

**Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Barrington, Rhode Island**

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



All church members are encouraged to attend the

ANNUAL MEETING

on Sunday, June 12th, 2016

in the Sanctuary

immediately after the 10 a.m. worship service

Child care will be provided

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WARRANT
for the ANNUAL MEETING
of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC
Barrington, Rhode Island

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington RI, is hereby called to take place on

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2106 in the Sanctuary **immediately after worship.**

The business to be transacted is as follows:

ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.

ARTICLE II: To receive and vote on the slate of nominees for officers, ministry teams and delegates.

ARTICLE III: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE V: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Cordeiro, Clerk

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MINUTES of the 2015 ANNUAL MEETING
of the BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
held JUNE 7TH, 2015

Article I - The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by moderator Steven Peck.

Article II - A motion was made by Jane Tonn and seconded by Pat Rude to vote on the slate of nominees for 2015-16 as outlined in the Annual Report. After a plea by Steve Peck for a church member to fill the open position of Clerk, the slate was unanimously approved.

Article III - Moderator Steve Peck asked Dick McWhirter to share the highlights of the proposed six month budget. Refer to the three Points of Interest as stated and passed out to the Members and Friends of BCC-UCC.

Dick emphasized that the goal of the proposed budget was to meet the vital needs of the church while also being fiscally responsible. He then made a motion which was seconded by Lee Miller that the proposed budget be accepted. The floor was open for discussion and with none, the motion was passed unanimously.

Article IV - Cheryl Muth announced the name and background of our new interim, Rev. Sue Remick who will begin half time in August preaching the first Sunday which will then have an extended coffee hour for a meet and greet. She will be full time in September.

Article V - The motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, *Patricia Rude* (stepping in for Clerk)

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
of the BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
held OCTOBER 4TH, 2016**

Article I: The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM

Article II: The slate of nominees for a Search Committee to fill the position of Senior Minister of this church was presented and nominees were acknowledged by the congregation, as follows:

Larry Ashley (chair), Eric Ela, Allison Fodor, Bernie Hawes, Chris Morton, Helen Schall, Kathy Sullivan, Sam Sylvester, Matt Zeleznik (youth), Amanda Colby (youth).

Steve Fodor rose to thank the nominees for agreeing to serve. Steve Peck seconded this sentiment.

A motion was made to accept the slate of nominees (Lee Miller; George Bolton and Lynne Lehman seconded). The motion carried unanimously.

Article III: No other business came before this meeting

Article IV: Following a prayer by Rev. Remick, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM

Respectfully submitted: *Pat Cordeiro*, Clerk

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**MINUTES of the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
of the BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
held JANUARY 31ST, 2016**

Article I: Meeting called to order at 11:08 AM by Moderator Steve Peck.

Article II: Steve opened the meeting by calling forward Dick McWhirter to discuss the 2016 budget.

Dick called attention to the printed budget that had been distributed. This is a transition budget so we won't be comparing the half-year to the upcoming full year. Assumption is that Reverend Sue will continue as Interim Senior Minister and that the parsonage will be rented. There may be additional cost when a Settled Minister is called. Health insurance may well be an additional cost. Dick reports that additional \$2400 in pledges has come in this week. Collections for missions includes income from a "one-time" plate collection in March to support the United Church of Christ Conference so that we can provide our share of support without using money in the existing budget; our share is established by a bill to BCCUCC from the Conference. The budget for plowing is variable, depending on the weather. All team budgets were maintained. Currently, the existing deficit in the budget is \$1736.

Motion to approve the budget (McWhirter, and seconded)

Moderator Steve Peck asked if there were any additional questions from the membership.

Question: What is the item "OCWM" in the budget? Our Church's Wider Mission

Question: As we are asked to provide a per capita for Conference, why can't this be taken out of the existing budget rather than by a separate plate collection? Dick: Per capita is a donation of \$20 x membership.

Reverend Sue reports that the BCCUCC office is currently reviewing the church membership rolls to see how many active members there are and how many are inactive. This will affect the bill from the Conference.

Question: Does someone have to let office know if they want to have inactive membership?

Reverend Sue: BCCUCC has nothing in bylaws about this, so determination has been based on member's request. The office doesn't decide this for a member.

Question: Do we own the parking lot? Dick, Paul Dennis, & Jay Buckley: Yes, we are the owners and we plow; we rent the parking lot to the state. The line item for this year's plowing is an estimate based on last year's bill of \$6000.

Moderator Steve Peck calls for a vote. Motion approved unanimously.

On behalf of all, Steve thanked the Finance Team for their hard work on this year's budget.

Article III: Steve asked Larry Ashley, chair of the Search Committee for a Settled Minister to provide an update to the membership. Larry reported that there have been mostly weekly meetings of the Search Committee to develop a church profile. He noted that the Church has a fine and dedicated Search Committee. The profile will be submitted to the Conference for review and then it will be posted. About thirty churches are seeking senior pastors, other years have had many more. Applications will then be reviewed; Larry hopes to have a presentation on the profile in the next month once it is finalized.

Article III: Reverend Sue reported that volunteers are needed to serve on short-term Task Forces – Website Re-Development, Personnel, and 300th Anniversary Planning Task Force.

Article IV: Steve requested a motion to adjourn; motion made and seconded, approved unanimously. The Annual Budget Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Cordeiro, Clerk (with thanks to Mary Lou Slicker, assisting the Clerk)

	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Mission Statement</p> <p>The Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is a Christian community that worships God, embraces all people, ministers to one another, works for justice and peace, and renders loving service to God's world.</p>
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INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

REV. SUE REMICK

In the first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul, with Silas and Timothy, sent greetings to the church at Thessalonica. I have paraphrased it here in the singular because it echo's my words for you today.

1:2-5 "Every time I think of you, I thank God for you. Day and night you're in my prayers as I call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following Jesus Christ, before God. It is clear to me friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put God's hand on you for something special." You, the members and friends of Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ have been truly blessed by God and are destined for something special. I have enjoyed serving you for the past year.

When I arrived, I had no voice. That did not seem to matter so much because your voices of faith were strong from the very beginning. Together we found our collective voice in sharing hopes and dreams for the future here. We held "coffee" and "cottage" chats and saw the many ways that this church has been blessed. The Search committee hit the ground running and never stopped. They worked exceptionally hard.

My time with you was spent in planning and leading worship, attending committee meetings, working with the staff during this transition, serving the membership in pastoral care or in leadership assistance, performing baptisms and memorial services, reaching out to our elders and newcomers, making some visits, and getting to know you.

During an Interim there is often time needed for grieving, time needed to catch your breath and look around, and time needed to consider trying some new things. From the very first day I saw the evidence of Rev. Jeff's good and faithful ministry here with you and I saw evidence that he was surely going to be missed. I saw many signs of health here such as the pieces in place for extravagant welcome and the new ways you were "doing church" in your committee and team approach. You are Open and Affirming, something that some churches even today have not taken on. You had a recent stab at updating your bylaws and even had a recent church directory. You also have a highly skilled and dedicated staff which brings continuity to the health of the church. I was grateful for their expertise and care. I hope you all appreciate them. They certainly work hard for this church and they worked to welcome me. I will always be thankful for their joy.

There wasn't much time to catch our breath or try on some new things together but you will have plenty of time to allow your new pastor to spread their wings here and encourage them to teach you a few new dance moves along the way. I believe in you and I have seen such great evidence of new energy brewing here. I will pray that it continues to percolate and that you continue to be open to new ideas, new ways to do worship, and new ways to do ministry.

It will be sad to say goodbye. I will not get to celebrate with you as you "turn 300" but I will look from afar as you do. I will not be able to come back for some time and that is so your new pastor will be able to become settled. As Nanny McPhee said once, "When you need me but do not want me, I will stay. If you want me, but no longer need me, then I have to go." Interim time is sometimes seen as something that church members do not want as if it is something terrible. I do not look at it that way. That's probably because it is my vocation! I see it as an important pause, like a Sabbath rest, or an intentional exhale. Every church needs a low tide to rest and explore. Every boat needs to come into the harbor once in a while to re-stock and get

ready for the next voyage. Every church needs time to let go in order to be ready to receive the new.

I am honored to have been part of this fine “crew” even though the time has passed quickly. I wish you every blessing in your future. I pray that God will send you fair winds but if you face some difficulties and the sea turns rough, remember to get into the back of the boat where Jesus can calm even the greatest of storms.

In the Second book to the Thessalonians in chapter 1:3-4, Paul and his crew begin their letter by saying the following. I have paraphrased it into the singular person. “You need to know, friends, that thanking God over and over for you is not only a pleasure; it’s a must. I *have* to do it. Your faith is growing phenomenally; your love for each other is developing wonderfully. Why, it’s only right that I give thanks. I’m so proud of you; you’re so steady and determined in your faith despite all the hard times that have come down on you. I will tell everyone I meet in the churches all about you.” That I will surely do!

Whether we meet some day on some fair shore here, or on the Eternal Shores of heaven, you will remain in my heart and in my prayers always.

Godspeed. *Rev Sue*

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

REV. BRENDAN CURRAN

“Behold, I am making all things new” - Revelation 21:5

As I write my annual report I still feel moved by the beautiful Jubilation Sunday service where we celebrated the church school and how we always have new beginnings in God’s Love. Together we wrote on butterflies the different ways we see God making things new in our lives and in our community as we joined hands in a circle. This year has been one of transition and change for our church. In the midst of that change it has been such a gift to see all the ways God is making us new. It continues to be an honor to watch how we grow more deeply together as we reach out in loving service to each other and to our wider community and world as we serve a God who is constantly making things new. So what’s new in church this year?

Well, in the church school, I continued to work closely with our talented and dedicated c.e. coordinator, Andrea Bullard, and the CEYM team to offer engaging and enriching programs for our children and youth. We continued offering Godly Play through grade 1. We worked with our creative church school teachers to offer a dynamic homemade program for the 2nd-4th graders we called, “Growers and Shakers.” We offered the Connect curriculum for the 5th and 6th graders, and our 7th and 8th graders spent the year learning about other faith traditions and the world’s great religions. We also just welcomed three bright new young people into the church as members who went through the confirmation program this past year! We concluded our dynamic year by inviting in a special guest teacher, Camellia Lee, who offered a program called, “Moving with the Word.” It has been a full year of learning and growing in faith and life together. I am so grateful to all our church school volunteers, our kids, and our families for making it all possible.

It has also been a full and active year for the Junior and Senior Youth groups. Looking back over the year of JYG activities it's a blur of happy memories of trips to the apple orchard, the pumpkin carving night, movie and pizza nights, trips to the soup kitchen, etc., and of course the shoreline clean-up with Save the Bay. The Senior Youth Group met monthly for a breakfast and also for monthly service events. Among their activities were a racial justice awareness retreat offered by the RIUCC conference's racial justice ministry, trips to serve breakfast to the homeless at Mathewson Street Church, or with Mobile Loaves and Fishes. They also made hundreds of beautiful "prayer sticks" for Flint, MI that were blessed and sold to raise a significant amount of money that helped our sister UCC church in Flint, MI in their efforts to respond to the water crises in their city. Through our coming together in faith we had so many opportunities to see how God's Love is with us making us new together, stretching our hearts and minds, and sending us out!

Speaking of being sent out into the world, the 2016 mission trip will be off on their journey in just one month! In our divisive world God makes things new through the transformative power of Love by broadening our understanding of who our "neighbors" are and what it means to love them as ourselves. In June, several young people and adults from our congregation will spend a week at "Borderlinks" in Tucson, Arizona. They will be serving as well as witnessing and learning about the lives and experiences of migrant people, immigrants, and refugees who live their lives in the Borderlands. Those going on the mission trip have spent a year getting to know one another and preparing for this experience. We have had a fundraiser almost every month. Many thanks are in order to all who had a car washed, came to a pasta dinner, or supported any of our fundraisers! Thanks to your support we've been able to offer scholarships as well as significantly lower the cost of the trip for everyone going. We exceeded our fundraising goals! The kindness and generosity of our congregation never ceases to amaze me. Thanks to everyone who made our fundraisers exceptional community events. Please keep those going to Borderlinks in your prayers from June 25th-July 2nd and we will look forward to reporting back about our experience in August.

Our church hosted many enriching events for the wider community this year. As a facilitator for the racial justice ministry of the RI conference I was able to help the mission and justice committee in their efforts to host, "A Sacred Conversation on Race," as well as in the organizing and planning of events like the evening with our guest speaker Ambassador Chaz Freeman. As a church we were able to act as an educational resource and minister to the wider community.

In addition to my ministry to the children and youth, it has been a joy getting to know the rest of the congregation better in my second year serving here. I've enjoyed getting to meet you all in sacred moments like the evening Bible study I offered during advent, the morning prayers we shared in together during holy week, or a simple visit. It has been a great privilege to work with Rev. Sue Remick this year. I am so grateful to have had her support and leadership during this year of transition. I have benefitted so much from her wisdom and have enjoyed ministering alongside her in "holding the fort" this year and guiding the congregation through this time as we prepare to welcome a new settled senior pastor. I look forward to welcoming that new person and seeing how God will make us as a faith community new again, as God is always doing. I feel honored and blessed every day to serve our wonderful church. Many thanks to all of you for the unique and special ways you each contribute to our beloved community being what it is.

Grace and Love, *Brendan*

MODERATOR

STEVE PECK

We continued through a period of transition this year, blessed to have the leadership and guidance of Interim Senior Minister Rev. Sue Remick. Our fiscal year ended with the announcement from the Senior Minister Search Committee that a Senior Minister has been called with a fall start date. In addition, our many and varied ministry teams and committees continued the work that makes up this vibrant community. Included in each of their annual reports is the record of service and dedication of all who contribute to the success and well-being of ministries for the whole congregation.

Church Council continues to meet monthly to discuss the business of the church. Leaders of our ministry teams give so much of their time and I am greatly appreciative of their efforts and guidance.

Thank you to all of the members of this community who work so hard to continue the mission of our church and make this a lively and welcoming place. A time of transition is also a time of opportunity. I look forward to working together to move forward into the next phase of our church life.

See you in church, *Steve Peck*

DEACONS

PAT RUDE

This has been a year of transition. Over the summer of 2015 several deacons were involved with interviewing and resulting in a final choice for our interim time. Our choice, Rev. Sue Remick, took the helm part-time and then full time in September proving to be a superb captain of our ship jumping in scheduling “cottage chats” to hear feedback from members as to what they feel the direction of the church might be and offering input for the search committee headed by deacon Larry Ashley.

Additionally we scheduled a church kitchen “cookout” to help the deacons meet and greet Sue and also helped get a pulpit supply in place before Sue could come on full-time.

In October we had our annual retreat at new deacon Tom Wegner’s home with creative input from Sue. Also, the other new deacon is Jon Stabach (replacing Helen Schall and Cheryl Muth), The new deacons for 2016-17 replacing Liz White and Greg Voigt will be Kim Zeleznik and Chris Morton.

We continue to support the Mobile Loaves and Fishes three times a year and also help out our friends and neighbors with funds from our Deacons’ Fund that is collected on communion Sundays. As is our tradition, the deacons distribute Christmas plants to shut-ins and to families who experienced a death or major health problems. We did the same at Easter and for Valentines, with the help of Sue, had a Valentine card signing for members over 90 which was a great success and appreciated by those who received them. We have become more involved with

church safety monitoring the doors before church service begins. We became directly involved in two services - Maundy Thursday and Laity service which was led by Chris Brady. We nominated Paul Dennis to be honored at the Lay Person's Breakfast held at Newman Congregational Church. Tom Wegner is chairing the 300th anniversary activities for the coming year calling it THREE CENTURIES AND BEYOND. It will also involve many deacons as well as others.

Pat Rude and Susan Rotblat-Walker were responsible for presenting Rev. Sue with her evaluation. This was pulled from several members' emails, phone calls and personal conversations, and was discussed at our May monthly meeting.

We continued to provide communion services on the first Sunday of the month with alternating teams. Team 1: Abby and Larry Ashley, Liz White, Greg Voigt, Stephanie Edwards and Jon Stabach and Team 2: Tom Wegner, Chris Brady, Susan Rotblat-Walker, Susan Seader, Joe Judge and Pat Rude.

Chris Brady has agreed to be the chairman of the Deacons replacing Pat Rude.

At the time of this writing we prepare in a few weeks to hear the choice of the Search Committee and we will be involved in helping with that transition and the joy that it will bring to us all though we must give Rev. Sue Remick a BIG THANK YOU! and wish her well. We will miss her.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRIES TEAM

CAROL STRAKOSH

Culminating a year of transition and change with a celebration of the cycle of life during Jubilation Sunday, on May 22, 2016 CEYM hosted a Sundaes Sunday. The service included a participatory dance led by Camellia Lee of Brown University and guest drummer, Sidy Maiga.

A core group of children performed and led the congregation in a series of activities and songs that celebrated growth, change and rebirth. The announcement of a successful search for a new Minister brought home the idea that we will begin again.

Our year began back in August with a meeting in the library with dessert and discussion. We met with Associate Minister, Brendan Curran and Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard to plan and organize our monthly calendar of events for the year. On September 13th , we held Gathering Sunday, which included the dedication of church school volunteers during worship, followed by an all-church catered picnic. On September 20th , Church School officially began with many returning teachers who were required to be screened as per safe church policy. We worked to include Children's Message updates about Rinchin, the child we sponsor through the UCC Global Youth Ministries Sponsorship Program. Our continued support is important to this child from from India. Church School registration showed that there were few students enrolled in the Godly Play Program and that the largest classes were registered for the 2nd.,3rd, and 4th grade Holy Moly program which was co-taught with Laurie Dubel, as head teacher and curriculum coordinator alternating with Ginger Stabach and Carol Strakosch. Grades 5&6

continued to adapt “Connect” from Sparkhouse Publishing. The 7th and 8th grade curriculum focused on World Religions. The Our Whole Lives (OWL) program, a faith-based, holistic sexuality education program (10 - 12th grades) was cancelled due to low numbers of possible participants in that age range. It will again be offered next year, as scheduled, to the 7th & 8th grader group. Reverend Curran taught a very small, but dedicated Confirmation Class which consisted of 3 students. They met 5 times and also participated in the Day of Service event in Providence, an overnight retreat at Craigville on the Cape in January, and partnered with Save the Bay for an April shoreline clean up. Of particular note, our Church hosted 40 youth from throughout the Conference for Racial Justice Training and Sacred Conversation on Race for Martin Luther King Day. We became the 1st Church to host a youth event for the UCC’s Racial Justice Mission.

September, proved to be a very, very busy month for CEYM because in addition to the beginning of Church School we hosted a soup Kitchen On September 26th and Brendan began Mission Trip Planning on September 27th with a meeting of possible participants. Fund raisers were to be organized by individuals who chose an event to commit to. They included Pasta Dinners, Candle and Citrus Sales, Hypnotist Frank Santos Jr., and the creation of “the Wall”.

CEYM hosted an Advent Arts Craft Fair on November 22nd rather than the 29th to avoid the Thanksgiving weekend, which is generally a low attendance time for Church School. Brendan was busy this month preparing the puppets and script for the Christmas Pageant. This intergenerational pageant included many youth from the Church and was a big success.

Later in the year, CEYM held the Lenten Lollapalooza Craft Fair and its’ annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year in preparation for Easter we held a Children’s Service that reenacted the Holy Week Story. Lori Dubel organized and choreographed a skit, along with Brendan and Andrea which used our students to display the symbolism of each day in the week leading up to Easter. Church School also enjoyed a Sacred Dance activity with Camellia Lee in preparation for Jubilation Sunday. Our youth amazed us with their connection to the spirit and the depth of their thoughtfulness and understanding of the “Circle of Life”.

Junior Youth Group (JYG) and Senior Youth Group (SYG.) worked to combine events in a variety of ways. The Junior Group was led again by Laurie Dubel, Ginger Stabach, and Kim Zeleznik. Highlights from a busy year together include serving at the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen, Skyzone, Christmas Caroling with a Yankee Swap, Lazer tag, a sleepover in the Sanctuary, a day of shoreline cleanup, decorating room 9 at the church, and finally visiting the Seekonk Grand Prix. A very consistent number of youth were involved with the group all year and they were encouraged to host friends. SYG is growing slowly but, surely. Brendan hosted monthly breakfasts and service opportunities for students and their friends. Service opportunities included a Prayer stick Project which raised \$400 dollars for Flint, Michigan, serving meals at Mathewson Street church to the Homeless, a shoreline clean-up, a book drive, Mobile Loaves & Fishes, as well as, participation in Mission Trip fundraisers. The final church activity for our youth, which will include a number of young and older adults is the Mission Trip to Borderlinks in Tuscon, Arizona which will take place at the end of June. A number of very successful events and fundraisers were held in preparation for this trip. Coffee Hour will be hosted by CEYM for the month of June.

For the 2015-16 year M&J chose **Racism as a theme**. Our goal was simply to open a conversation using some faith-based programs to initiate dialogue and stimulate interest in addressing the severity of racial bias in our country. No small task! Additionally, we tried to promote our annual mission to assist neighbors and friends with our traditional donations of food, warm garments, and monetary support. Below are some of the promotions, sponsorships and mission work we either organized and/or supported this year:

- **Kingian Non-Violence Training** - Through the efforts of Phyllis Buckley, we were able to have Rev. Sharon Key, a certified trainer in the philosophies and strategies of non-violence developed by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. offer her training sessions (a 2-day program) to the congregation. It was an incredibly eye-opening experience, unfortunately not well-attended. We will try to address this issue again in the future.
- The annual **Thanksgiving TAPIN food drive** produced bags and bags of stuffing mix and oodles of boxes of brownie mix and instant mashed potatoes, all of which were delivered just in time for the November holiday. **The Mitten Tree** during the Christmas season **yielded 26 mittens/gloves, 47 hats, 8 scarves and 3 blankets**. This was down from 2014-2015. They were delivered to Amos House before Christmas Eve. **The Giving Tree** was very successful and **raised \$975 worth of gift cards**, which were delivered to the Women's Resource Center in time for Moms to have Christmas gifts for their children.
- To boost much-needed financing for the upcoming mission trip, we organized a **holiday-themed Bake Sale**. Thanks to the talented bakers of BCC, we had 3 tables brimming with sweet confections. Always a well-received event--down to the last crumb--**we raised \$516.50** for the youth group, who will travel to Arizona in June on their Borderlinks mission.
- Continuing our emphasis on Racism and since **February is Black History Month**, we offered a 3-hour dialogue of **Sacred Conversations on Race**. A very special eye-opening program sponsored by our Mission & Justice team, RICUCC Racial Justice Ministry and RICUCC Justice & Witness Division was facilitated by Rev. Nancy Hamlin Soukup and Rev. Don Remick (husband of our interim minister Rev. Sue Remick). Many thanks to Brendan Curran for organizing and promoting the spiritual benefits of this wonderful program. It was very well-attended by people from churches in the wider community--not so many from BCC, which was disappointing. We need to work on that. However, the Sacred Conversations program and our wonderful facilitators were well-received and enthusiastically applauded by all attendees. It should be offered again!

We also showed **American Denial, a documentary film** chronicling racial bias in the Jim Crow era and highlighting the racial inequality still evident in America today.

- Easter and the Lenten season brought an opportunity for M&J to support and encourage another project for **HAITI** (a follow-up to our One Egg for Haiti collection last year). **Trish Sylvester and her granddaughter, Lily Sylvester, collected art supplies and shoes for school children at an orphanage in Haiti. They also collected \$760 in plastic eggs for a**

chicken farmer who is constructing a large building for the chickens (\$10 per chicken) who will furnish an egg a day for the local children.

- April 2nd - **Amb. Charles Freeman, a distinguished diplomat, Senior Fellow at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, gave a talk entitled “The End of the American Empire: Foreign Policy Without Diplomacy”.** This presentation was a collaborative effort with our M&J team, East Bay Citizens for Peace and American Friends Service. A vigorous Q&A period followed his stimulating and thought-provoking talk and resulted in a request for follow-up discussion a few weeks later. Due to a lot of publicity, the attendance was excellent--numbering almost 100 people. We look forward to collaborating with EBCP and AFS on other projects.
- Other April events included the third annual **2nd Story Theater fundraiser**, which was enjoyed by all who attended the production of “Educating Rita”. Although not all the tickets were sold, we still **raised \$220 for a Mission Trip Scholarship** to be awarded to one of the travelers. Also, **Earth Day** was celebrated by M&J’s “floral designers” decorating the church with branches of spring blossoms and flowery shrubs and greens. Seed packets were handed out after the service, as well as postcards to be sent to Senators asking them to sign the Paris Pledge. The youth group made prayer sticks, which were sold at coffee hour for \$1-3 dollars. **M&J agreed to a matching funds donation, which resulted in a total of \$412 being sent to the UCC church in Flint, Michigan for their clean water distribution project.** Another of our traditional collections during Lent is for **Holy Joe’s Cafe. This year we raised \$207, which is equal to 6 cases of coffee for our service men and women.**
- **June 2nd is National Gun Violence Awareness Day. We are proud to support Moms Demand Action - For Gun Sense in America by illuminating our steeple in an ORANGE glow.** Orange is the color hunters wear to protect themselves from being shot by mistake. It is also the color chosen by classmates to honor the memory of their friend, Hadiya Pendleton, 15, who, one week after marching in President Obama’s 2nd Inaugural Parade, was shot and killed in her hometown of Chicago. Literature on the need for sensible laws, gun safety, and responsible behavior around firearms was made available to the congregation. We hope to improve the support of this effort within the church and wider community.
- **Four wonderful volunteers and service-oriented members are ‘retiring’ from M&J this year--Chris Brady, Stephanie Edwards, Joy Hearn and Lory Snady-McCoy.** We are very sorry to lose these dedicated and devoted members who have served and supported all our missions, causes and justice issues for several years. Thank you for kindly and generously serving our committee and church community for so long. Perhaps another committee will be lucky enough to have them! On a bright note: Phyllis Buckley has agreed to join, and we are very fortunate to have her!

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM

PAUL DENNIS

The Buildings and Grounds Team was again active this year with projects to maintain our Church buildings and parsonages.

The steeple was painted using a very large bucket truck and should be all set for a number of years to come. Also the back of the church was stripped and painted and a few other areas touched up.

The broken weathervane was removed and information is being sought to help decide how best to replace it.

The seawall behind the church was repaired where necessary to keep it in good condition. A new railing on top of the wall is planned to be installed this summer.

A low temperature alarm was installed in the church to prevent unexpected chilly Sunday mornings.

In Fellowship Hall overhead fans were installed to help circulate heated air in the winter and create a breeze in the summer.

A new snowblower was purchased to allow church members to help the custodians as needed after storms.

Security issues were addressed by the installation of cameras at Education Building entrances with monitors located in the main office and Tots Cooperative rooms.

The parsonage at Fireside Dr has been rented out while we await a new Senior Pastor. This year the boiler at this house was converted from oil to gas and repairs were made to the chimney. The bulkhead door was also replaced. The parsonage at Nathaniel Dr had the back door replaced.

The state renewed the Park and Ride lot lease for another five years as well as making another payment on the land they are leasing from the church adjacent to the Central Bridge reconstruction.

Special thanks to the ad hoc landscaping committee for addressing planting and gardening issues. The Boy Scouts of Troop 6 again participated with members of the congregation at church clean-up day in April. And of course we thank our dedicated custodians Paul and John for maintaining the church buildings and grounds in a condition we can be proud of.

HISTORICAL GROUP

TOM WEGNER

2017 will be the 300th Anniversary of the founding of our church. During this past year a group of interested people from the congregation started meeting and making plans to celebrate the occasion. They also hope to work on better archiving and displaying the church's historical records. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month (not July or August) and are led by Tom Wegner. New members or advisors are most welcome to join them. Below is a tentative 'calendar' for some of what they're planning.

History: Celebration Plans first quarter:

- Nov 2016 - Monthly "did you know" history facts/dates will start appearing in the church bulletin
- Nov 2016 - We will start selling calendars for 2017 with historic pictures of the church and significant dates highlighted
- Nov 2016 - Banner on the church announcing the celebration
- Nov 2016 - Start selling t-shirts with celebration logo and theme "300 Years & Beyond"
- Dec 2016 - Expand the Jazz Concert that has previously been offered and sponsored by the Preservation Society to include two show times and an additional dessert buffet for people to take advantage of
- Jan 2017 - Have church drummers open up a Sunday service
- Jan 2017 - Kick off the first concert in a year-long concert series

Other months tentative plans:

- May 2017 - Pre-Memorial Day Parade Pancake Breakfast
- July - Sept 2017 - In conjunction with the Town celebration - Heritage Weekend with church tours, historic point of interest with regards to the church tours (Jennys lane, Rumstick, Tyler Point)

Archive:

- Continue to look for a place to house the archive that is secure, some items can be displayed, historians would have access to view documents/items on tables, chairs, computer for viewing items that have been digitally archived
- Take an inventory and catalog what is currently in the church's possession, find out if anyone/an group has items outstanding, etc.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

BETH BUCKLEY

"...for I was a stranger and you welcomed me," Matthew 25:35

Our first priority is to welcome visitors and members to worship services. We organize greeters for every Sunday service. We provide information for visitors, gifts such as mugs, choir CDs and pens inscribed with the church phone number and website. As with other ministry teams we serve at coffee hour, participate in the soup kitchen and send a representative to the Church Council.

Membership Team members wear bright green name tags to be easily identified to visitors and be able to answer questions. We maintain a Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall where information is available about our church. Also new name tags can be requested, and email addresses added or changed. People can also sign up to help with various events.

The team is involved in hosting new members as they join the church family. In conjunction with the ministers and the Deacons, members of the Membership Team meet for info sessions with people interested in joining the church. We meet with new members before the service,

assist with the signing of the church membership book, give corsages, take photos to be displayed at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall, provide a cake for the New Member Sunday coffee hour. Brief bios of the new members are submitted for publication in The Bridge.

In May we welcomed 3 confirmands by hosting a breakfast for them and their families before worship. We took photos of the confirmands and gave them corsages and river rocks gathered from the shore behind the church as tokens of their commitment to being confirmed and joining BCCUCC.

In April Membership hosted "Be the Church" opportunity fair. Nineteen committees and activity groups participated. This was a time to recognize the accomplishments of these groups and reach out to others to become involved. We decorated the Fellowship Hall with a large rainbow colored banner encouraging us to "Be the Church".

In June Membership joins with the Women of Faith to host a luncheon for Senior Ladies. It is usually attended by fifty or more members and friends.

Over the spring Membership focused on their other responsibility as the Nominating Team. Many officers and committee chairs agreed to continue during this transition time.

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

PAT STODDARD

The Music Ministry contributed to the worship life of our church by presenting varied musical offerings throughout the year. In addition to singing every Sunday from early September through the 3rd Sunday in June, the vocal choir added special anthems for Christmas Eve, Easter and Music Celebration Sunday. They also enthusiastically led congregational singing for special Sundays such as Jubilation Sunday. The Sing and Celebrate Choir, directed by Kate Colby, participated in worship services throughout the year, highlighted by a wonderful anthem for Jubilation Sunday. Organist and Choir Director Marina Zabinski continues to share her gifts - and so beautifully. Greg Voigt enhanced worship throughout the year with his stirring brass/piano duets with Marina at the piano, and by supplementing congregational hymns with brass descants that he composes. While there is currently no full bell choir, Pat Stoddard continues to offer bell solos to keep the sound of the bells present during worship. Guest Jazz String Bass player Dennis Pratt added his fine skills to a rousing All Saints Day service and for Music Celebration Sunday. We appreciate all the church members who added their special touch while sharing their musical gifts with the congregation throughout the year.

CHANCEL MINISTRY TEAM

AUDREY ROGERS

Members of the Chancel Team are Audrey Rogers and Carol Louttit, Co-Chairs, Bethia Rosner, Cheryl Muth and Liz Rosenholm. Participation in "Opportunity Sunday" was worthwhile as it gained us a much needed member. Liz Rosenholm has joined our team and her responsibilities

will start in July. Council has been notified. We met in April to discuss our schedule of responsibilities for the coming year through 2017.

Chancel is responsible for the care and maintenance of the sanctuary, altar cloths, communion linens and silver. We also coordinate the donations of the weekly altar flowers and the subsequent distribution of these flowers to members and friends of the congregation who may be ill, bereaved, shut-in, or otherwise in need of remembrance. We were asked by the Deacons to clean the communion linens to make sure they are gluten free since now the bread used for communion will be totally gluten free. That has been taken care of. Our income is provided by the donations from the congregation to the Deacons Fund at Christmas and Easter. The donations have significantly decreased over the past several years. This year at Easter, there was only \$200 more taken in than the actual cost of the flowers. Weekly arrangements are provided by The Greenery in Warren at \$30/per vase. Our Easter altar flowers were provided by Quality Fruitland Florist (IN BLOOM) in Seekonk. Chancel meets on the Saturday before each of these holidays to decorate the altar, as well as at Thanksgiving to decorate with the cornucopia and vegetables which are then donated to Tap-In. Any extra money is used for anything that might enhance the worship service (i.e. sound system, hearing devices, etc.) We have had seasonal arrangements of silk flowers provided by The Greenery and they will be used when we are unable to get donations for any given Sunday. It is getting more and more difficult to find new donors. There is a sign-up sheet at coffee hour and people are encouraged to be donors of vases in memory of loved ones, or in celebration of special occasions. We have also provided a new silk flower arrangement in the vestry/elevette room. The Chancel Fund has provided additional hearing aid devices this year, as well as funding for the brass rails on the altar. We have been discussing with Paul Dennis about contributing towards the upholstering of two cushions in the sanctuary for perusal by the congregation so that perhaps in the future we may have some sort of fundraising to upgrade the pew cushions.

Sue Terhune has donated two beautiful amethyst-colored glass vases in memory of her parents and her son Eric to be used on occasion. They have been used several times and are a beautiful addition to our altar.

Chancel is under the umbrella of the Deacons and assists them at coffee hour and the soup kitchen. We do not have regular meetings but touch base with each other at coffee hour on Sundays and occasionally get together for coffee to discuss our obligations.

USHERING MINISTRY

BETHIA ROSNER

The Ushering Ministry has 15 members with 2 substitutes. There are 3 schedules for ushering: Sept – Jan, Feb – June, and July – Sept. During the Sept – June terms there are four ushers each Sunday, and during the summer only two.

The ushers prepare the sanctuary prior to worship, restore order in the pews after the service, provide hearing devices for those who request them, microphones for announcements and for Joys and Concerns, and present mementos (mugs, CDs, pens etc) furnished by the Membership

Ministry Team to first time worshippers and/or guests. The ushers also collect the offerings of the congregation and present them at the altar.

This past Mothers' Day, the ushers were ably assisted by members of the 2nd – 4th grade church school class.

LAY VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

NANCY MARTIN

We are part of our church family who feel compassion for those of us who are unable to attend worship in our sanctuary and still need to feel an intimate connection to our church. For some of those it's short-term due to illness or temporary mobility limitations; for others it's long-term, depending on physical abilities. So we keep in touch with visits in person and on the phone, eager to hear how they are and 'how their heart is' (a greeting intended to elicit thoughts on their emotional well-being). Our listening is committed to maintaining confidentiality. We come to be a presence, not to solve problems, but to be open without judgment – hearing their concerns and feelings and sharing silence as well as news of the church – however we can be supportive. We are also sensitive to those grieving the loss of an immediate family member, knowing the value of expressing their pain to someone who cares and can empathize. Because bereavement is a process of stages to live through, we connect over the following two years even though the hurt extends longer.

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 3:30 pm in the library from September through June. If that time presents a problem, I will gladly forward the lists of our homebound, parish concerns and bereavement to you. Please contact Nancy Martin (273-1078) with your questions and interest.

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS TEAM

MARION FODOR

The PPRT assists in fostering a healthy relationship between Pastors and the congregation in order to enhance the effectiveness of the church's mission. The team meets quarterly at regularly scheduled meetings and at the request of Pastors and/or congregants.

This year five members of the PPRT met quarterly to listen to and support both our Senior Interim Minister Sue Remick and our Associate Minister Brendan Curran. We also met one other time as requested.

The PPRT was responsible for the performance review of Associate Minister Brendan Curran. A member of the Christian Education and Youth Ministries Team as well as a Deacon joined us in this review.

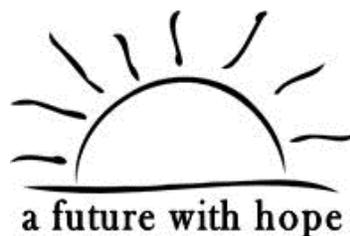
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

SUSAN ROTBLAT-WALKER

The Stewardship program at BCCUCC provides all members and friends with the opportunity to share their gratitude for God in their lives through the pledges they make and the talents they share in the life of the church. This past year we decided to return to a calendar fiscal year which meant that we had to implement two pledge campaigns to complete one fiscal year and begin another. A bit complicated but we did it! The theme for the calendar year 2016 stewardship program came from the Jeremiah text: *for surely I know the plans I have for you...to give you a future with hope.*

The theme was quite appropriate as the stewardship team worked closely with our interim senior minister the Rev. Sue Remick to organize and carry out the cottage chats held in members' homes and at church. The feedback you provided at the chats directly contributed to the content of the church profile prepared by the Search Committee as well as gave Rev. Sue a clearer sense of the strengths and challenges we face. In addition, the stewardship team made up of Steve Fodor, Kristen Westmoreland, Ann Wood, and Susan Rotblat-Walker communicated regularly with the congregation regarding the goals and financial well-being of the church. Ann Wood recruited several members of the congregation to share in worship their reasons for pledging and why they believe we have a future with hope. At the conclusion of the program we received sufficient pledges to present a balanced budget for 2016.

We thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to the ministries of our church. Many thanks to the dedication and hard work of two members going off the team this year: Steve Fodor and Ann Wood. We look forward to an exciting *future with hope* as we welcome a new settled senior minister and commit even more strongly to the ministries of our church.



FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

DICK MCWHIRTER

Converted from a July-June fiscal year to a calendar year as of January 1, 2016 without major hitches.

Compiled and obtained congregational approval for both the short term six-month budget, July-December 2015 and the calendar year 2016 budget, both balanced.

Investigated potential for online pledging and donating. Disappointed in lack of commercial online pledging systems and will pursue developing our own. Not yet sold on advantages of online giving compared to the cost, but are continuing the investigation.

ENDOWMENT MINISTRY TEAM

ADAM HECHT

The equity markets had a difficult year in 2015. Most indices were negative with the exception of the S&P 500 that squeaked out a measly 1.19% return (including dividends). The endowment funds had mixed returns with continued success coming from the church’s largest investment account. For fiscal year 2015 the funds paid to the church 4.5% of the last three year average year-end values which came to roughly \$47,000.

Ocean State Fund	\$608,043.00	Up 4.50%
RI Foundation	\$260,466.00	Down (1.60%)
RIC UCC	\$150,072.00	Down (4.12%)
Total	\$1,018,581	

In addition the ministry is responsible for five designated funds totaling \$94,487 which are managed through RIC UCC.

TREASURER’S REPORT

JOHN LOERKE & FRED MACDONALD

The latest complete fiscal period was the six months ending December 31, 2015. We recorded a surplus of \$28,000, however these results are distorted because the Interim Senior Minister started in mid-August, reducing expenses, and because the timing of certain income and expense favored those six months. The year-end unrestricted surplus was \$95,000, providing a cushion for any unusual costs as we transition to a new Senior Minister. Our general Endowment Fund was about \$1,000,000 which will provide \$47,000 of income to help support 2016 operations.

The breakeven budget for 2016 assumes the Interim Senior Minister is in place for the full year. It is now likely that a new minister will be in place before the end of 2016 which could affect our expenses.



AUDITOR’S REPORT

ANN BLACK

I performed review procedures on the Church's financial records for the twelve months ended 31 December 2015. No material issues in our internal controls or report balances were noted. To tighten our control of non-pledge revenue, I recommend that the procedures pertaining to the handling of cash be reviewed before the end of this calendar year.

2016-2017 SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS, MINISTRY TEAMS etc

The slate of nominees to fill the various positions on the ministry teams and to serve as church officers is presented below.

* indicates a vacancy yet to be filled.

Year# indicates which year the person will be serving: 1 = first year, 2 = second year etc. (For officer or ministry team positions - with the exception of deacons - there is a limit of 4 years serving in the same position).

Please note that under the 2014 By-Laws:

- Officers and delegates are elected annually and cannot serve more than 4 consecutive years in the same capacity.
- Members at Large and Ministry Team members serve for a one or two year term (except for Deacons) and cannot serve in the same capacity for more than 4 consecutive years.
- The Deacons serve for a three year renewable term.
- Those who serve on Deacons, Finance, Endowment, and Pastor Parish Relations Teams and all ministry team chairs are to be active or associate members of this church.
- Those who serve on Buildings and Grounds, Christian Education and Youth Ministries, Mission and Justice, Membership, and Stewardship ministry teams are to be active participants in the life of this church.
- The number that appears in parentheses after a ministry team’s name indicates the number of members in the group according to the 2014 By-Laws.

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<i>Office</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Year#</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Year#</i>
MODERATOR			AUDITOR		
Steve Peck	2017	3	Anne Black	2017	3
CLERK			CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE (2)		
Pat Cordeiro	2017	2	Helen Schall	2017	3
CO-TREASURERS			Larry Ashley	2017	1
John Loerke	2017	5	DELEGATES TO RI CONFERENCE (2 + one youth)		
Fred MacDonald	2017	5	Susan Rotblat-Walker	2017	3
HISTORIAN			Laura Ward	2017	3
Tom Wegner	2017	1	* (youth)		

MINISTRY TEAMS (listed alphabetically)

Term Expires Year#
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM (8)

Paul Dennis	2017	3
Steve Cipoletti	2017	3
Louise House	2017	3
Jay Buckley	2017	3
Sue Terhune	2017	3
Paula Rooks	2017	2
Art Edgette	2017	2
Tom Macedo	2018	1

CHANCEL MINISTRY TEAM (4)

Carol Louttit	2017	3
Audrey Rogers	2017	3
Bethia Rosner	2017	3
Cheryl Muth	2017	3
Liz Rosenholm	2018	1

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRIES TEAM (6 + one youth)

Cathleen Joachim	2017	3
Betsy Resituyo	2017	3
Carol Strakosch	2017	3
Francis Seader	2017	2
Duncan Maio	2017	2
Kathy Sullivan	2018	1
Catherine Muth	2018	1
Amy Barkat	2018	1
Sydney Zarlengo (youth)		1
AJ Maio (youth)		2

DEACONS (10 - 12)

The deacons serve 3 year terms and can serve for 2 terms (a max of 6 years)

Pat Rude	2017	2 nd Term
Chris Brady	2017	
Susan Seader	2017	
Abby Ashley	2017	
Larry Ashley	2017	
Susan Rotblat-Walker	2018	2 nd Term
Joe Judge	2018	
Jon Stabach	2018	
Tom Wegner	2018	
Stephanie Edwards	2019	2 nd Term
Chris Morton	2019	
Kim Zeleznik	2019	

Term Expires Year#
ENDOWMENT MINISTRY TEAM (4-6)

Dick McWhirter	2017	3
Bob Mason	2017	3
Adam Hecht	2017	3
Bill Rooks	2017	2
Kate Colby	2018	1

FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM (4-6)

Rob Black	2017	3
Tom Colby	2017	3
Dick McWhirter	2017	3
Lynne Lehman	2017	3
Sam Sylvester	2017	1

LAY VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

This is a non-elected group of people.

Kathy Block	Joan Miller
George Bolton	Cheryl Muth
Rose Marie Bolton	Paula Rooks
Tom Macedo	Helen Schall
Nancy Martin	Clyde Slicker
Judy Miesner	

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (8)

Beth Buckley	2017	3
Joanne Ela	2017	3
Moyne Cabbage	2017	3
Paula Rooks	2017	3
Trish Sylvester	2017	3
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MISSION and JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM (4)

Sharon Sylvester	2017	3
Stephanie Edwards	2017	3
Ann Doran	2017	3
Judy Miesner	2017	2
Ginger Stabach	2017	2
Helen Schall	ex gratia	
Libardo DeLaTorre	2018	1
Phyllis Buckley	2018	1

Term Expires Year#

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM (2)

Pat Stoddard	2017	3
Heather Williamson	2017	3

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (5)

*This team is selected by the Moderator,
ministers, and Deacons*

Marion Fodor	2017	3
John Muth	2017	3
Steve Peck	2017	3
Jane Tonn	2017	2
Kim Zeleznik	2017	2

Term Expires Year#

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (5)

Susan Rotblat-Walker	2017	3
Kristen Westmoreland	2017	3
Bill Block	2017	1

USHERING MINISTRY TEAM (2)

Bethia Rosner	2017	3
Tom Colby	2017	3

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REPRESENTATION AT RI CONFERENCE

The following individuals from Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, are currently serving in the capacity indicated:

RI CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (RICUCC)

Rev. Ellen Brady	Women of the RI Conference
Steve Fodor	Church and Ministry Committee
Nancy Martin	Women of the RI Conference
Lois McCartney	Women of the RI Conference
Lee Miller	Investment Committee
Susan Rotblat-Walker	VP of Stewardship Development, Women of the RI Conference
Helen Schall	Hispanic Support Committee, Women of the RI Conference (Chair), Outdoor Ministries



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AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME
(Adopted at the 2010 Annual Meeting)

We believe that all people are blessed and loved equally by God. Following the teachings of Jesus we heartily welcome everyone into God's covenantal community. Whatever your race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic or marital status, variety of thoughts and beliefs, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression - whoever you are and wherever you come from you are welcome into the full life and ministry of our church.

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

May 16, 2015 – June 6, 2016

This report covers the 12+ month period from mid-May 2015 through early June 2016. The categories shown are also requested each December for the United Church of Christ Yearbook Report (see page 22).

NEW MEMBERS (3)

8/30/15

Betsy Restituyo
Ginger Stabach
Jonathan Stabach

CONFIRMATIONS (3)

5/8/16

Bobby Dubel
Evan Stabach
Sydney Zarlengo

MARRIAGES (1)

Michaela Leigh Norton and Matthew Mark Phillips, Jr.

BAPTISMS

Infants and Children (13)

Hazel Teresa Oliveira
William Alexander Tewart
Kayla Mae Whiting
Quinn Harper Randazzo
John Bowen Humm

Adult (0)

DEATHS

Members (3)

Sam Sylvester
Helen Elder
Rae Wyche

Others (1)

Bobby Sugg

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 15, 2015: 409

Between May 16, 2015 and June 6, 2016 the following changes occurred:

Additions to Active Membership (8)	Losses to Active Membership (93)
3 - Confirmation	3 - Death
3 - New Members	0 - Transfer Out
2- Reinstated to Active Membership	2 - Requested removal
	6 - Moved away
	82 - Moved to Inactive Member*

* *In early 2016, the Active Members list was reviewed by various groups in the church, and those members who hadn't been active for a number of years were moved to 'Inactive Member'. Even though listed as 'Inactive' they are still members of the church. Their 'active' status can be reinstated at any time once they become active again. These changes to 'Inactive' were reflected in the 2015 Year End Report that was submitted to the UCC (see below).*

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 6, 2016: $409 + 8 - 93 = 324$

(see below for further explanation)

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

reflecting changes in the membership that occurred between Jan 1st and Dec 31st, 2015

The membership statistics are collected at the end of each calendar year and reflect the changes that took place during that year. They are then submitted to the National Office of the United Church of Christ in the form of the Year End Report, and appear in the UCC Yearbook.

Active Membership as of 12/31/2015 was 322 (see following table for breakdown).

<i>From the Year End Report to the UCC:</i>	
Statistics for January 1 – December 31, 2015	
Active Membership as of 12/31/2014	394
Additions during year:	
Confirmation	12
Confession of Faith	0
Letters of Transfer	1
Reaffirmation of Faith	13
Losses during year:	
Death	6
Transfer	0
Other removals	92
Active Membership as of 12/31/2015	322

Between January 1, 2016 and June 6, 2016 there were the following changes in ACTIVE membership:

- + 0 New Members
- + 3 New Members (by Confirmation)
- 1 Death of Active Member
- 0 Removals

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 6, 2016 is $322 + 3 - 1 = 324$

Note:

The information listed on p. 22 and the top half of p. 23, reflect those changes that took place between May 16, 2015 and Jun 6, 2016.

The information on the bottom half of p. 23 shows changes between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2015.

The information above on this page shows the changes that have happened so far this year, from Jan. 1 – Jun. 6, 2016.

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Associate Minister The Rev. Brendan J. Curran

Organist/Choir Director: Marina Zabinski

Office Administrator: Christine Wallis

Financial Secretary: Patricia Stoddard

Christian Education Coordinator: Andrea Terni Bullard

Custodians: Paul Dzedzic, John Cordeiro