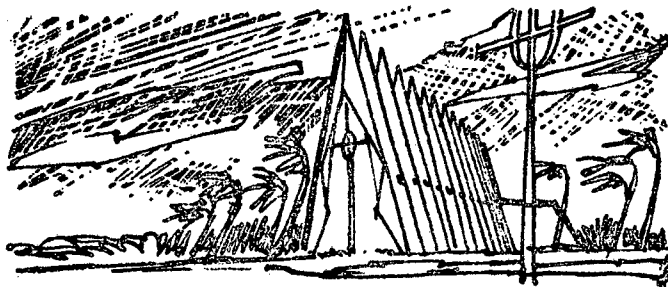


ANNUAL REPORT



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Gaylord, Minnesota

ANNUAL REPORT - 1978

ANNUAL MEETING - January 14, 1979

GEORGE ANDERSON, President
REV. W. R. FEGAN, Parish Minister

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MINISTER'S REPORT TO ANNUAL MEETING

January 14, 1979

Without boring you with a personal diary, let me briefly list some of the highlights of this past year for me.

Certainly I would have to list the completion of the new church and our first service in it on May 21 as a high point. As much as we appreciated the generosity of our Catholic friends, it was nice to come home again. The dedication of the new church on October 8 was another very important part of the year for me. Not only was that a good day in terms of the fine program and response of the people, it reminded us again of what can be accomplished when people do work together for God; and it caused me to celebrate with gratitude the fine talent and leadership we have within our own local church.

Of importance to me personally was the opportunities I had for continuing education - for keeping up with the times - for improving myself as a minister. In January and again in March I participated in the two-day seminars on evangelism in the local church. As some of you may recall, I tried to pass on some of that experience in our Lenten Services. I also attended a one-day seminar on alcoholism at Hazelden Treatment Center. Then this fall I participated in a most helpful six session seminar on Christian Response to Contemporary Moral Issues. Boiled down to a few words, this was a course at the post-graduate level on Christian Ethics. I found the course to be mentally stimulating and challenging, and I hope that some of the help I received will be reflected in my ministry.

Vivian and I are thankful for the continued improvements at the parsonage. The house not only looks better, it is now a much more comfortable dwelling in which to live.

Rev. Bob

PASTOR'S STATISTICAL REPORT

MEMBERSHIP - January 1, 1978 265

ADDITIONS:

by confirmation - Kevin Max, Lisa Poquette,
Brent Miner, Bonnie Rieke,
Denise Tourtellott, Douglas
Walsh, and David Underhill. 7

by transfer from other churches - Jeff Yock,
Kay Yock, Ray Pioske, Betty
Pioske, and Nancy Pioske 5

by reaffirmation of faith - Laura Estenson 1

Total Added 13

SUBTRACTIONS:

by transfer - Linda Donner 1

by death - Elias Michels, Gertrude Patterson,
Marlys Rowland, Del Rieke 4

Total Subtracted 5

Net Gain or Loss +8

MEMBERSHIP - December 31, 1978 273

BAPTISM - 1

Julie Marie Estenson, Chad Ryan Yock

MARRIAGES - 3

David Arthur Bohling
Kimberly Sue Kolstad

Randall Bauman
Cynthia Gasow

Glenn Michael Young
Susan Mae Gores

FUNERALS - 4

Elias Michels, Gertrude Patterson, Marlys Rowland, Del Rieke

REPORT OF PRESIDENT

1978 has been one of the more eventful years for our church. To mention a few of these events: There have been 12 monthly church council meetings; two or three special council meetings; a public auction of numerous items from our old church building; completion of our new building; the moving of our organ and ourselves from St. Michale's to our new sanctuary; the construction of new public sidewalks; the grading of the church lawn; the laying of sod; the landscaping of our church lawn; the dedication of our new church on October 8; new siding on our parsonage, plus some interior work. Necessarily, along with these events, have been the numerous committee meetings, differences of opinion and judgment were resolved and difficult decisions made.

As I look back on the year, it has been a rewarding and satisfying experience. It was a pleasure to find such excellent cooperation from the council, all committees and members of the congregation. No matter how difficult or menial the task, there were workers upon request. There was a lot to be done, and it was accomplished. While serving as President, I was also a member of the building committee, and there were times when it was necessary for me to differentiate between the two tasks, and I hope I did not overstep my responsibility. I was thankful I had the time and the opportunity to serve.

It was also my privilege to attend the Eastern Association meeting in Excelsior with Pastor Fegan, and the annual meeting of the Minnesota Conference at Northfield. In concluding this brief report, I again wish to thank all committees and members who have worked so hard this past year. I wish also to acknowledge with thanks the parish of St. Michale's for furnishing a home for us during the construction of our new building.

It is my hope that the support and cooperation that I have received will also be there for my successor, and that with the continued trust and love between us our church will continue to serve and grow in this community.

George Anderson
President, 1978

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
1978

The men of the church again participated in the annual Men's Lenten Breakfast.

We were called upon to help landscape the new church lawn. The fine turn out was greatly appreciated.

The Men's Fellowship paid the entertainers supper at the All-Family Banquet in the fall. We were also called upon to help move chairs and tables for several events during the past year.

There is a balance of \$303.02 in the treasury of the Men's Fellowship on December 31, 1978.

DICK ESTENSON, CHAIRMAN

PRISCILLA CIRCLE
1978

The Priscilla Circle served the lunch for Bessie Michel's funeral and the Michels family gave a memorial of \$60 to the church.

We paid for material and labor to have the gold chairs in the Fireside Room redone.

In February we sent a layette to Biloxi which contained diapers, shirts, etc. and also two quilts which were made by the women of the circle.

In May we had a potluck lunch for Circle members and guests and an interesting slide show by Ruth Klossner.

In September we toured the U. of M. Landscape Arboretum.

In November we delivered Thanksgiving baskets to shut-ins from our church and donated a crib quilt to the Hospital Auxiliary Bazaar.

We paid \$25 to the Women's Council for them to send to Delmo.

We were pleased that three new members joined our Circle. They are Meredith Johnson, Carol Freeman and Lois Poquette.

GLORIA SINELL, PRESIDENT

RUTH CIRCLE
1978

We met six times during 1978. Our regular meeting night is the second Monday in January, February, March, April, October, and November at 8 P.M. There have been many interesting discussions about our Church's history, women's involvement, and future growth. In November our guest was the Rotary exchange student from Japan, Michiko Ohuchi, who showed slides and shared her experiences in Japan and Gaylord.

Several members of the Circle refinished the wood on the Fireside Room furniture, and selected coverings for the cushions. We invite any women in the church, who are not now active in a circle to join us, and share in some warm fellowship.. Connie Rieke is the new chairperson, you may contact her or any other member for a schedule.

JEAN FEEHAN, CHAIRPERSON

WOMEN'S COUNCIL
1978

Women's Council met monthly this past year. Members were: President, Karen Peterson; Vice President, Susan Tessmer; Secretary, Sandy Wentzloff; Treasurer and Ruth Circle representative, Jean Feehan; Priscilla Circle representative, Ruby Huffman, Marie Berg, Gloria Sinell; Barb Peik, senior deaconess and Arlene Busse, past president

Our treasury had a balance of over \$600 in January, 1978. Additional funds were received this year thru donations from families served, circle funds, rummage sale, coffee hour, bake sales and food service events.

Events and projects:

- January: Elias Michels funeral; annual meeting, pot-luck dinner; donations to Meals for Millions; purchase of brown hangers.
- February: Time and Talent Interest letter sent to all women
- March: World Day of Prayer; Marlys Rowland funeral; formation of parsonage committee.
- April: Meetings and report on letter to women; formation of visiting and work committees.
- May: Flower planting; purchased new silverware; moved into new kitchen; inventory of kitchen equipment; completion of Fireside Room furniture refinishing and reupholstering.
- June: Rummage Sale; donated \$300 to new choir robes; donated \$200 to interior parsonage work; began summer coffee hour and bake sales.
- September: Women's Fellowship meeting; housecleaning; clothing drive; Family Night; purchased stainless carts and rubbermaid products for the new kitchen.
- October: Dedication Open House; donated \$25 to Charles Hall Youth Services; Fall Luncheon.
- November: Del Rieke funeral; donated \$25 to Delmo; Women's Fellowship with Sarala Barnabas missionary; donated \$50 to church flower committee.
- December: Christmas gifts to the Fegan, Campbells and Marie Berg; gifts for St. Peter State Hospital; Lakeview Birthday Party; Christmas Tea; coffee after Hanging of the Greens.

Expenses also included speaker expenses, postage for clothing, materials for furniture repair and misc. items. Our treasury is \$560 with \$300 of that in dedicated funds.

KAREN PETERSON, PRESIDENT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
1978

Our major project for 1978 was the remodeling and repairing of the parsonage. At the present time this project is not complete. During 1978, we did install new siding and additional insulation, and additional bracing in the basement so that the floors on the main floor are now solid. We also repaired the roof where it was leaking in two of the walls and shingled the garage.

Work yet to be completed on the projects is as follows: kitchen remodeling and installation of new cupboards, installation of a half bath on the main floor, repairing the cracks in the plaster, interior painting, glazing of the windows, painting the exterior trim and garage and installation of the garage door.

IVAN SINELL, CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1978

Our program this year was much the same as last year with a few minor changes. During Bible School we omitted the Recreation Program for several reasons, mostly because of lack of time. No one seemed to miss it because we kept busy with music, lessons, and craft.

We had excellent help this year, thanks to many volunteer workers.

One other change was in having the Annual Potluck Picnic in the Fireside Room and court year.

Promotion Sunday was moved ahead to fall so we could have it in the new church.

Our next big job was getting the staff lined up for fall. Many of the same teachers returned. At this time I would like to make a special thanks to a faithful couple who thought they had retired but were drafted back by the kids. (This class would have been cancelled) Also to a teenager who volunteered her services without whom that particular class would have been cancelled or combined with another.

Next came the Hanging of the Greens which was in charge of Thea Underhill and lastly the Children's Christmas Program, in charge of Sandi Knoche.

Coffee was served after each of these by the Women's Fellowship and mothers of Sunday School children.

The new UCC curriculum is now ready to be reviewed and no doubt the Board will have a committee looking into that. Our special thanks from all of us to everyone who helped in any way in our Christian Education program.

JEAN BULL, CHAIRMAN

DIACONATE BOARD

1978

The Diaconate Board members are: Chuck Peik, Pres; Dr. H. A. Knoche, Renate Nelson, Barb Peik, Rollie Berg and Dale Tourtellott, Secretary.

The Diaconate Board served communion five times during 1978.

The board met with the confirmation class of 1978. The board and class discussed what they had learned during the two years of classes, what the church meant to them and also what the church could do for them.

The Board met with the minister to discuss about new members that moved into the community. The Board members are going to call on them and invite them to church.

DALE TOURTELLOTT, SECRETARY

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION BOARD

1978

Envelopes were distributed for the three special offerings of the year. One Great Hour of Sharing collected \$115.40; Family Thank Offering collected \$92.62; and Neighbors In Need received \$93.00. These offering receipts are down from last year, let's try to bring that back up this year. We had a missionary here from India and it served to remind us that these offerings are needed.

SYLVIA TURBETT, CHAIRMAN

PROPOSAL:

FURNISHINGS AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: It shall be the purpose of this Committee to approve and have sole control over the choosing and the placement of new furnishings within the church property.

- DUTIES:**
1. Maintain a list of suitable memorial items and furnishings which would be of esthetic value or usefulness to the church. Cost estimates are to be included with the listing.
 2. Consult with family representative to select an appropriate memorial if a specifically designated gift is that family's wish.
 3. Receive and deposit memorial money in an interest bearing account.
 4. Consult with trustees and other organizations of the church wishing to provide furnishings.
 5. Keep on display a permanent record book listing memorials and gifts in lieu of marking the object with an identifying plate.
 6. Assist the pastor in arranging for appropriate dedication or recognition of gifts.
 7. Prepare a report for the Annual Meeting.

MAKE UP OF COMMITTEE:

The Committee shall be composed of three members, each to serve a three year term. The placement member is to be elected at the Annual Meeting. One member shall be a member of the Board of Trustees, elected to serve in the dual role of Trustee and Committee member.

OFFICERS: The senior member shall chair the committee; the member having served two years shall be Treasurer; the junior member shall be Secretary.

MEETINGS: Meetings shall be at the call of the Chair.

SUGGESTED ROTATION PLAN FOR PRESENT NOMINEES:

Chair: Arlene Busse - Three-year term

Treasurer: Jean Feehan - Two year term (Board of Trustees)

Secretary: Lois Knoche - One year term

(These proposals submitted by Jean, Lois and Arlene with consultation with Pastor Fegan, December 5, 1978)

The above proposal was approved by the Church Council at its December 14, 1978 meeting, with the recommendation that it be adopted by the congregation.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Including Nominees As Selected
By Nominating Committee

January, 1979

*Designates Nominees	<u>Office Terminates</u> <u>At The End Of</u>	<u>Office Terminates</u> <u>At The End Of</u>
<u>PRESIDENT</u> *Dick Carlson	1979	
<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u> *Barb Max	1979	
<u>TREASURER</u> *I. M. Nelson	1979	
<u>SECRETARY</u> *Joanne Kolstad	1979	
<u>CHAIRMAN OF CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT</u> *Bob and Arlene Busse		1980
<u>DIACONATE BOARD</u> Harvey Knoche Margaret Hoffman Dale Tourtellott Roland Berg *Charles Boevers *Barbara Sneltsjes	1980 1980 1981 1981 1982 1982	
		<u>CHURCH HISTORIAN</u> *Julia Estenson
		<u>FLOWER COMMITTEE</u> *Florence Jones, Zoe Miner, Lois Knoche
		1980
<u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u> Ted Pinske Connie Rieke Isaac Berg Jean Feehan *David Nelson *Darrell Kreun	1980 1980 1981 1981 1982 1982	
		<u>CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATION DELEGATE</u> Pastor and President and Vice President
<u>OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION</u> Lois Knoche Harriet Troidahl Marian Pfaar Grace Peterson *Karen Peterson	1980 1980 1981 1981 1982	
<u>BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</u> Sandy Wentzloff Candy Zachow Luther Kolstad Gerald Hoffman *Joan Carlson *Rueben Meyer	1980 1980 1980 1981 1982 1982	
<u>CHAIRMAN OF USHERS</u> *Dick Estenson	1980	
<u>CHAIRMAN OF MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</u> *Jim Peterson	1980	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH TREASURER
1978

1978 RECEIPTS:

1978 Pledges and other envelope giving	\$32,861.35
Loose plate offering	1,516.91
Special offerings (see itemized list under Benevolences).	1,930.21
Church School Offerings	179.64
Miscellaneous	102.69
Priscilla Circle	45.00
Special Music Fund	450.98
Church Sign.	37.84
Bank Balance January 1, 1978	3,305.36
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$40,429.98

(\$219.78 of the total is designated towards the Camp Fund which is a carry over from '77)

BENEVOLENCES:

	<u>Budgeted</u> 1978	<u>Actual</u> 1978
Basic support of Minnesota Conference and World and Homeland Ministries	\$6,640.00	\$6,640.00

Special Budget Gifts:

Ministerial Relief	200.00	200.00
Tri-Seminary (UTS, CTS, Eden).	300.00	300.00
Conference Dues		119.25
Minnesota Conference Paper	75.00	50.00

Special Offerings: (Not Budgeted)

One Great Hour of Sharing.		115.40
Family Thank Offering.		92.62
Neighbors In Need		93.00
17/76		75.00
*Camp Fund		578.10
**Choir Fund		1,185.73
Christmas UCBMA		13.00
Meals for Millions-Priscilla Circle.		45.00
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$7,215.00	\$9,507.10

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Curriculum and Supplies	600.00	520.00
Church Library	50.00	-----
Workshops and Conferences	150.00	35.00
Family Advent Program	-----	-----
Bibles	25.00	23.84
Misc.	-----	26.94
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$ 825.00	\$ 606.58

MUSIC:

Organists	600.00	615.00
Choir Director	75.00	75.00
Music Supplies	100.00	-----
Music Workshop	-----	-----
TOTAL MUSIC	\$ 775.00	\$ 690.00

*1978 collected \$806.44
 Balance '77 219.78
 \$1,026.22
 Paid Out 578.10
 Balance '78 \$ 448.12
 (12/31/78)

**\$450.98 transferred from Special Music Fund - Amount collected was \$734.75.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1978 - Continued

<u>ADMINISTRATION:</u>	<u>Budgeted 1978</u>	<u>Actual 1978</u>
Minister's Salary	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
Minister's Annuity	1,500.00	1,386.00
Minister's Car Allowance	1,200.00	1,200.00
Minister's Health Insurance	960.00	960.00
Minister's Library	50.00	48.87
Pulpit Supply	150.00	120.00
Continuing Education	100.00	70.00
 <u>Standing Boards and Committees:</u>		
Diaconate Board	30.00	-----
Our Christian World Mission	25.00	23.76
Chancel Committee	25.00	14.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	-----
Secretary	350.00	350.00
Social Security	20.00	21.33
Dedication Fund	500.00	150.97
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$15,460.00</u>	<u>\$14,844.93</u>
 <u>OPERATION:</u>		
Church Supplies	-650.00	706.87
Electricity	850.00	786.34
Water and Softening Service, and Garbage Hauling	350.00	341.72
Insurance	2,200.00	3,297.00
Fuel Oil, Gas (Parsonage, Church, and Parish Center).	2,400.00	3,007.91
Telephone	300.00	369.10
Miscellaneous	350.00	136.14
TOTAL OPERATION	<u>\$7,100.00</u>	<u>\$8,645.08</u>
 <u>MAINTENANCE:</u>		
Custodian's Wages	\$1,500.00	\$2,009.56
Social Security Taxes	90.00	117.95
Custodian's Supplies	250.00	471.42
General Repairs (Church, Parsonage)	2,500.00	2,014.95
Organ Repair (Chimes)	50.00	439.72
Misc.	-----	322.75
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	<u>\$4,390.00</u>	<u>\$5,376.35</u>
 GRAND TOTAL - Benevolences and Home Expense	 <u>\$35,765.00</u>	 <u>\$39,670.04</u>
 Bank Balance, January 1, 1979		 <u>759.94</u>
		<u>\$40,429.98</u>

BUILDING FUND REPORT

1-1-78	Balance in Checking Account & Savings Account		\$42,115.83
	Pledges paid & donations		72,812.04
	Memorials		3,897.24
	Sale of 5 pews		250.00
	Sale of church door		35.00
	Proceeds from auction		1,226.00
	Dedication Sunday collection		394.90
	Interest on savings account		150.00
	Gaylord Realty 75% on 7 shares		1,028.44
	Citizens State Bank - note payable on church bldg.		14,730.00
	Citizens State Bank - note payable on church bldg.		15,000.00
	Citizens State Bank - note payable on church bldg.		15,000.00
	Citizens State Bank - note payable parsonage repair		6,000.00
1-1-79	Balance in checking account		3,759.98
	Payments to contractors for new church building		\$131,940.76
	Repairs to parsonage		5,827.00
	Citizens State Bank - payment of note		14,730.00
	Citizens State Bank - payment of note		15,000.00
	Interest paid on notes		1,380.00
	Misc. charges		2.36

	TOTALS		\$172,640.10	\$172,640.10
Note payable on church building	\$15,000.00			
Note payable on parsonage repairs	6,000.00			
Unpaid pledges	2,591.56			

~~Savings Certificate #6567 (\$2,224.00) designated for air conditioning if needed, otherwise for debt retirement. Present value \$2,348.87.~~

MEMORIAL FUND

1-1-78	Balance in checking account		\$177.40
	Edward Sohnleitner memorial		22.00
1-1-79	Balance in checking account		92.28
	Transferred to youth account		101.00
	Misc. charges		6.12
			<u>\$199.40</u>
			\$199.40

SPECIAL MUSIC FUND

1-1-79	Balance Savings Account	274.52	\$691.54
1-1-78	Interest received	14.45	33.96
1-1-80	Balance in savings account		274.52
1-1-79	Transferred to Gen. Act. for payment towards choir robes		450.98
		<u>288.97</u>	<u>\$725.50</u>
			\$725.50 288.97

1-1-79	Bal (transf. from Gen Act. ^{sup act.} Camp Fund.)	448.12	
	Contributions	718.78	
	Interest	14.16	
	Camp fees		
1-1-80	Supplies ^{sup act.}	1181.06	
			620.00
			172.55
			1181.06

