

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

CSCC UCC
2017
Annual
Report

February 11

2018



Annual Meeting

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Central Square Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Annual Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2017

Annual Meeting was called to order at 11:53

It was determined that a quorum was present.

The minutes from last year's annual meeting were reviewed.

Larry Brown moved to accept the minutes. Mark Sorgman seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Diane Sheibley opened the meeting by thanking everyone for help with the luncheon for the meeting. The church is doing much work and making a difference in our world.

Rev Beth Stotts- Minister's Report

The congregation has responded to the swirling of the world's seasons and time. Rev. Beth gave a shout out to the church staff: The Sexton who loves this building; the Congregational Administrator who goes above and beyond; the Interim Music Director who has stepped up; Lin Schuller who said good-bye to the Choir Director position this fall; the Sunday School Supervisor who works tirelessly on the programs for the children and youth; Paul Holmes who makes sure our church service reaches the community at large. Thanks to the people of this church who give the building its pulse.

Music Committee- Ellen Crawford

We have awesome musicians in this church. There are many opportunities for adults and youth to take part in worship through their music. Choir is having a retreat this weekend to learn new techniques and songs.

Larry Brown- Treasurer's Report

Last year we switched the fiscal year from June to July. There are two budget reports in the annual report to reflect this. For the last fiscal year a \$9,000 deficit was anticipated. It ended up being only \$1,000. We did not need to draw any money from the endowment for the 2016 fiscal year.

Mike Bundock asked if Music Alley needed to be in the treasurer's report. Larry responded that it does, as the money is in a holding account until Music Alley has an account of their own.

John Sharland wanted it noted that we have had to take money out of the endowment for at least 28 years. The news that we haven't had to do this for the past two is monumental.

Congregational Administrator- Ellen Atherton

We welcomed 4 new members last year. There are 10 more being welcomed this year. All is going well in the office.

John Sharland suggested we find a way to promote the church for weddings now that we are charging \$500.

Board of Deacon's- Anne Malmquist

Deacons had a quiet year. This is a good thing as it means things are going well. Sacramental Deacons updated the baptism ritual a bit. Communion was tweaked a bit. Programmatic Deacons are working on updating the membership list. Parish Care Deacons are busy but not overwhelmed. Our church community is taking good care of one another.

Board of Stewardship- Rich Sullivan

Last year Stewardship kicked off the campaign, Changing Lives. Towards the end of the year the focus was on cultivating time and treasure. On the whole the stewardship campaign has been very successful.

Board of Outreach- Bill O'Neil

Outreach had another good year. They continued their work with UCC 5 For 5 charities, food pantry, Teen Challenge, Brockton homeless and Warmth in Cold Places. Outreach is always looking to see if more monies can be distributed.

Board of Christian Education- Lisa Masiello, Spencer Masiello, & Ashley Hoyt

Lisa noted a new curriculum was purchased through Spark House last year. It was a huge success. Christian Ed is looking for guest teachers for the spring. A \$1900 donation was made to Heifer International. Christian Ed also sponsored a women's retreat. This year there will be a men's retreat as well. The Children's Nativity Pageant was updated this year as well.

Spencer reported on behalf of the children that Heifer and the sleepover were the most fun. They learned a lot. It was a good year. Sleepover!!!!

Ashley Hoyt reported on behalf of the youth that the mission trip was to West Virginia. It was the largest group in recent years with about 17 youth. It was an amazing experience. Many thanks to Brian Maxfield, Anne Malmquist, and Nathan Basler for bringing us there. We have pot holes and they have cliffs. The group worked on painting a living room, fixing a wheel chair ramp, tearing down and rebuilding a porch and helping to repair sidewalks. The people were so kind even though it was a very impoverished area. Southern hospitality is real. The people are happy, thankful and faithful. The trip next year will be to Queens, New York.

Bath Basler wanted it noted that the mission youth go out into a different community and do mission work. When they return that mission work gets spread back into the community here.

Board of Trustees- John Sharland

Trustees is down a member at the moment. If you would like to test the waters come to a meeting. They are held on the last Wednesday of the month. John gave thanks to all those who contribute by volunteering. The major areas of concern are the church boiler, the heater in the parsonage, and working on replacing lights in the Fellowship Hall. John gave a shout out to Rich Sullivan for snow removal. All six of the church bathrooms have become gender neutral.

Brian Maxfield inquired about the plans for the parsonage. Rev. Beth Stotts and her husband are planning on buying their own home. A decision needs to be made about what will happen to the parsonage. Will it be sold or rented out? Research is being done regarding this decision. Brian also wanted to know what long range plans were going to be done for the church mortgage. Will there be another capital campaign coming up? These things are being worked on at the moment. Brian also wanted to know if the church would be hiring a second ministerial staff person. John explained that would be under Deacons. There are no plans at this time to hire anyone.

Diane Glass inquired about the insurance on the church buildings because a church she knows of recently had a fire and had no insurance. John was able to reassure us that the church is not only insured but the policy is less costly than before with better coverage. We are set.

Rev. Beth Stotts wanted it entered into the record to review the evaluation of the Church Administrator in order to give her a raise.

Delegate Report- John Sharland

John will be serving as a Delegate for the General Synod where social justice, financial affairs, and other church missions will be voted on. It will be held in Baltimore.

Brian Maxfield- Capital Campaign.

The Capital Campaign has officially ended. It is hoped that some of the contributors will continue in giving to build up the line item for the church mortgage. Another Capital Campaign is being looked into.

Growth Committee- Christine Hoyt

Growth has been having some growing pains. It is a small group of people with a lot to do. Growth is continuing with Blessing of the Bears, Dine with 9 and Snack with a Pack, bread Initiative, and the Living Nativity. It has been found that Christmas on the Common and AutumnFest are great ways to introduce the church to the community. There was a fundraiser in 2016 for a Softball/Baseball Banner. The money will be used for a banner in the 2017 season. Growth is also always on the search for more greeters.

Women's Guild- Gail Wright

Lynn Pietras and Gail Wright feel very blessed to lead this group of women. The Women's Guild will be working on a "bucket kits" project this year. The buckets will contain cleaning supplies to give to families after natural disasters. The rummage sale can always use more volunteers. The Women's Guild is meeting on Ash Wednesday March 11th, and will be doing a reception after the service.

Church Fair- Diane Shiebley

The fair was fun as always. The turkey suppers are fabulous. Diane, Deb Rucker, Carla Jackson, and Denise Molinari help organize all of the volunteers. The church fair raised almost \$7,000 this year.

Mike Bundock wanted to celebrate the women who make the crafts for the fair. So much work goes into them during the year.

Golf Tournament- Diane Shiebley

The golf tournament raised almost \$7000 for the church. Mike Bundock reminded people it isn't too early to think of being a sponsor. It is hoped that this year's tournament will be even more successful as it will be on a Friday.

Mark Sorgman motioned to accept the annual report with the addition of the Capital Campaign report. Larry Brown seconded. It passed unanimously.

Rev. Beth Stotts motioned to close the meeting. Deb Sorgman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Minister

Greetings, friends and members of Central Square Congregational Church, UCC!

In reflecting on this past year together, I continue to be thankful for the gracious and generous spirit this congregation seeks to embody in its worship, mission, and general outlook. I am grateful for the ways that you all continue to take part in such active ministry. Each of us still has much to learn, but I am thankful that we can continue to learn and serve and grow together.

Some highlights from our ministry together this past year include:

- Observing, benefiting from, and taking part in all the hours of service we provide to the greater Bridgewater community
- Special worship services including Summer worship in Music Alley, several baptisms, guest preachers, Confirmation worship, communion, and the Christmas Pageant, amongst many others.
- Wonderful sharing of stories during our Stewardship Campaign and Outreach Sundays
- Meaningful conversations when we meet “at the table” during breakfast Sundays
- Continuing worship “Think Tanks” to prepare for special seasons in the liturgical year
- Video interviews with the authors of the Lenten and Advent Book Studies
- The hiring of a new Minister of Music, Director of Youth Ministry, and Superintendent of the Sunday School
- Attending (with the Diaconate) the Conference workshops, both spring and fall
- Leading a workshop on “Think-tanking Worship” at the Conference Super Saturday event so that other churches in our conference can benefit from our model of creating meaningful worship throughout the church year
- Attended the Tri-Conference Annual Meeting
- Co-led the 4th Annual Ukulele Summer Camp with Deb Sorgman

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 new parish care assignments.

I have enjoyed being involved in the Bridgewater Area Clergy Luncheon 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.

There is a hymn that speaks of a “sweet, sweet spirit in this place.” I often think of this song when I step foot in our building. Our ministry together has been filled with so much excitement and positive energy. Church members give countless hours of their time to keep our doors open. You all are showing up and being church in the world. While there have been some bumps in the road along the way, and there will certainly be more, I am so happy to be on this journey with you. There is indeed a sweet, sweet spirit in this place.

Special thanks to:

- **all our boards and their chairs:** (Deacons, Christian Education, Trustees, Stewardship, 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 (Anna Gomez, temp); Director of Youth Ministry, Larissa DeMarco; Superintendent of the Sunday School, Krissy Cannizzo; Director of Video Evangelism, Paul Holmes
- **Church officers:** Moderator, Diane Sheibley; Vice Moderator, Mark Sorgman; Treasurer, Larry Brown; Clerk, Kathleen Mosher; Financial Secretary, Judy Pino
- **All members and friends**

I am excited to see what new things we can build together this year!

In Christ,
Rev. Beth Stotts

Report of the Minister of Music

The music program is thriving at the Central Square Congregational Church. Our adult choir has performed an Introit, Anthem, and Prayer Response (as well as an occasional choral Benediction) every week between Labor Day and Memorial Day this year, with the exception of some holiday weekends. Our children's choir has performed one anthem a month. Our repertoire has been varied, challenging, and engaging. In addition to our adult and children's choruses, which form the backbone of our musical ministry at the church, we have had wonderful solo performances from singers within the choir, as well as instrumental performances on trumpet, cello, djembe, and handbells.

Other musical programs within the church included our first Score Club, a musical version of a book club, in which we studied Leonard Bernstein's Mass. The session allowed all participants to share their thoughts equally, and we had a terrific conversation. We also had a choral retreat in the fall, in which we had an intense rehearsal period as well as team-building activities. The church's ukulele program is also doing very well, with active participation and enthusiasm.

I have had a wonderful experience as Minister of Music so far. Planning the choral music as well as the solo piano music has allowed me to create a unified arc to the services, often through an underlying theme uniting the music in the service. I am enjoying challenging the choirs and exposing them and the congregation to new composers and new sounds. We are blessed to have so many musicians in our church who sing every word expressively and meaningfully, and also have the advanced musicianship skills to learn music quickly and accurately.

Goals for the future include maintaining our existing and new music programs, including the adult and children's choirs, the Score Club, and the choir retreats. We will also continue to feature soloists on different instruments, allowing all of the musicians within our church community to showcase their talents. It was great to hear the handbells several times during the Advent season, and we will plan to have more handbells in the future, eventually building up that program into a regular handbell choir. I will also seek more ways to include the children who are not part of the children's choir, such as resuming singing a song with them at the

beginning of every Sunday school session, working with the Sunday school program to prepare for the children's Palm Sunday service, and making opportunities for the children to use their creativity to become worship leaders (such as when they composed their own verses to This Little Light of Mine).

2017 was an exciting year in the musical ministry of the church, and I will look forward to what our music program brings in 2018 and beyond.

Respectfully, Julia Carey

Report of the Music Committee

In early 2017 The Minister of Music position was created to combine the former accompanist and choir director positions into one role, adding the ministry component. The constitution and bylaws were updated to reflect the change.

A job description for the new Minister of Music position was created in consultation with the Pastor and Moderator.

A search committee (Tom Struzik, Deb Sorgman, Anne Malmquist, Peter Glass, Lynne Bates, and Sherley Phillips) was appointed by the moderator, as required by the constitution and bylaws, for the purpose of making a hiring recommendation for the permanent Minister of Music. After careful deliberation, the committee recommended the hiring of Julia Scott Carey as the permanent Minister of Music. Julia was officially installed as the Minister of Music during the worship service on September 10, 2017. The service included commissioning, special music, and presentation of gifts.

The senior choir participated in a half day retreat at the church on October 14, 2017 to rehearse upcoming music, practice vocal techniques, and share fellowship time together. The junior choir continued to rehearse and perform monthly. Other musical offerings included the Holy Ukes and various solo artists. The Music Committee section of the constitution and bylaws was revised so that the committee's duties will complement the Minister of Music's responsibilities. The revisions were approved at the congregational meeting on December 10, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Crawford, Music Committee

Report of the Church Moderator

Dear Friends,

It has been my privilege once again this last year to serve as your Moderator. My goals, as always, are to keep communication flowing; give a helping hand and deserved praise and recognition as often as possible; and to encourage an air of love and "we can do anything" attitude in all we do. But that all would be fruitless were it not for the amazing people at Central Square Congregational Church.

We have seen change and growth this year at CSCC. We sold our church parsonage, as our Pastor's life evolves and our responsibility of owning such a property becomes more and more burdensome. We have had changes

in leadership in several key areas including our Music Ministry, our Sunday School Program, and our Youth Ministry, which give us exciting new perspectives. We have strong involvement in our Youth mission trip, our Pastor-initiated “think tanks”, our semi-monthly breakfasts, and our Outreach programs. We continue to explore the power of technology and what today’s world has to offer us to spread the word of our work, and to bring us closer together by being more informed of church activities.

I look forward to another year of growth, change, and celebration. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the leadership of CSCC. It is truly an honor and a privilege.

Respectfully,
Diane Sheibley

Report of the Church Treasurer

Calendar year 2017 was a relatively stable one for the church finances. Our fiscal year 2017 closed on June 30, 2017 with a net loss of \$2,338.97 against a budgeted loss of zero dollars. This was primarily due to over budget expectations from our 2 of our 3 main income producing vehicles. There was a 3% shortfall in budgeted pledge and offering income, the church fair fundraiser netted 87.9% of budget, and the budget expectation for Misc. fundraisers of \$1,000 did not materialize. On the positive side, the golf tournament budget was right on target, and even though we experienced a budget loss, our cash position has been strong enough that we have not had to withdraw any money from the endowments to cover expenses since Dec of 2014. Based on our Fiscal 2017 actual expenses, it cost about \$3,253 per week to run this enterprise we call Central Square Congregation Church, UCC.

The Fiscal 2018 pledge drive was completed in June with 50 pledgers promising to give a total of \$120,054 for the period July 2017 thru June 2018. Rev Stotts announced that she would be moving out of the parsonage in June, and the decision was made to sell the parsonage. Our Fiscal 2018 budget was approved with a \$13,880 deficit due to the addition of a housing allowance for Rev Stotts. The trustees indicated that they expected a good portion of the deficit would be covered this year by the elimination of parsonage expenses. We completed the sale of our parsonage property on August 02, 2017. Net profit realized after expenses incurred to prepare the property for sale was \$151,677.01

Financial documents included with this report:

Operating Budget vs Actual for Fiscal 2017 July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Operating Budget vs Actual for first ½ of Fiscal 2018 July 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2017

Cash Assets as of Dec 31, 2017 (Bank Account Balances)

Pass Through Fund Reports Jan – June 2017, Jul – Dec 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Laurence Brown
Church Treasurer

Central Square Congregational Church UCC
Bank Account Cash Balances

Cash Basis

	Dec 31, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1100.00 • Cash	
1103 • BCU 95 Money Market	
1103.01 • Youth Group MM	1,952.07
1103.02 • Memorials MM	4,241.74
1103.03 • Music (Anderson)	3,486.88
1103.12 • Altar MM	304.21
1103.13 • Memorials (Wood)	1,495.46
1103.15 • Deacons Fund	1,570.39
1103.16 • Women's Retreat MM	(162.00)
1103.19 • Mission Youth MM	4,004.92
1103.23 • Faith Santa MM	207.14
1103.30 • Sr Pastor Sabbatical Reserve	5,670.00
1103.36 • Flowers	422.00
1103.46 • Memorials Woods Grant	5,000.00
1103.66 • 81 Union St Sale	155,411.24
1103 • BCU 95 Money Market • Other	519.62
Total 1103 • BCU 95 Money Market	184,123.67
1104 • BCU 91 Operating Account	27,873.67
1105 • BCU Fair Account	75.00
1106 • BCU 90 Ministers DA	115.90
1107 • BCU 00 Svgs for Outreach	
1107.01 • Food Pantry Outreach	17,918.96
1107.02 • General Outreach	879.73
1107 • BCU 00 Svgs for Outreach • Other	399.53
Total 1107 • BCU 00 Svgs for Outreach	19,198.22
1109 • BCU 92 Cap Imp/Mortgage Acct	31,990.21
Total 1100.00 • Cash	263,376.67
Total Checking/Savings	263,376.67
Total Current Assets	263,376.67
TOTAL ASSETS	263,376.67

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Cash Basis

Central Square Congregational Church UCC Operating Budget vs. Actual Report July through December 2017

	Jul - Dec 17	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000* • Pledges / Offerings			
4010 • Regular Pledges	72,332.00	125,580.00	57.6%
4015 • Unpledged Offerings	13,353.98	22,000.00	60.7%
4020 • Prior Year Pledges	380.00		
4030 • Plate Offering	966.74	3,000.00	32.2%
Total 4000* • Pledges / Offerings	87,032.72	150,580.00	57.8%
4200* • Special Collections			
4235 • MACUCC Fellowship Dues	381.40		
Total 4200* • Special Collections	381.40	0.00	100.0%
4300* • Fundraisers/Events Revenue			
4312 • 4312 Golf Tournament	20.00	7,200.00	0.3%
4315 • 4315 Breakfasts Tracking File	313.79		
4320 • Church Fair	7,161.18	7,000.00	102.3%
Total 4300* • Fundraisers/Events Revenue	7,494.97	14,200.00	52.8%
4400* • Facility Usage Income			
4410 • Non Profit Rentals	1,310.00	3,600.00	36.4%
4430 • Private Rentals	0.00	1,700.00	0.0%
Total 4400* • Facility Usage Income	1,310.00	5,300.00	24.7%
4500* • Investments			
4525 • Investment Income	270.73		
Total 4500* • Investments	270.73		
4600* • Miscellaneous Income			
4601 • Bank Interest	7.71		
4600* • Miscellaneous Income - Other	240.00		
Total 4600* • Miscellaneous Income	247.71		

	Jul - Dec 17	Budget	% of Budget
4700* • Reimbursed Expenses	(35.60)		
Total Income	96,701.93	170,080.00	56.9%
Gross Profit	96,701.93	170,080.00	56.9%
Expense			
6000* • Senior Minister Expenses			
6005 • Payroll	20,960.55	41,921.00	50.0%
6010 • FICA Stipend	2,358.33	4,560.00	51.7%
6020 • Pension Fund	4,026.48	8,380.00	48.0%
6048 • Housing Allowance	10,800.01	21,600.00	50.0%
6050 • Professional Expenses	1,252.45	2,000.00	62.6%
6065 • Health & Dental Ins	5,356.74	9,400.00	57.0%
6075 • Life & Disability Ins	431.42	875.00	49.3%
Total 6000* • Senior Minister Expenses	45,185.98	88,736.00	50.9%
6200* • Support Staff Expenses			
6215 • Pulpit Supply	400.00	250.00	160.0%
6218 • Sabbatical Budget (see 1103.30)	540.00	1,080.00	50.0%
6220 • Office Coordinator	7,080.00	15,600.00	45.4%
6245 • Minister of Music	7,499.96	15,000.00	50.0%
6250 • Sexton/Custodian	2,047.00	12,000.00	17.1%
6255 • Sup. Staff Holiday	301.00		
6256 • Sup. Staff Sick/Personal Days	60.00		
6257 • Sup. Staff Vacation	420.00		
6260 • Sup. Staff FICA	1,283.32	3,245.00	39.5%
6270 • Workers' Comp Ins	2,414.00	1,200.00	201.2%
6275 • Support Staff Supplies	0.00	110.00	0.0%
9000 • Payroll Expenses	0.00	550.00	0.0%
Total 6200* • Support Staff Expenses	22,045.28	49,035.00	45.0%
6400* • Office Expenses			
6410 • Bank Service Charges	159.40	205.00	77.8%

	Jul - Dec 17	Budget	% of Budget
6440 • Internet & Computer Related Exp	1,578.05	2,090.00	75.5%
6490 • Office Supplies	166.23	330.00	50.4%
6510 • Payroll & Treasurer Supplies	909.71		
6520 • Postage & eDelivery	260.60	255.00	102.2%
6525 • Printing & Reproduction	930.74	2,145.00	43.4%
6555 • Telephone	802.71	1,450.00	55.4%
Total 6400* • Office Expenses	4,807.44	6,475.00	74.2%
6600* • Church Building Costs			
6615 • Building Supplies	788.51	2,000.00	39.4%
6620 • Fire Alarm Monitoring Service	276.00	552.00	50.0%
6640 • Property & Liability Insurance	3,469.30	9,286.00	37.4%
6650 • Repairs & Maintenance	3,687.01	5,000.00	73.7%
6670* • Utilities			
6672 • Gas & Electric	3,046.19	4,600.00	66.2%
6673 • Fuel Oil	1,942.55	6,500.00	29.9%
6674 • Water & Sewer	643.30	850.00	75.7%
Total 6670* • Utilities	5,632.04	11,950.00	47.1%
Total 6600* • Church Building Costs	13,852.86	28,788.00	48.1%
66900 • Reconciliation Adjustments	(20.94)		
6700* • Parsonage Costs			
6750 • Repairs & Maintenance	26.90		
6770* • Utilities			
6771 • Solar City Lease	133.38	400.00	33.3%
6773 • Fuel Oil	0.00	500.00	0.0%
6774 • Water & Sewer	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Total 6770* • Utilities	133.38	950.00	14.0%
Total 6700* • Parsonage Costs	160.28	950.00	16.9%
	Jul - Dec 17	Budget	% of Budget
6850* • Operating Committees			
6860 • Christian Education	323.76	1,000.00	32.4%
6865 • Church Growth	624.10	400.00	156.0%
6875 • Deacons • Budget	446.35	800.00	55.8%
6910 • Music (Materials/Substitutes)	463.96	600.00	77.3%
6950 • Stewardship	274.50	350.00	78.4%
Total 6850* • Operating Committees	2,132.67	3,150.00	67.7%
7050* • Misc Expenses	11.88		
7150* • MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0.00	2,634.00	0.0%
7154* • Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0.00	200.00	0.0%
7155* • Outreach Committee Reserve	2,293.71	3,992.00	57.5%
Total Expense	90,469.16	183,960.00	49.2%
Net Ordinary Income	6,232.77	(13,880.00)	(44.9)%
Net Income	6,232.77	(13,880.00)	(44.9)%

Central Square Congregational Church UCC
Pass Through Fund Report
July through December 2017

Cash Basis

	Jul - Dec 17
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
7410* · Direct Pass Thru Income	
7415 · Designated Outreach & Missions	
7420 · One Great Hour Sharing MA	25.00
7425 · Strengthen The Church MA	25.00
7430 · Neighbors In Need MA	103.00
7435 · Christmas Fund MA	681.00
7440 · Blanket Fund CWS	25.00
7445 · Heifer Project HPI	245.00
7450 · Disaster Relief Fund MA	1,256.00
Total 7415 · Designated Outreach & Missions	2,360.00
Total 7410* · Direct Pass Thru Income	2,360.00
Total Other Income	2,360.00
Other Expense	
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
8445 · Disaster Relief Fund MA	1,256.00
Total 8410 · Designated Outreach/Missions	2,090.00
Total 8400* · Direct Pass Thru Expense	2,090.00
Total Other Expense	2,090.00
Net Other Income	270.00
Net Income	270.00

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Central Square Congregational Church UCC
Operating Budget vs. Actual Report
July 2016 through June 2017

	Jul '16 - Jun 17	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000* • Pledges / Offerings			
4010 • Regular Pledges	112,910.96	126,970.00	88.9%
4015 • Unpledged Offerings	28,589.09	20,000.00	142.9%
4030 • Plate Offering	3,344.87	2,500.00	133.8%
4040 • Church School	25.00		
Total 4000* • Pledges / Offerings	144,869.92	149,470.00	96.9%
4200* • Special Collections			
4225 • Targeted Pledges/Offerings	150.00		
4235 • MACUCC Fellowship Dues	368.10		
4236 • Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	2.60		
Total 4200* • Special Collections	520.70	0.00	100.0%
4300* • Fundraisers/Events Revenue			
4312 • 4312 Golf Tournament	7,109.65	7,200.00	98.7%
4315 • 4315 Breakfasts Tracking File	770.62		
4320 • Church Fair	6,594.36	7,500.00	87.9%
4370 • Misc Fundraisers	27.90	1,000.00	2.8%
Total 4300* • Fundraisers/Events Revenue	14,502.53	15,700.00	92.4%
4400* • Facility Usage Income			
4410 • Non Profit Rentals	2,915.00	3,600.00	81.0%
4430 • Private Rentals	1,845.00	1,700.00	108.5%
Total 4400* • Facility Usage Income	4,760.00	5,300.00	89.8%
4500* • Investments			
4525 • Investment Income	84.82		
Total 4500* • Investments	84.82		

	Jul '16 - Jun 17	Budget	% of Budget
4600* • Miscellaneous Income			
4601 • Bank Interest	10.05		
Total 4600* • Miscellaneous Income	10.05		
4700* • Reimbursed Expenses	(250.04)		
Total Income	164,497.98	170,470.00	96.5%
Gross Profit	164,497.98	170,470.00	96.5%
Expense			
6000* • Senior Minister Expenses			
6005 • Payroll	41,921.10	41,921.00	100.0%
6010 • FICA Stipend	4,716.66	4,560.00	103.4%
6020 • Pension Fund	8,052.96	8,380.00	96.1%
6030 • Equity Fund	1,622.81	1,900.00	85.4%
6048 • Housing Allowance	3,323.08	0.00	100.0%
6050 • Professional Expenses	1,600.06	1,300.00	123.1%
6065 • Health & Dental Ins	9,956.15	9,400.00	105.9%
6075 • Life & Disability Ins	862.84	875.00	98.6%
Total 6000* • Senior Minister Expenses	72,055.66	68,336.00	105.4%
6200* • Support Staff Expenses			
6215 • Pulpit Supply	250.00	250.00	100.0%
6218 • Sabbatical Budget (see 1103.30)	1,080.00	1,080.00	100.0%
6220 • Office Coordinator	12,642.50	13,520.00	93.5%
6230 • Choir Director	3,634.61	7,000.00	51.9%
6240 • Organist	11,500.06	11,500.00	100.0%
6250 • Sexton/Custodian	9,383.00	11,440.00	82.0%
6255 • Sup. Staff Holiday	820.00		
6256 • Sup. Staff Sick/Personal Days	156.00		
6257 • Sup. Staff Vacation	260.00		
6260 • Sup. Staff FICA	3,066.03	3,245.00	94.5%
6270 • Workers' Comp Ins	1,497.00	1,200.00	124.8%

	Jul '16 - Jun 17	Budget	% of Budget
6275 • Support Staff Supplies	0.00	110.00	0.0%
9000 • Payroll Expenses	1,717.73	550.00	312.3%
Total 6200* • Support Staff Expenses	46,006.93	49,895.00	92.2%
6400* • Office Expenses			
6410 • Bank Service Charges	376.33	185.00	203.4%
6440 • Internet & Computer Related Exp	1,817.40	1,900.00	95.7%
6490 • Office Supplies	513.16	300.00	171.1%
6510 • Payroll & Treasurer Supplies	814.15		
6520 • Postage & eDelivery	741.71	230.00	322.5%
6525 • Printing & Reproduction	1,985.29	1,950.00	101.8%
6555 • Telephone	1,487.22	1,320.00	112.7%
6400* • Office Expenses - Other	(14.33)		
Total 6400* • Office Expenses	7,720.93	5,885.00	131.2%
6600* • Church Building Costs			
6615 • Building Supplies	689.22	2,000.00	34.5%
6620 • Fire Alarm Monitoring Service	552.00	552.00	100.0%
6640 • Property & Liability Insurance	9,510.36	9,286.00	102.4%
6650 • Repairs & Maintenance	4,684.09	5,000.00	93.7%
6670* • Utilities			
6672 • Gas & Electric	5,919.88	4,600.00	128.7%
6673 • Fuel Oil	4,415.91	6,500.00	67.9%
6674 • Water & Sewer	1,534.92	850.00	180.6%
Total 6670* • Utilities	11,870.71	11,950.00	99.3%
Total 6600* • Church Building Costs	27,306.38	28,788.00	94.9%
66900 • Reconciliation Adjustments	(0.40)		
6700* • Parsonage Costs			
6720 • Mortgage Principal	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
6750 • Repairs & Maintenance	1,234.41	3,000.00	41.1%

	Jul '16 - Jun 17	Budget	% of Budget
6770* - Utilities			
6771 - Solar City Lease	800.28	800.00	100.0%
6772 - Gas & Electric	129.30		
6773 - Fuel Oil	1,678.99	2,500.00	67.2%
6774 - Water & Sewer	390.80	390.00	100.2%
Total 6770* - Utilities	2,999.37	3,690.00	81.3%
Total 6700* - Parsonage Costs	4,233.78	7,690.00	55.1%
6850* - Operating Committees			
6860 - Christian Education	608.74	1,000.00	60.9%
6865 - Church Growth	875.94	400.00	219.0%
6875 - Deacons - Budget	1,120.76	700.00	160.1%
6910 - Music (Materials/Substitutes)	403.98	600.00	67.3%
6950 - Stewardship	36.80	350.00	10.5%
Total 6850* - Operating Committees	3,046.22	3,050.00	99.9%
7050* - Misc Expenses	214.86		
7150* - MACUCC Fellowship Dues	2,603.00	2,634.00	98.8%
7154* - Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	178.10	200.00	89.1%
7155* - Outreach Committee Reserve	3,471.49	3,992.00	87.0%
Total Expense	166,836.95	170,470.00	97.9%
Net Ordinary Income	(2,338.97)	0.00	100.0%
Net Income	(2,338.97)	0.00	100.0%

Central Square Congregational Church UCC
Pass Through Fund Report
January through June 2017

Cash Basis

	Jan - Jun 17
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
7410* · Direct Pass Thru Income	
7415 · Designated Outreach & Missions	
7420 · One Great Hour Sharing MA	422.00
7425 · Strengthen The Church MA	296.00
7430 · Neighbors In Need MA	25.00
7435 · Christmas Fund MA	38.00
7440 · Blanket Fund CWS	233.00
7445 · Heifer Project HPI	1,722.58
Total 7415 · Designated Outreach & Missions	2,736.58
Total 7410* · Direct Pass Thru Income	2,736.58
Total Other Income	2,736.58
Other Expense	
8400* · Direct Pass Thru Expense	
8410 · Designated Outreach/Missions	
8415 · One Great Hour of Sharing MA	422.00
8420 · Strengthen The Church MA	296.00
8425 · Neighbors in Need MA	25.00
8430 · Christmas Fund MA	38.00
8435 · Blanket Fund CWS	233.00
8440 · Heifer Project HPI	1,722.58
Total 8410 · Designated Outreach/Missions	2,736.58
Total 8400* · Direct Pass Thru Expense	2,736.58
Total Other Expense	2,736.58
Net Other Income	0.00
Net Income	0.00

Report of the Endowment Funds

ENDOWMENT REPORT, JANUARY 1, 2017 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2017

Opening balance on 01/01/2017	\$209,692.48
Closing balance on 12/31/2017	\$241,500.43
Change in investments	\$31,807.95 (15.15%)

In December, a donation of \$3,000 was made by a member of the congregation who wishes to remain anonymous. It was requested that these funds be added to the protected principle amount of the endowment. The protected balance is now \$134,762.92 and the amount available to be accessed is \$106,737.51. In the spring of 2017, a committee consisting of Brian Maxfield, Gordon Brailsford and Jack Melcher met to review the portfolio holdings and came up with a recommendation to add several new funds to the portfolio, while reducing the balances of the existing funds. The recommendation was presented to the Board of Trustees and was approved. The new mix of holdings in the portfolio is as follows:

FUND	SYMBOL	ALLOCATION %
PRIME MONEY MARKET FUND	VMMXX	5.00%
TOTAL BOND MKT INDX ADMIN	VBTLX	15.00%
REIT INDEX FUND	VGSLX	5.00%
TOTAL STOCK MKT IDX ADMIN	VTSAX	40.00%
TOTAL INTL STOCK IND ADMIRAL	VTIAX	20.00%
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL BOND INDEX FUND	VTABX	6.00%
HIGH YIELD CORPORATE BOND FUND	VWEAX	6.00%
EMERGING MARKETS BOND INDEX FUND	VGAVX	3.00%

There were no withdrawals from the portfolio in 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Melcher

Report of the Congregational Administrator

Membership as of December 31, 2017	165
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Total new members	17
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LOSS OF MEMBERS

Death	1
Transferred out	0
Resigned/withdrew	0
Removed by Deacons	0

Other statistics

Baptisms	2
Weddings	0
Funerals	8
Deaths of members	1
Deaths of non-members	7

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 on the second Tuesday of the month and reports monthly to cabinet. Rev. Stotts attends all BOD meetings.

From January to June 2015, the Deacons were:

Chair: Anne Malmquist

Vice Chair: Deb Sorgman

Altar: Darlene Brown,

Parish Care: Gloria Weinrebe

Programmatic: Denise Molinari

Sacramental: Anne Malmquist, Deb Sorgman

Jr. Deacon: David Berard

Acolyte Coordinator: 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.

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. We are working to develop a more efficient plan for delivering meals to families. 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

The Stewardship team kicked off the Stewardship campaign in 2017 with a theme based on:
Matthew 25: 35-3

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

These passages from the Gospel of Matthew certainly resonate through our Mission Statement and the various programs we provide at Central Square Congregational Church. When Matthew recorded these words over 2000 years ago Jesus was addressing a gathering of people but remember these words were always intended to resonate throughout time. So when you hear the word "you" Jesus is taking to you and you and you and me in the here and now. We used the acronyms WIFM and ROI - “What’s In It For Me” and “Return on Investment” as a way to encourage the congregation to happily increase their giving.

Rich focused on the passage ***“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink”***. Our congregation nourishes our ‘hunger’ in many different ways. Food Pantry, Mainspring House Meals, delivery of meals by Deacons to those ill or house-bound, Mission suppers, Turkey Dinner, Community breakfast, coffee hours and Dine with Nine.

Spiritually we have Sunday worship, Singing, Bible reflections, Book study & small groups to reflect and grow personnel faith, mission trips, Christian Education programs and of course Communion.

Brad spoke on the passage ***“I was a stranger and you invited me in”***.

We do a pretty good job of being welcoming to everyone through our OAA statement, Greeters in the Narthex, open table for Communion (where all may partake), Sunday morning breakfasts, fellowship pads and name tags. We would hope that anyone who enters our church, for service or meeting, would feel safe and welcomed to be in our building.

Jim used the rest of the passage ***“I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me”***.

The congregation really steps up whenever there is a need and provides clothing for a number of programs: Warmth in Cold Places, Penelope’s House, Clothing for Brockton Homeless and the bi-annual Women’s Guild and Fellowship rummage sales. Many times the remaining clothing is sent to different organizations for distribution to the homeless.

The Stewardship team continues to stress the importance of "time & talent" by recruiting resources to assist the other Boards and Committees with the many projects and activities going on in the church. Each week in the Order of Worship there is an insert for volunteers to sign up to help with those various activities.

We want to thank everyone for their pledges and sharing their time and various talents during the year. All this assured our Church of fulfilling the commitment to our mission.

Respectfully submitted

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

Report of the Board of Outreach

Outreach at Central Square Congregational Church was very lively, and robust, throughout 2017.

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. CSCC partnered with several local churches, all coming together at Central United Methodist Church in Brockton, to minister to the homeless. Together we served food, distributed needed items, and conducted worship services to those who need it most. We were also able to operate a food and overnight warming station on several of the dangerously cold nights.

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.

The Food Pantry at Central Square Congregational Church: The food pantry continued to serve Bridgewater residents in 2017, over 700 family visits were recorded, representing over 1,500 individuals who benefited from the pantry the year. We distributed over 3,000 bags of groceries to these families. Since the pantry opened in March of 2013, we have provided food to over 3,500 families with over 12,500 bags of groceries distributed!

In November, the pantry was able to give out complete Thanksgiving dinners to 70 families. Dinners included a 15 pound frozen turkey and all the fixings for a complete meal.

The success of the pantry depends on a combination of volunteers donating their time and efforts, and an overwhelming amount of support from the community in the form of monetary and food donations. Pat Conn continues to be an immense help, working every Thursday to assist patrons as they select the food they need, and also by coming in to the pantry several times each week to stack donations received on the shelves. Bill O'Neil retired in January and has been a huge asset working at the pantry each Thursday, helping patrons get their groceries to their vehicles (and in some cases providing transportation to their homes). Bill also helps with picking up large loads of food at the Greater Boston Food Bank and at Aldi's in Raynham. We also have 3 individuals, Ed, John, and Wally, who are patrons of the pantry, and come every Thursday to help put together plastic/paper bags, break down boxes, take care of the trash, and also help to unload large deliveries of food from the GBFB when needed. Last but not least, the entire operation is managed by Jack Melcher, Outreach committee alumni, whose commitment and passion to the pantry inspires us all. Truly a team effort!!

The support from the community in the form of food and monetary donations has been truly amazing. In addition to donations from the Congregation at CSCC, and from individual Bridgewater residents, we also receive donations from many local companies and organizations, both small and large. Some donations of significance include Bridgewater Credit Union, Bridgewater Fellowship Lodge, South Shore Corvette Club, Mutual Bank, Morse Insurance, Harbor One Bank, Joe Ritchie and family, Bernier's Liquors, Greater Bridgewater Women of Today, Jane Lebrun and the residents of Harvest Lane, Lions Club, Team Pace Real Estate, Sunrise Service offering, Town of Bridgewater, CSCC Women's Guild, Bridgewater Firefighters, Bridgewater Badgers, and Bridgewater State University. In addition the Bridgewater School system donated

over 200 boxes of non-perishable items in November! We also get donations from Pet O'Brien from the Whitman Food Pantry. They receive donations on a weekly basis from Stop & Shop's Peapod service, and they share them with other pantries, including ours. Every week they bring us frozen meats, fresh bread, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and salad mixes. Aldi's supermarket in Raynham also donates to us twice per month, with a large amount of frozen meats, bakery products and non-perishable items.

In summary, our Church provides 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 4th Tuesday of every other month. We were also able to provide a very special roast beef dinner on the day after Christmas.

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: After several category 4 and category 5 hurricanes devastated numerous states and islands, Outreach completed a successful fundraising collection for this national and global mission. Donations were sent to Heart to Heart International, an organization that provides relief for the people who are still, even today, recovering from these disasters.

5 For 5: The Board of 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 Outreach and CSCC continued to support local missions and the good work they do, in our community, and beyond. Examples include Teen Challenge and Penelope's Place.

Looking Ahead: The Outreach Committee looks to continue to promote an environment of mission and giving at CSCC as we head into 2018. 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. Finally, we hope to explore additional non-monetary opportunities for outreach in an effort to foster continued growth of Mission Outreach, regardless of any budgetary constraints.

Thank You!! The CSCC board of Outreach would like to extend a special "thank you" to all of you who supported these missions with your time, talents, and treasures. You have showed us your love, faith in our Lord, and the missions that he has set before us over and over again.

Without the direction of our father in heaven, and all of your efforts, these great accomplishments would not be possible.

God Bless You All!!

Report of the Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education has had a year filled with transitions. Terry Reynolds our long standing Superintendent of Sunday School retired in May. We celebrated Terry's achievements and service during Children's Sunday. The children made her stained glass themed helping hands quilt with the help of Ellen Crawford. The board recognizes and appreciates Ellen's skilled sewing work to bring the piece to life. With Terry's departure we have welcomed Krissy Cannizzo into the role of Superintendent. Shane Abboud is taking time away from the committee due to personal reasons. Carla Jackson has volunteered to help us fill the void in Shane's absence. We remain with two vacant seats on the committee. Lisa Masiello remains Chair. We have hired a Youth Minister Larissa DeMarco early December; recognizing that the youth in grades 9-12 have had an underserved need. We hope to provide them a level of spiritual support as they transition from confirmands into active church members. Larissa comes to us with a great deal of experience and look forward to working with her as she engages the youth in 2018.

We continue with our annual efforts. Heifer Month is January was another success with the support of the Congregation we raised about \$1900 towards Heifer International's relief efforts. The children picked animals as goals for fundraising. They sold items related to their animals during the Living Market held the last Sunday of January. The children also used the Heifer calendars and 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 creating their own Tablues and presented them during the 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 Gotham City themed night. The proceeds help with the expenses of the Mission Trip. The Mission Trip was in Queens New York. Twenty-one youth and three leaders worked on community improvement endeavors including working in a community garden. 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 Dave 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 commissioned Krissy Cannizzo as the new Superintendent, with limited class sizes and a shortage of teachers, we attempted a one room school house approach to the fall utilizing a rotation model for lessons. This model provided challenges as the middle aged youth were feeling disengaged. Marlene Jacobs has volunteered to work with the 6-8th graders twice a month for programming. Krissy has supplemented the Spark Curriculum with some wonderful hands on activities that have engaged the children in a multifaceted way bridging their everyday life experiences with their developing faith experiences. The Mission Youth announced their Trip for 2018- to Hershey, PA with the Youth Works Program. To fundraise they held a leaf raking event in November and ornament sales in December.

The Board Closed the year with the Advent Season. We kicked off Advent with a very successful Advent Workshop. It included pot luck supper, arts and crafts, advent wreath making, and yuke carols. We had many new faces and was a multigenerational event. We returned to the traditional Christmas Pageant per the children's request. The pageant was a wonderful success with children of all ages participating.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Masiello, on behalf of the board of Christian Education

Report of the Board of Trustees

Your Board of Trustees met monthly throughout the year. In June, we welcomed back experienced past Trustee Ed Buckland to the board. In our annual reorganization, we thanked Gordon Brailsford for his two years of leadership as Chair and we elected Co-chairs, Barbara Morey and Tom Struzik. Ed Buckland was elected secretary.

We were also privileged to have either Larry Brown, Treasurer and/or Dave Sheibley, Assistant Treasurer at our meetings. We can't thank them 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.

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

By far the biggest event for the Trustees in 2017 was the selling of the parsonage after Pastor Beth asked to switch over to a housing allowance as part of buying "her own place" with her new husband. For many, this came with a big sigh of relief, mine included, since the parsonage was in need of thousands and thousands of dollars of deferred repairs and maintenance, not the least of which was a whole new heating system. We have joined the majority of UCC churches that no longer or never had a parsonage. We truly appreciate the fantastic support of the congregation as we worked through this whole process. It was a great demonstration of our UCC Polity of self governance.

Next on the list of accomplishments for the year would have to be the re-lamping of Fellowship Hall with extremely energy efficient and mercury free LED lights. And we would be remiss if we did not once again publicly thank Gordon Brailsford for bird dogging this project, along with many others these last few years. He is now working on getting the lights in the kitchen, corridors and office suite changed out to LED. We are only paying 1/3 the cost of these improvements due to Mass Save grants. Gordon truly exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated member of the "Building and Grounds" team of the Trustees.

This past summer, Gordon flew his new drone up the front of the church and took pictures of the needed repairs to the steeple, facias and windows. He and Barbara Morey then went to work to procure the services of Historical Restorations Steeplejacks (Mark Paley, Warwick, RI) to make the needed repairs. These repairs commenced in early December. We need to make it very clear that these repairs are essentially a band aid to get us through the next two years. We've got a big date coming in 2021 and we will need to engage not only our members, but the community at large, starting in two years if not sooner, to help both financially and physically to prepare our beloved building for that event – the founding of our congregation 200 years ago.

For the Board,

John Sharland
Member

Annual Report On:

Annual Church Fair, “Hometown Harvest”

Central Square Congregational Church

Bridgewater, MA

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

Friday, November 10, 2017 : 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, November 11, 2017 : 9:00am – 2:00pm

Turkey Supper : Nov. 11 : 5pm 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 2017 fair included: pie & coffee service (Friday only), cookie walk and baked goods, homemade candy and fudge, craft/gift items, holiday decorations and “Christmas room”, jewelry, attic treasures, silent auction (gift baskets provided by individual church committees, individuals, and local merchants), Saturday luncheon: clam chowder, squash bisque, tomato-basil soup, walking tacos, meatball subs, hot dogs, desserts, drinks. It also includes the Saturday evening turkey supper, in two seatings plus takeout.

Announcements were made at service on Sundays starting in September, signup sheets were available to solicit volunteers in September and October. Flyers listing the fair were handed out at BSU's Autumnfest in September and at the rummage sale in October. 11"x17" signs were printed and posted in local stores and high traffic areas, and articles appeared in the October and November Steeple Sounds. Notices were posted on Facebook, and were emailed out. Notices appeared in local print publications. The big sign was on the nursing home lawn at the intersection of South St. and Pleasant St.

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) and through the turkey suppers, some returning from last year. They were great.

Turkey Supper:

Tickets were \$12 for adults; \$8 for seniors/students; \$6 for children; max. \$35 per family, and suppers were served in two seatings, 5pm and 6:30pm as well as the takeout option. We had approximately 38 takeout meals purchased; there were approximately 78 people seated at the 5:00; approximately 80 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 about \$7,161**, up over \$500 from 2016. It was budgeted to bring in \$7,000.

2017
CHURCH FAIR TREASURER'S REPORT
COMPLETE AS OF 01/11/2018

TABLE	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUN & LATE	Expenses	TOTAL
BAKERY	240.25	252.25	0.00		492.50
CANDY	279.75	160.25	28.00		468.00
GIFTS	42.50	0.00	293.80		336.30
CHRISTMAS	410.00	365.50	682.00		1457.50
ATTIC TREAS	211.00	215.12	0.00		426.12
JEWELRY	26.00	68.95	0.00		94.95
KIDS ROOM	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
COFFEE &	577.00	0.00	0.00		577.00
LUNCHEON	0.00	578.75	190.00		768.75
DINNER	133.00	150.00	1420.08		1703.08
BASKETS	0.00	0.00	1156.00		1156.00
FARM	78.75	154.60	63.00		296.35
50/50	0.00	0.00	190.00		190.00
MISC UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES>					(805.37)
TOTALS>	1998.25	1945.42	4022.88		7161.18 < FAIR NET \$
DATE				CREDIT	DEBIT
01/01/2017	Starting balance from 2016				75.00
11/10/2017	Seed \$ for change from personal accts MEMO \$744.00				
11/17/2017	#281 Denise Molinari Misc Expenses				(628.45)
11/15/2017	DEPOSIT			7951.55	
11/17/2017	#282 Darlene Brown seed \$ return				(744.00)
11/19/2017	#284 to CSCC general fund				#####
11/16/2017	check rejected by bank from deposit			(59.00)	
11/19/2017	direct deposit to ops late proceeds baskets			432.00	(432.00)
11/19/2017	direct deposit to ops late proceeds redeposit reject			59.00	(59.00)
11/19/2017	expenses paid from ops (table cloths)			176.92	(176.92)
12/10/2017	direct deposit to ops late proceeds baskets			25.00	(25.00)
12/17/2017	direct deposit to ops Christmas crafts on the common			243.00	(243.00)
					16.00
Respectfully Submitted by					
Laurence Brown					
Church Fair Treasurer					

Report of the 2017 Golf Tournament

The CSCC 3rd Annual Golf Tournament Fund Raiser was held at Olde Scotland Links Golf Course on Friday July 28, 2017. A shotgun start began at 8 AM on a perfect summer day.

Participating in this great successful fund raiser were 62 golfers, mostly all friends of Brett Wright. We raised \$9,822.25 with this event and we can thank our 31 local businesses and our CSCC Boards and CSCC Members for sponsoring holes and being contributing factors in this profit.

Money was also raised with a Silent Auction at the banquet, in a 50:50 Raffle on one of the holes on the course, and in contests held on designated holes.

The Grand Prize awarded this year, through the sales of Raffle Tickets, was a week's stay in a beautiful summer home on Martha's Vineyard donated by friends of CSCC.

We all worked hard, played hard, and we all had fun. I'd like to thank all the committee members for their help.

Jack Melcher
Gail Wright
Gordon Brailsford
Meg McDermitt

Submitted by Barbara Morey (Chair)

Report of the Church Growth Committee

This year we welcomed two new members to the group (Gail Wershing and Tracey Doherty), and had two members' term limit come up (Christine Hoyt and Meg McDermott). The new team is working on getting their footing in what Growth is meant to be doing, and will be spending the next year focusing in ways to help promote the great things happening in the church with the wider Bridgewater community.

Some highlights from 2017:

- January brought snow and blessing of the bears.
- We organized the Spring Dine With 9 Groups
- In September, we organized a booth at Bridgewater Autumnfest, and managed to hand out flyers for a couple of hours before the torrential rains came.
- In December, we organized the Living Nativity scene during the Bridgewater Autumnfest. The live animals were a huge hit with the kids!

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Terpeny

Report of the Women's Guild and Fellowship

The Women's Guild and Fellowship of Central Square Congregational Church meets and welcomes all women on the first Wednesday of every month - January through May and October through December. Each meeting begins with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, a monthly devotion followed by the Women's Guild and Fellowship prayer. All committees report on their activities for the month. Refreshments are served at all meetings by various members.

Our programs during 2017 were Oil's of the Bible by Gina Savignano, Guild Auction led by WG & F Auctioneers Sandra Alley, Janet Colford, Phoebe Hogg, & Bev Mitchell, Ash Wednesday Service and refreshments served to congregation, Journey to Jerusalem with Barbara Morey, Guild Annual Banquet at the Monponsett Inn, Annual Pot Luck Supper, The Elephant Sanctuary presented by Lisa Budge-Johnson, & Christmas Communion Service led by Rev Beth, and music led by Cameron Shave.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to raise money by holding local fundraising events, and then in turn we give it back freely to local charitable organizations. Our annual fundraisers for 2017 included the Spring and Fall rummage sales, Collation services for members and their relatives, & Guild Auction.

This year we have given to Central Square Congregational Church-General fund, Mission Youth, Sunday School (for supplies), Golf Tournament, Lighting for Fellowship Hall, Annual Fair, Mainspring House, Penelope's Place, Mitchells Monsters, Totes for Teens, Teen Challenge, Animal Protection Center of SE MA, Homes for Our Troops, Church World Service, Christmas gifts for troops, Bridgewater Food Pantry, Avon 39 Breast Cancer Walk, Catholic Financial Life Chapter, Hurricane Relief (2), The Elephant Sanctuary, & Operation Santa.

Our members also donate to the "Guild Angels Project".

During 2017, the Guild made gifts to help 2 families and 1 memorial gift to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Wright and Lynn Pietras, co-presidents

Report of the History and Memorials

The History and Memorials committee began the fall of 2017 with three members, two of which were new to the committee. The seasoned member, Beth Basler, decided to leave the committee to focus her attention as chef for the church breakfasts, mission youth suppers and for various other church meal events. A third member was recruited and we are once again a committee of three: Barbara Morey, Rachel Lawson, and Terry Reynolds.

The History and Memorials Committee has had a busy and productive year. On the historical side:

- The parsonage, located at 81 Union Street, was sold due to Rev. Beth Stotts and her family purchasing their own home in Lakeville.
- The church began some minor repairs to the steeple. The repairs commenced in December and will continue into 2018.
- On the lighter side, the church held the third annual Golf Tournament, raising \$9822.00.

Regarding monies given in memoriam:

- The church was able to restore the sign on the front of the building.
- A donation given by the Yeaton family was used to purchase hearing devices. They will be used to improve hearing for hearing for the hearing impaired during worship services.
- There are many historical items in the church that need to be protected in case of a fire. As a result a fire safe cabinet, in memory of former church historians Ethel and Don Dolan, was purchased and resides in the History and Memorials Office.
- Memorials has been asked by the deacons to add a new responsibility to its tasks. We will now offer flowers at Christmas and Easter time in memory of loved ones. This was formally a Deacons responsibility. Poinsettia were offered this Christmas time and were placed in the Sanctuary during the Christmas Eve services.

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