
66900 · Reconciliation Adjustments	18		
6700* · Parsonage Costs			
6750 · Repairs & Maintenance	27		
6770* · Utilities			
6771 · Solar City Lease	133	400	33%
6772 · Gas & Electric	-324		
6773 · Fuel Oil	0	500	0%
6774 · Water & Sewer	0	50	0%
Total 6770* · Utilities	-191	950	-20%
Total 6700* · Parsonage Costs	-164	950	-17%
6850* · Operating Committees			
6860 · Christian Education	483	1,000	48%
6865 · Church Growth	1,061	400	265%
6875 · Deacons - Budget	1,030	800	129%
6910 · Music (Materials/Substitutes)	464	600	77%
6950 · Stewardship	305	350	87%
7155* · Outreach Committee Reserve	3,890	3,992	97%
Total 6850* · Operating Committees	7,232	7,142	101%
7050* · Misc Expenses	306		
7140 · United Church Mission	0	0	
7150* · MACUCC Fellowship Dues	2,907	2,634	110%
7154* · Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	199	200	99%
Total Expense	201,998	183,960	110%
Net Income	-13,579	-13,880	98%

**Central Square Congregational Church UCC**  
**Bank Account Cash Balances**  
**As of June 30, 2018**

1100.00 - Cash	
1103 - BCU 95 Money Market	
1103.01 - Youth Group MM	1,952.07
1103.02 - Memorials MM	4,133.24
1103.03 - Music (Anderson)	3,486.88
1103.12 - Altar & Flowers MM	304.21
1103.13 - Memorials (Wood)	1,495.46
1103.15 - Deacons Fund	1,276.02
1103.16 - Women's Retreat MM	378.00
1103.19 - Mission Youth MM	4,725.71
1103.23 - Faith Santa MM	207.14
1103.30 - Sr Pastor Sabbatical Reserve	6,210.00
1103.36 - Flowers	422.00
1103.46 - Memorials Woods Grant	5,000.00
1103 - BCU 95 Money Market - Other	571.54
Total 1103 - BCU 95 Money Market	<u>30,162.27</u>
1104 - BCU 91 Operating Account	11,481.52
1105 - BCU Fair Account	16.00
1106 - BCU 90 Ministers Discretionary Acct	665.90
1107 - BCU 00 Svgs for Outreach	
1107.01 - Food Pantry Outreach	17,609.75
1107.02 - General Outreach	2,122.38
1107 - BCU 00 Svgs for Outreach - Other	411.85
Total 1107 - BCU 00 Svgs for Outreach	<u>20,143.98</u>
1109 - BCU 92 Cap Imp/Mortgage Acct	21,095.21
Total 1100.00 - Cash	<u><u>83,564.88</u></u>

**Central Square Congregational Church UCC**  
**Pass Through Fund Report**  
**July 2017 through June 2018**

7410* - Direct Pass Thru Income	
7415 - Designated Outreach & Missions	
7420 - One Great Hour Sharing MA	25.00
7425 - Strengthen The Church MA	254.00
7430 - Neighbors In Need MA	103.00
7435 - Christmas Fund MA	681.00
7440 - Blanket Fund CWS	436.00
7445 - Heifer Project HPI	2,250.47
7450 - Disaster Relief Fund MA	1,256.00
Total 7415 - Designated Outreach & Missions	<u>5,005.47</u>
Total 7410* - Direct Pass Thru Income	<u>5,005.47</u>
8400* - Direct Pass Thru Expense	
8410 - Designated Outreach/Missions	
8415 - One Great Hour of Sharing MA	25.00
8420 - Strengthen The Church MA	25.00 *
8425 - Neighbors in Need MA	103.00
8430 - Christmas Fund MA	681.00
8435 - Blanket Fund CWS	436.00
8440 - Heifer Project HPI	2,250.47
8445 - Disaster Relief Fund MA	1,256.00
Total 8410 - Designated Outreach/Missions	<u>4,776.47</u>
Total 8400* - Direct Pass Thru Expense	<u>4,776.47</u>

\* Remaining \$229 submitted in FY2019

## Report of the Endowment Funds

### ENDOWMENT REPORT, JANUARY 1, 2018 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2018

Opening balance on 01/01/2018	\$241,500.43
Closing balance on 12/31/2018	\$231,134.92
Change in investments	\$10,365.51 (-4.3%)

There were no withdrawals from the portfolio in 2018.

The protected funds balance is \$134,762.92. Funds available for withdrawal are \$96,372.00.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Melcher

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## Report of the Congregational Administrator

Membership as of December 31, 2018	164
Total new members	5

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### LOSS OF MEMBERS

Death	2
Transferred out	0
Resigned/withdrew	0
Removed by Deacons	0

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### Other statistics

Baptisms	4
Dedication	1
Weddings	1
Funerals	6
Deaths of members	2
Deaths of non-members	4

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Atherton, Congregational Administrator



## Report of the Board of Deacons

*"As the Board of Deacons, we strive to serve by assisting Rev. Stotts with the spiritual, pastoral, and worship needs of the congregation and the community"*

The Board meets quarterly, in the evening, and every Sunday after service. Rev. Stotts attends all meeting and the BOD reports monthly to the cabinet.

### **The 2018 Deacons were:**

**Chair:** Anne Malmquist

**Vice Chair:** Deb Sorgman

**Altar:** Darlene Brown

**Parish Care:** Diane Glass

**Programmatic:** Anne Malmquist

**Sacramental:** Deb Sorgman, Denise Molinari

**Jr. Altar Deacon:** Jae Walden-Stotts

Even though we currently have only five Deacons, the portfolios of the Board of Deacons have created a very high functioning team. We do the work of the church quietly and efficiently. However, we are working to increase our visibility and accessibility. Each Sunday we have a Deacon serve as Worship Leader, so that the congregation becomes more familiar with us.

During the spring and summer of 2018, the Deacons took a more substantial leadership role, assisting our Auxiliary Pastor, Erin Reardon, while Rev. Stotts was on Family leave. Natalie Mosher also returned to her role as a Deacon during Rev. Stotts' absence.

Altar Deacons continue to create spectacular altar-scapes that add meaning and beauty to worship. We carefully consider every symbol and visual in the sanctuary in order to create liminal space that enhances and enriches worship.

Parish Care Deacons were very busy as the needs of the congregation were many. Ellen Atherton worked with us to develop a more efficient plan for delivering meals to families. There is a list in the office of people willing to make and deliver meals. We sent many cards expressing sympathy and/or support, and holiday greetings. We regularly review the Mustard Seed Prayer list and offer to assist those listed in whatever way possible.

Programmatic Deacons continue to audit the membership list and we joyfully welcomed many new members to our congregation.

The revised baptismal ceremony is beautiful and inclusive. The Sacramental Deacons continue to work to improve the recipes and brands of gluten free bread for communion and communion was served in a variety of styles to incorporate the concepts of serving and thanking.

We attended the Mass. Conference "Super Saturday" workshops again this year, returning with many new ideas and an invigorated spirit.

May the Lord bless our endeavors so that we may better serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Malmquist, Chair

### Report of the Board of Stewardship

On Sunday February 18th, Stewardship spoke about Pledging and why we make a special effort to get pledges. In researching for the mini talks that Rich Sullivan conducted recently, he found that pledging to our church is not a new concept but rather the product of an evolution of various practices over the years to provide financial support for this congregation and others like it. During the course of his research into the history of our church, he came across some documents that alluded to the financial problems that the forefathers of this church encountered and how they managed to face those challenges. It's amazing to see how over 200+ years so many things have changed yet the challenges of financial support for the church has remained constant.

Stewardship presented a brief chart that had a few samples of our recent Avg Weekly Expenses, Avg Weekly Income and the Y-T-D Budget shortfall. These numbers are published in the church bulletin when it can be accommodated. It brought up the fact that the church's budget is at a deficit but "Doing Okay". But that should not be good enough. Just as your household tries not to operate at a deficit, our church should not either. But the Stewardship committee has an idea to help bridge the gaps.

On Sunday (Feb 24<sup>th</sup>) Stewardship talked about the pledge forms and how we were not just talking to people who were pledgers but to the whole congregation. We understand that pledging is a personal commitment and there are those who don't pledge but are great supporters of the church. The committee had mailed out the forms along with EFT and Time & Talent forms. These forms can be found on the CSCC Web site:

<http://cscucc.org>

Then on March 4<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Sunday, at the cold and dark church (after just having that Nor'easter) we picking up on the previous Sunday's message, and spoke to the deficit with an idea to help with closing the gap. We had decided the theme for our campaign would be the PAY IT FORWARD idea and asked the congregation 2 questions... 1 - How many of you purchase coffee, tea or a drink each week??

2- If you were in the store and saw a friend or acquaintance, would you ever offer to pay for their purchase???

The stewardship committee asked if you could **"buy a cup of coffee for the church"**. Last year we had approximately 50 pledgers to the church. If each one bought the church a cup a coffee a week, at about \$2 a cup that would generate an additional \$5,000 to the church's annual budget!! Now extend that idea out to a couple of Cups of Coffee a week or perhaps add in a bagel?? Just imagine how we can radically increase our annual budget by a lot more!! This is easy and simple!!! We can do this!!! This campaign had limited success as it did generate some increases in revenue but not the results we had hoped for. Still we thank those of you who continue to support our church.

We have an awesome church and it does wonderful things for people and the community. But just imagine what we could do if we had a POSITIVE balance on our budget!!

In God's grace and with his counsel,

The Stewardship Committee  
(Brad Barnsley, Jim Basler, Rich Sullivan)

### Report of the Board of Christian Outreach

Christian Outreach at Central Square Congregational Church continued to touch the lives of those in need throughout 2018.

**Brockton Homeless Ministry:** We continued to support our mission to the homeless community in Brockton. With donations of money, clothing, toiletries, and time, CSCC played a vital role in this ministry. Through dedication, resourcefulness and collaboration, the partnership with several local churches which ministers to the homeless at United Methodist Church in Brockton continues to grow and has increased the services it is able to provide. We work together to do our best to nourish the bodies, minds, and souls of those in need through the distribution of food, clothing, toiletries, bibles and tents as well as with compassion, respect, love and faith. We've continued to offer an overnight warming station on dangerously cold nights which, although often a challenge to staff, is drastically needed to ensure the welfare of our homeless brothers and sisters.

**Taunton Warmth In Cold Places:** The Warmth in Cold Places campaign was again, a huge success. We collected a large amount of high quality cold weather gear which was distributed to those at the *Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen* which is housed within the St Thomas Episcopal Church in Taunton. Along with coats, warm socks and hooded sweatshirts with zippers appear to be in high demand.

The Food Pantry at Central Square Congregational Church : As the food pantry approaches its six year anniversary it continues to provide much needed groceries to Bridgewater residents. In November, the pantry was able to give out complete Thanksgiving dinners to between 85-90 families. Dinners included a 15 pound frozen turkey and all the fixings for a complete meal, including fresh potatoes, squash and apples donated by Hanson's Farm. The success of the pantry is due, in large, to the dedication of Manager Jack Melcher and his reliable team members, Bill O'Neil & Pat Conn. Bill assists Jack in the procurement and unloading of food from organizations such as the Greater Boston Food Bank and at Aldi in Raynham. Both Bill and Pat assist Jack stocking, organizing and staffing the Pantry for weekly distributions. The Food Pantry at Central Square is open on Thursdays from 10 AM – 1 PM, and also the first Monday of every month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Several patrons of the pantry are eager to give back and can always be counted on to help put together plastic/paper bags, break down boxes, take care of the trash, and also help to unload large deliveries of food when needed. Another huge factor in the success of the food pantry is the generous support from the businesses and individuals in the community in the form of food and monetary donations. For example, Whitman Food Pantry receives donations on a weekly basis from Stop & Shop's Peapod service, which they very kindly share with other pantries, including ours. Every week they bring us frozen meats, fresh bread, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and salad mixes. Aldi supermarket in Raynham also donates to us two times each month, each time providing large amount of frozen meats, bakery products and non-perishable items. Last but not least, members of the Church and Community continue to bestow upon the Food Pantry their generous donations. Every single donation makes a difference!

In summary, our Church continues to provide an invaluable service to the community through the food pantry. Thanks to everyone who makes it possible!

**Mainspring House:** We continue to provide meals and volunteers to serve at Mainspring House in Brockton. With donations on funds and time from the good people of CSCC we are able to provide the very sought after Kielbasa Casserole on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every other month. We were also able to provide a very special roast beef dinner on Christmas Day! In addition, the Board of Christian Outreach and CSCC continue to support local, national, and global missions by providing funds and assets as detailed below.

**Hurricane Relief:** Unfortunately, there was no shortage of natural disasters during 2018. For the second year in a row, Christian Outreach completed a successful fundraising collection for hurricane relief. During the campaign, Christian Outreach agreed to match the first \$500 collected. As a result, in 2018, approximately \$1,200 was sent to Church World Service to assist the victims of hurricane Michael that affected FL. In addition, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, Christian Outreach contributed to Lamps for Puerto Rico, an organization that coordinated providing portable lamps to residents of Puerto Rico who were left without power after the devastating storm.

**5 For 5:** The Board of Christian Outreach and CSCC also support the United Church of Christ by contributing to global missions such as: The Christmas Fund, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, and the UCC Wider Mission. We also supported Blanket Sunday.

**Local Ministries:** The Board of Christian Outreach and CSCC continued to support local missions and the good work they do, in our community, and beyond. Examples include Teen Challenge and Mitchell's Monster

## Looking Ahead:

The Christian Outreach Committee looks to continue to promote an environment of mission and giving at CSCC as we head into 2019. We resolve to support local, national and global needs to the best of our ability and as our resources allow and aim to provide information to increase awareness about the causes we support. Christian Outreach plans to explore new fundraising ideas for Heifer and hopes to work with the Christian Ed and Mission Youth to engage children and their families in mini-missions where we work together to meet a need in the community. In addition, along with the Women's Guild and as a result of their suggestion, Christian Outreach plans to maintain a "take what you need" rack of clothes in the Food Pantry that will be available to its patrons.

Thank You!!

The CSCC board of Christian Outreach would like to extend a special "thank you" to all of you who supported these missions with your time, talents, and treasures. We are truly blessed to be in such good company.

God Bless You All!!

### Report of the Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education has had a second year filled with transitions. Krissy Cannizzo had been establishing her role as Sunday School Superintendent. Krissy has dedicated countless hours organizing and revamping the curriculum to make it more interactive and engaging. Shane Abboud is taking time away from the committee due to personal reasons. Carla Jackson, Margaret Wielhower, and Meghan Sikora have joined the CE Committee this year. Lisa Masiello remains Chair. Youth Minister Larissa DeMarco resigned in the spring, we recognize that Larissa had challenges in engaging the group and attendance was very limited. We attempted to reach out to Larissa to have a debriefing but she did not respond to our requests. We hope to provide them a level of spiritual support as they transition from confirmands into active church members. The Congregation approved for a position for a youth minister for 2018-2019 budget. A group of interested congregation members, youth and Reverend Beth met with a UCC consultant for Christian education & youth ministry, Debbie Gline Allen. The meeting was a starting point to discuss what we are looking for in a youth director, and what shape we would like in a program. The challenges we have recognized: old formats do not always work in today's society, and that youth ministers are hard to find due to these changes. We also set to meet with a successful youth program from Weymouth, unfortunately our groups had a scheduling conflict and are still going to be worked out.

We continue with our annual efforts. Heifer Month in January was another success. With the support of the congregation, we raised about \$1900 towards Heifer Internationals relief efforts. The children and youth picked animals as goals for fundraising, this year teams were not organized by grade, but by animals, so older youth helped and worked with younger children. They sold items related to their animals during the Living Market held on the last Sunday of January. The children also used the Heifer banks to inspire fundraising at home. The children had a wonderful experience raising their own funds. The Board continues to support the Women's Retreat. The program was organized by Denise Molinari, Christine Hoyt and Meg McDermott. The overnight event was at the Glastonbury Abbey it consisted of small group bible study, crafting, games and fellowship.

In the spring during the Lenten season, the children participated in Palm Sunday Service. The Mission Youth hosted their annual Mission Youth Supper/Silent Auction with the support of resident Chef Beth Basler and many volunteers in a Candy Bar themed night. The proceeds help with the expenses of the Mission Trip. The Mission Trip was in Harrisburg, PA. Twenty-one youth and three leaders worked on community improvement endeavors including trash removal from neighborhoods, green space restoration and work in the food pantry. Thanks to all who supported the events.

We ended our Sunday School season with Children's Sunday, where the Children participate in all aspects of leading worship. We also honored the teachers who dedicate themselves to our youth. We celebrated during coffee hour with a Sundae Bar. Thank you to David Hanson, who donates the ice cream, and to all who rolled up their sleeves to help scoop.

Fall was another time of transition as we attempted an online Sunday School registration. Registration and attendance has been significantly lower than previous years. We typically start slow due to fall sports, and expect it to pick up after the new year. A survey monkey was done in the fall to gauge the youth about planned improvements to the youth program and the search for a youth leader continues. The response was low with only 4 people participating in the survey. We also have had a decline in consistent teachers for the

youth for grades 5-8. Reverend Beth is heading a monthly youth group for these ages. The youth shared their experiences of the mission trip with their presentation in November. They did an amazing job during their mission and at their Youth Service in November.

CE has been actively engaging children and youth in volunteerism. Sunday School children helped clean the food pantry in September. The youth helped the Women's Guild during their rummage sale. All children/youth helped with blessing bags and the Women's Guild in November for the Blessing Bags

CE also sponsored monthly activities starting in the fall. September was a Game Night, October was a Pumpkin Blessing and Carving during coffee hour. In November we Blessed Bags with help of the Women's Guild. In support of Rob Basler's ministry to the Brockton Homeless. In December we held an Advent Workshop (Carol donates the wreaths and David donates the greenery).

The Board Closed the year with the Advent Season. We kicked off Advent with a very successful Advent Workshop with about 35 people in attendance. It included pot luck supper, arts and crafts, advent wreath making. We had many new faces and it was a multigenerational event. We continued the traditional Christmas Pageant with wonderful acting skills of Reverend Beth and a special appearance of Josephine Stotts as Baby Jesus! The pageant was a wonderful success, with people of all ages and special friends who were just visiting church for the day.

The CE Board would like to recognize David Hanson, Carol Daiker-Howe, and the Women's Guild for their support throughout the year for their donations of time, talent and treasure to support our activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Masiello, Chair

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## Report of the Board of Trustees

Your Board of Trustees met monthly throughout the year. In June, we welcomed Ed MacIntosh and Paul Christensen to the board.

In our annual reorganization, we elected John Sharland as Chair, Ed MacIntosh as Vice Chair and Ed Buckland as secretary. Our Building and Grounds team is John Sharland and Ed MacIntosh. Contracts will be handled by Ed Buckland and Finance by Paul Christensen.

We were also thankful to have Dave Sheibley, our Treasurer at our meetings. We can't thank Dave and Assistant Treasurer Larry Brown enough for their many hours spent in their treasury duties, along with Judy Pino, our Financial Secretary. She oversees the counting of the offerings every Sunday and then makes the deposit at the bank.

Rev. Beth attends most meetings, often encouraging us to remember who we are as a church and who we serve.

For the Trustees, 2018 was a year of doing lots of little things to keep the place up and running. We also thank our Sexton, Rich Sullivan, for all of the work he does and his close working relationship with the Trustees.

A special shout out for Gordon Brailsford, who continues to make himself available to help with keeping the building up and running. As I write this report, Gordon is bull dogging a problem with one of the heating zones. He won't rest until he fixes it!!

For the Board, John Sharland, Chair

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**Annual Church Fair, "Hometown Harvest"**

**Deborah Rucker, Denise Molinari, Carla Jackson, Diane Sheibley, Co-chairs**

**Friday, November 2, 2018 : 6:30pm – 8:30pm and Saturday, November 3, 2018 : 9:00am – 2:00pm**

**Turkey Supper : Nov. 10 : 4:30pm and 6:30pm seatings plus takeout option**

The fair is always a time when the whole church comes together, in big ways and in small. There are people who spend time all through the year thinking about and working on the fair, and others who step up that week, or that day. But when the time finally comes, it's more like a celebration than a church fair.

The 2018 fair included: pie & coffee service (Friday only), cookie walk and baked goods, homemade candy and fudge, holiday crafts and decorations in the "Christmas room", jewelry, attic treasures, silent auction (gift baskets provided by individual church committees, individuals, and local merchants), a pick-a-prize raffle, and Saturday luncheon: clam chowder, apple beet soup, pasta fagioli, walking tacos, meatball subs, hot dogs, chicken salad sandwiches, desserts, drinks. We also added this year a raffle for Red Sox 2019 tickets, generously donated by Yusen Associates, arranged for by Scott Jackson.

New this year, we had six outside vendors rent tables and display and sell their products. The vendors represented: "24" bags; Tupperware; Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski; Usborne Books; Mary Kay; and Color Street Nails. Each vendor paid \$50 to use a table (which we provided), and they were required to donate one raffle item, and publicize the event to their mailing list or on their social media.

The turkey supper that is associated with the fair was moved to the following weekend this year, which allowed for better preparation, more time for setup, and much less stress and fatigue on the organizers and crossover staff.

Volunteers made cookies and candy; cooked turkeys and stuffing for the turkey supper; made craft items; donated crafts, gifts, and gift baskets; worked taking tickets and serving food. There was a volunteer or two who coordinated each of the special tables or categories of food service.

We were an approved community service opportunity for Bridgewater-Raynham High School students, and had 6 students working various shifts (some all day) at the fair, and 9 at the turkey suppers, some returning from last year. They were great.

Tickets for the turkey supper were \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors/students; \$6 for children; max. \$35 per family, and suppers were served in two seatings, 4:30pm and 6:30pm as well as the takeout option. We had approximately 43 takeout meals purchased; there were approximately 67 people seated at the 4:30; approximately 91 seated at the 6:30.

Thank you to all who helped as none of this would be possible without the many volunteers who donate their time, talent, and financial support. **The fair netted \$7,969**, up over \$800 from 2017. It was budgeted to bring in \$7,000.  
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2018  
CHURCH FAIR TREASURER'S REPORT  
COMPLETE AS OF 01/13/2019

TABLE	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUN & LATE	Expenses	TOTAL
BAKERY	226.50	339.00	0.00		565.50
CANDY	100.00	384.25	54.00		538.25
GIFTS	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
CHRISTMAS	510.25	658.00	345.00		1513.25
ATTIC TREAS	181.70	181.55	0.00		363.25
JEWELRY	36.00	26.00	0.00		62.00
KIDS ROOM	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
PIE & JAVA	580.00	15.00	0.00		595.00
LUNCH	0.00	597.97	438.00		1035.97
SUPPER	70.00	0.00	1930.00		2000.00
BASKETS	0.00	0.00	312.00		312.00
FARM MKT	134.90	140.05	19.50		294.45
DOGS & SUBS	158.00	0.00	0.00		158.00
PIK A PRIZE	33.00	0.00	367.00		400.00
RED SOX	0.00	0.00	788.00		788.00
VENDOR TABLES	160.00	0.00	130.00		290.00
DONATIONS	0.00	0.00	100.00		100.00

MISC UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES > (1046.18)

TOTALS >      2190.35      2341.82      4483.50      7969.49 < FAIR NET \$

DATE	MEMO	CREDIT	DEBIT	
01/01/2018	Starting balance from 2017			16.00
11/01/2018	Seed cash \$ for change from personal acct	744.00		
11/05/2006	deposit to bcu	5777.17		
11/06/2018	#285 Darlene Brown Seed\$ return		(744.00)	
11/06/2018	#286 Denise Molinari expenses		(438.87)	
10/21/2018	ops deposit vendor tables	200.00		
10/28/2028	ops chk# 11301 Mike Shea's Coffee	(41.40)		
11/11/2018	ops deposit farm market	7.50		
11/18/2018	ops deposit dinner \$46, crafts \$10	56.00		
11/18/2018	ops deposit \$3062.00	3062.00		
	\$218 leftovers, \$1792 tickets, \$448 sox, \$100 vendor table, \$504 auction			
11/18/2018	ops chk# 11317 Diane Sheibley Misc Exp	(304.99)		
11/25/2018	ops deposit red sox tiks	30.00		
11/28/2018	#287 Denise Molinari expenses		(107.00)	
12/2/2018	#288 to ops		(4487.30)	
12/2/18-12/16/1	ops deposits red sox raffle tickets	410.00		
12/2/18-12/16/1	ops deposits crafters	217.00		
12/16/2018	ops chk# 11331 gatehouse media ad	(153.92)		

16.00

Respectfully Submitted by  
Laurence Brown Church Fair Treasurer



### Report of the 2018 Golf Tournament

The CSCC 4th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser was held at Olde Scotland Links Golf Course on Friday July 27, 2018. A shotgun start began at 8 AM. Participating in this event were 60 golfers, mostly all friends of Brett Wright. We raised \$7,179 after expenses, of which 10% was donated to the Bridgewater Food Pantry.

We thank our 28 businesses for their sponsorships and 15 local companies and individuals for donating raffle items.

Money was also raised with a pick-a-prize raffle and two silent auction items at the banquet, in a 50:50 raffle on one of the holes on the course, and in contests held on designated holes.

Our grand prize raffle this year gave away two prime seats at a November New England Patriots game, and was donated in part by a friend of a friend of CSCC.

Thanks to all that sold raffle tickets and hole sponsorships, procured raffle item donations, came that day to help at the registration table and out on the course, worked with Olde Scotland Links and the caterer, advised the coordinators, and paid to come and play golf. Special thanks to Barbara Morey, Jack Melcher, and Brett Wright.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Sheibley (2018 Tournament Coordinator)

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### Report of the Church Growth Committee

Growth Committee grew this year with the addition and enthusiasm of Mike Bundock and Pat Lindsey joining Tracey Doherty and Gail Wershing. We appreciated pointers from time to time from past chair Sara Terpeny.

We helped promote Scout Sunday in February and introduced the Welcome Message. A poster of the message was made and used at various public events and in the Narthex. We helped promote CE events throughout the year with social media, press releases and updated flyers about upcoming events.

For Fourth of July, we offered a Free Lemonade Stand in front of the church—very popular – and, thanks to the Church Sexton and many others, access to our restrooms—particularly popular with parents and children attending the parade and festivities.

A booth at the Bridgewater AutumnFest featured church packets with Breakfast coupons and a puppet raffle which drew 100 entries and names of potential congregants. A hot chocolate stand planned for the front of the church for Christmas on the Common was cancelled due to weather with the supplies given to the Mission Youth for their overnight baking fundraiser.

We continue to work to publicize church events by planning a mailing and a video about our church and activities for 2019.

Mike Bundock and Gail Wershing (Co-chairs)

### Report of the Women's Guild and Fellowship

According to article II of the Women's Guild and Fellowships' Constitution the objective of the group is "to organize and increase the efficiency of the work in this church and to build up a strong religious, intellectual and social life". In the year 2018 many events, tasks and fund raising helped to accomplish these goals.

Our fundraising, which includes a Spring and a Fall Rummage sale, an auction night during a Women's Guild Meeting, and our Guild Angel collection is meant to fund our giving. As a result of these events we were able to support the following local charitable organizations: Youth Mission Trip, Sunday School supplies, Solar lights for Puerto Rico, Fair Gift Basket, Mainspring House, Operation Santa, Mitchell's Monsters, Health Imperatives (Penelope's Place), Teen Challenge, the general fund of Central Square Congregational Church and a gift to a very dear friend in need and a former member of the Guild, Barbara Alden.

The needs of others are great and so we as a group gave as we could. In January we gave to the Animal Protection Center of Southeastern Massachusetts in Brockton. We donated cleaning items, pet toys and food.

During the winter months we gave to Penelope's Place and were able to supply them with new bedding, towels, adult and children's clothing personal care items and a gift card. In the Spring we sent 18 hygiene kits to Church World Service. In November The Women's Guild and Fellowship collaborated with the Board of Christian Ed, the youth and the congregation to collect and create 30 Non-perishable and 30 Perishable Blessing Bags. The Non-Perishable Blessing bags each contained a roll of toilet paper, wipes, a bar of soap and socks while the perishable Blessing Bags contained a sandwich (we made a cash donation), bags of chips, granola bar and a bottle of water. In December, with the help of the Congregation we packed 14 bags of needed supplies as a gift for the troops serving in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Jordan serving the Army, Marines and Airforce.

During each meeting a program is offered to members and guests. The following programs were offered this past year. January's program had a member of the Guild and History and Memorials, Rachel Lawson, sharing The History of the Women's Guild and Fellowship of CSCC. February's program was a fun and uproarious auction presented by Sandra Alley, Janet Colford, Phoebe Hogg, and Bev Mitchell. In March a member of the Congregation, Deb Sorgman was invited to share a Program of Self Defense. April's meeting "A Travel to Antarctica" with Barbara Morey was postponed due to snow. May concluded our year with a banquet at Monponsett Inn. October opened our year with a Pot Luck Supper. "The Dress a Girls Around the World" program was presented in November by Evelyn Delutis, Gloria Moran and Gail from the W. Bridgewater library. In December a Christmas Service prepared by Rev. Beth was lead by members of the Guild. Music was provided by Cameron Shave.

In 2018 some events occurred that affected us greatly. 1. We lost a very dear friend and long- time member of the Guild who among other things was our Good Cheer person. We were able to honor Selma Fisher's memory by providing a collation for her family and friends. In memoriam a desk and chair were placed in the sanctuary in Selma's memory. 2. This was the first year the **Bridgewater Ecumenical Women** met. 53 Women from 5 different churches in Bridgewater attended a spaghetti supper chaired by Sandra Alley and hosted by our Guild at CSCC. A profile of each church was shared as well as the kinds of program in which they were

involved. The commitment to common causes resulted in an infectious unity spread among the denominations throughout Bridgewater.

Co-Presidents

Beth Basler

Terry Reynolds

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## Report of the History and Memorials

The Historical books and records were all transferred from the library on the second floor to the Historians' office on the first floor. A fire proof file cabinet was purchased for the office to house all of these treasured records of our church history. The file cabinet was a memorial gift to honor the memories of Ethyl and Don Dolan who both served as long time Historians of our church.

Over the summer months we cleaned the walk through closet on the first floor and made a multi-page listing of every receipt, every cashed bank check, every committee note, every plan for the church, and every minute of every meeting held over the last 25 years. This list was distributed to all boards and committees to ask what was important to save and what could be shredded.

A Historical Preservationist, Brian Pfeiffer, was hired to make a complete assessment of our church, both on the exterior and the interior, and to advise us and lead us as we begin our initial preparations for applying for a Community Preservation Grant (CPA). A Grant Committee has been formed and will be meeting for the first time in January 2019. All these plans we make are in preparation for our 2021 "200th" Anniversary celebration of our church.

In April we handled Memorial Lilies to adorn the altar for Easter worship service, and in December we handled Poinsettias for the Christmas services.

We said Goodbye to two church members, Selma Fisher and Jim Tobey.

A writing table was donated by Woman's Guild and Fellowship in memory of Selma Fisher and it was placed in the rear of the sanctuary to hold "Good Cheer" note cards for church members to use.

Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Morey, Rachel Lawson, and Terry Reynolds