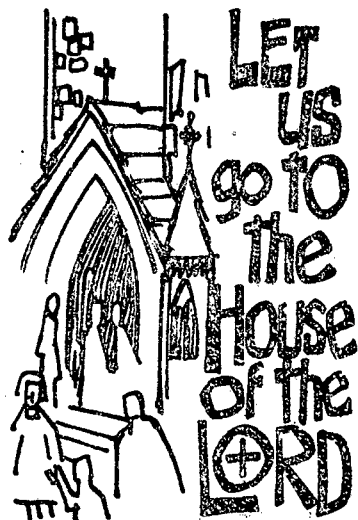


ANNUAL REPORT



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Gaylord, Minnesota

ANNUAL REPORT - 1979

ANNUAL MEETING - January 13, 1980

Dr. C. R. Carlson, President

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REPORT OF PRESIDENT

This past year has proven to be very eventful in the life of our church. Besides having the usual monthly council meetings there has been much activity among all of the various boards and committees. Work continued at the parsonage and following completion there many of you responded to the need of our interim pastor with articles of furniture to insure his welcome while living there. With the resignation of Rev. Fegan it could have been a most difficult year but in many ways it has been a good year due to the splendid way in which the congregation has responded to the situation.

It has been a unique experience to work with Dr. Olmsted the past four and one-half months. His superb messages from the pulpit, obvious interest and loving concern for our church has helped us to grow spiritually. I look forward to further growth in our church under the guidance of Rev. Randen who will be our next interim minister.

The Search Committee deserves much praise for their dedication to the task of selecting a new minister. I am confident that they will fulfill their obligation to this church body recognizing that it is a lengthy procedure to complete.

My task as President has been made much easier knowing that I had the support and cooperation of the council which I feel will be instrumental in making 1980 as rewarding for my successor. I have been deeply moved by the response of many in our church who have contributed so much of their time, talent and financial resources. I am please to note that our budget will be met for this coming year, that our nominating committee has completed their task successfully and that our church building and parsonage improvemnt notes have been retired.

C. R. Carlson

President, 1979

STATISTICAL REPORT

MEMBERSHIP - January 1, 1979 273

ADDITIONS:

by confirmation - Paul Carlson, Patricia Gasow, Amy Hoffman,
Audrey Nelson, Sheila Rieke, Craig Sneltjes,
Greg Swenson, Paula Troidahl, Perry Turbett,
Jill Underhill 10

by transfer from other churches - Nancy Cowell, Bill Cowell,
Kay Hawkins, Al Hawkins,
Sharlene Crousore 5

Total Added 15

SUBTRACTIONS:

by transfer - Barb Peik, Charles Peik, Pam Rieke, John Gayer,
Bob Fegan, Vivian Fegan, Gary Kopitske, Anita Jean
Kopitske, Duane Wilson, Doris Wilson, Richard
Wilson 11

by death 0

Total Subtracted 11

Net Gain or Loss +4

MEMBERSHIP - December 31, 1979 277

BAPTISM - 2

Nichole Lynn Young, Regan Lucinda Nitz

MARRIAGES

Rachel Fegan
Steven Schwartz

Nancy Kern
Bill Cowell

FUNERALS - 0

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE
1979

This committee of seven members was appointed by the Church Council and held its organizational meeting in late July. The members are Jean Feehan, chairman; Sandi Knoche, Secretary; Barbara Sneltsjes; Kathy Tourtellot; Charles Boevers; I. M. Nelson and George Anderson. Dick Carlson and Barbara Max are ex-officio members. We have met twice a month. Rev. Donald Severson, our Minnesota area conference minister, is our consultant and has met with us to see our agenda for our search process. He also provides us with profiles of candidates for pastoral vacancies. We have done a church profile, defined our needs as a church and the leadership qualities we would seek in a pastor. We are presently in correspondence with five candidates in an attempt to determine their interest in us and if they will indeed meet our needs. We have tried to keep all persons of our congregation informed thru the Parish Paper, reports at church and the colony meetings. The progress poster is in the display cabinet in the Educational Unit and we hope we will keep moving forward steadily and we appreciate everyones support.

JEAN FEEHAN, CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
1979

Our major project for 1979 was a continuation of work started in 1978 on the remodeling and repair of the parsonage.

New cupboards and flooring were installed in the kitchen, the cracks in the plaster walls and ceilings were repaired, the windows were repaired and glazed, the exterior trim and the garage were painted, the interior of the parsonage was painted and a new door was installed on the garage.

RAYMOND T. PINSKE, CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
1979

We had a busy year and made a few changes. Our first big project was finding Vacation Bible School teachers. Every year it is getting harder and harder to find teachers. If anyone is interested in teaching for Vacation Bible School or Church School, please contact one of the board members.

The Annual Potluck Picnic was held at the church court yard. "Hanging of the Greens" was discontinued and in its place we had a Church School Christmas Program. This enabled the entire Church School to participate.

May 20th was Senior Sunday and the Board gave each Senior a plaque. A special thank you to all who helped on the Board and who helped in any way to amke our Christian Education a success.

SANDY WENTZLOFF, SECRETARY

WOMEN'S COUNCIL
1979

This past year the Women's Council met monthly. Members were: President, Susan Tessmer; Vice President, Marie Berg; Secretary, Sandra Knoche; Treasurer and past president, Karen Peterson; Priscilla Circle Representative, Frieda Schrupp and Ruby Huffman; Ruth Circle Representative, Connie Rieke; Senior Deaconess, Margaret Hoffman.

Our treasury had a balance of \$672 in January of 1979. Additional funds were received this year through Circle funds, Ice Cream Social, sale of Note Cards and food service events. A savings account was started in August.

Events and Projects:

- January: Annual meeting and pot-luck dinner; donation to Meals for Millions.
February: Planned events and projects for the year ahead.
March: Hosted World Day of Prayer. Our ladies had their first Lenten Brunch.
April: Ecumenical Good Friday Service; Mother & Daughter Banquet.
May: Clothing Drive; hosted Rachel Fegan's shower
June: Donated \$10 to Meals on Wheels, Committee to check on cost of note cards as fund raising project.
July: Rev. Fegan farewell and book signing party.
August: Ice Cream Social on Crazy Days
September: Housecleaned the kitchen and educational unit; Family Nite; donated bedding to Laction family; put \$500 in savings account.
October: Fall Luncheon; two cleaning days at parsonage after remodeling; paid \$104.35 for parsonage paint expense.
November: Started to save Campbell Soup labels for Pine Point Indian Reservation play equipment; nominating committee met to select nominees for next years Women's Council officers.
December: Women voted on officers for Women's Council; donated \$40 to Meals for Millions, \$20 to Charles Hall Youth Agency; \$30 to Meals on Wheels; \$50 to church Flower Committee; donated Christmas gifts for St. Peter State Hospital, Marie Berg, Campbells and Olmsteds; dedicated \$150 to Memorial Committee for purchase of Pewter-Glo Coffee Service; hosted Lakeview Home Birthday Party; Christmas Tea; served coffee after the Church School Christmas Program.

Expenses also included speaker, food and decorations for our various events. Our treasury is \$115.75 in the checking account and \$50 in the savings account, with \$150 in dedicated funds.

SUSAN TESSMER, PRESIDENT

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
1979

The men enjoyed traditional gatherings at the ecumenical Lenten Breakfasts, the corn feed and served the Mother-Daughter Banquet. In addition, we had a special Lenten Breakfast on Maundy Thursday for the men (young and old) of our own church.

JIM PETERSON, PRESIDENT

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

1979

The first year of this newly formed committee was busy with sorting out important details and priorities for discussion. It also involved several shopping trips to make decisions concerning our list of needs.

The following things were accomplished:

1. Supervision, finishing and payment of all Chancel furniture.
2. Updating a neglected Memorial Book.
3. Selecting, ordering and receiving two Coffee Services for dining room use. The Women's Council gave us much appreciated financial assistance with this project.
4. Purchase of a large bulletin board and smaller table easels for display purposes. An easel will be built for the large bulletin board which will allow us to remove or move it when deemed necessary.
5. Selection of an usher's table which is currently on order.
6. Two wider dining room tables have been ordered.

There are many items still high on the priority list but funds are limited. This Committee has its own fund book and any and all gifts are appreciated. We would like to be able to continue adding to the beauty of our church. We hope that our efforts up to this point have met with the general approval of the Congregation.

LOIS KNOCHE, SECRETARY

DIACONATE BOARD

1979

The Diaconate Board was informed on June 18, 1979 by Rev. Fegan that he was submitting his request for a change in pastorate. It was agreed that we would not set a date for his termination, but would act when he had received a new appointment. Rev. Fegan received and accepted a call to Allison, Iowa and departed from our church July, 1979.

Several applications for interim pastor were received after a meeting with Rev. Severson. Dr. Richard Olmsted had applied and the Diaconate Board recommended to the church council that he be accepted. Dr. Olmsted accepted and was our interim pastor from August 12, 1979 to December 30, 1979. As of January 1st, Rev. Larry Randen will be serving our church as interim pastor.

Rev. Richard Hulbert served our church for three Sundays during the transition.

DR. HARVEY KNOCHE, PRESIDENT

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION BOARD
1979

During the year of 1979 the OCWM Committee sponsored four special offerings. A movie was shown on March 18 pertaining to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering which collected \$381.00. The Blanket Appeal in May received \$118.28. The October Neighbors In Need offering received \$164.00. In December a offering of \$77.26 was received for the Cambodian refugees.

Karen Peterson and Arlene Busse attended a workshop and brought back a Key Packet of which different items can be ordered for each month. Lois Knoche had a display on the bulletin board showing the various activities of our World Missions. Ruth Circle enjoyed a film strip sponsored by OCWM.

HARRIET TROLD AHL, CHAIRMAN

PRISCILLA CIRCLE
1979

We donated \$18 for new dish towels for the church. Meckekochi "Meek" showed slides of her homeland, Japan. A crib quilt was donated to the Mattern family who moved to Gaylord after losing everything in a fire at Green Isle. Our circle gave \$8 towards Blanket Appeal sponsored by the OCWM Committee.

A pot-luck luncheon was held in May with guests. The program was given by Mr. and Mrs. Verl Kiecker of Lafayette. \$10 was donated for food for Rachel Fegan's bridal shower and a Farewell Party was given for Vivian Fegan. She was presented with a record "He Put a Song in My Heart" by Wave Berg.

In September we had our trip-dinner meeting at Country Kitchen in New Ulm, then went to the Harkin Store, formerly of West Newton, and also to Fort Ridgley where we saw an audio visual program at the Interpretive Center.

We are collecting Campbell Soup labels for Pine Point Indian School. We donated a crib quilt to the Hospital Auxiliary Bazaar and a layette to Juevenile Horizons in ghetto area of St. Paul. This home was suggested by Dr. Olmsted as worthy of our donation which was valued at \$60. We also donated \$25 to Meals for Millions and made up and delivered eight Thanksgiving food baskets.

MARIE BERG, CHAIRMAN

RUTH CIRCLE
1979

During the past year our circle altered the altar cloths; mended choir music; donated and sponsored a Sunday for Blankets for the needy; learned about the Minnesota Conference of the UCC; and embroidered dish towels for the kitchen.

CONNIE RIEKE, PRESIDENT

BUILDING FUND REPORT

1-1-79	Balance in checking account	\$ 3,759.98	
	Air Conditioning	2,413.91	
	Donation for air conditioning	3,041.25	
	Gaylord Realty Final Payment	329.00	
	Pledges paid	2,031.56	
	Other contributions	32,051.44	
1-1-80	Balance in checking account		\$ 3,148.32
	Memorials paid to Memorial Committee		1,964.96
	Sander Mfg. Co.		11.73
	Fullerton Lumber Co.-hand rails		85.29
	Swenson T.V. - Air Conditioning		4,971.42
	Wm. Mueller Sons - Black top driveway		592.00
	Remodeling of parsonage		3,811.46
	Citizens State Bank Interest		1,891.53
	Citizens State Bank notes paid as shown in last years report		21,000.00
	Citizens State Bank note borrowed for parsonage repairs		6,000.00
	Freeman & Sons		27.59
	E. J. Pinske Builders		95.70
	Ralph Jones - lumber		27.14
	TOTAL	\$43,627.14	\$63,627.14

Unpaid pledges - \$560.00

CAMP FUND

1-1-79	Balance in Savings Account (Transferred from General Act.)	\$ 448.12	
	Contributions	718.78	
	Interest	14.16	
1-1-80	Balance in Savings Account		\$ 413.32
	Gospel Thru Films		75.19
	Camper Fees		620.00
	Supplies		72.55
		\$ 1,181.06	\$ 1,181.06

SPECIAL MUSIC FUND

1-1-79	Balance in Savings Account	\$ 274.52	
	Interest Received	14.45	
1-1-80	Balance in Savings Account		\$ 288.97
		\$ 288.97	\$ 288.97



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH TREASURER
1979

1979 RECEIPTS:

1979 Pledges and other envelope giving	\$36,997.00
Loose plate offering	1,425.97
Special offerings (see itemized list under Benevolences)	740.54
Church School Offerings	101.00
Miscellaneous	138.98
Transferred from building account	3,811.46
Citizens State Bank Note	12,000.00
Bank Balance January 1, 1979 (\$759.94 less \$448.12 transferred to Camp Fund)	311.82
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$55,526.77

BENEVOLENCES:

Basic support of Minnesota Conference
and World and Homeland Ministries

Budgeted 1979	<u>Actual 1979</u>
\$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	122.85	122.85
Minnesota Conference Paper	75.00	50.00

Special Offerings: (Not Budgeted)

One Great Hour of Sharing		381.00
Blanket Appeal		118.28
Neighbors In Need		164.00
Special Fund for Cambodia		77.26

TOTAL BENEVOLENCES

\$7,337.85	<u>\$8,053.39</u>
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Curriculum and Supplies	550.00	513.72
Church Library	---	---
Workshops and Conferences	50.00	19.00
Family Advent Program	15.00	15.91
Bibles	35.00	---
Misc.	---	---
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$ 650.00	\$ 548.63

MUSIC:

Organists	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Choir Director	75.00	75.00
Music Supplies	100.00	124.60
Music Workshop	---	---
TOTAL MUSIC	\$ 775.00	\$ 799.60

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1979 - Continued

	Budgeted 1979	Actual 1979
<u>ADMINISTRATION:</u>		
Interim Pastor		\$ 6,076.30
Minister's Salary	\$11,000.00	6,416.62
Minister's Annuity	1,500.00	847.00
Minister's Car Allowance	1,200.00	700.00
Minister's Health Insurance	960.00	560.00
Minister's Library	50.00	82.95
Pulpit Supply	150.00	370.00
Continuing Education	100.00	
Rev. Fegan Gift		500.00
Reception		11.33
<u>Standing Boards and Committees:</u>		
Diaconate Board	\$ 30.00	\$ 3.80
Our Christian World Mission	25.00	8.86
Chancel Committee	25.00	
Miscellaneous		
Secretary	350.00	350.00
Social Security	20.00	21.44
Search Committee		1.69
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$15,410.00	\$15,949.99
<u>OPERATION:</u>		
Church Supplies	\$ 725.00	\$ 886.32
Electricity	900.00	848.08
Water and Softening Service, and Garbage Hauling	350.00	356.97
Insurance	3,300.00	2,818.00
Fuel Oil, Gas (Parsonage, Church, and Parish Center)	3,000.00	3,547.02
Telephone	300.00	340.29
Miscellaneous	400.00	15.14
TOTAL OPERATION	\$ 8,975.00	\$ 8,811.82
<u>MAINTENANCE:</u>		
Custodian's Wages	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,991.67
Social Security Taxes	120.00	122.00
Custodian's Supplies	250.00	905.17
General Repairs (Church, Parsonage)	1,500.00	10,906.87
Organ Repair	50.00	85.00
Miscellaneous		11.50
Paid Note and Interest		6,300.00
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,920.00	\$20,322.21
Carol Hadfield Memorial - Greater Twin City Youth Symphonies		100.00
Debt Retirement	2,000.00	
	1,824.24	
	<u>3,824.24</u>	
GRAND TOTAL - Benevolences and Home Expense	\$40,892.09	\$54,585.64
Bank Balance, January 1, 1980		941.13
		<u>\$55,526.77</u>

CHURCH OFFICERS

Including Nominees As Selected
By Nominating Committee

January, 1980

*Designates Nominees

OFFICE TERMINATES AT ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY OF YEAR LISTED BELOW

<p><u>PRESIDENT</u> *Barbara Max 1981</p>	<p><u>MEMORIAL COMMITTEE</u> Jean Feehan 1981 Arlene Busse 1982 *Doris Anderson 1983</p>
<p><u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u> *Charles Boevers 1981</p>	<p><u>CHAIRMAN OF USHERS</u> *Ted Pinske 1981</p>
<p><u>TREASURER</u> *I. M. Nelson 1981</p>	<p><u>CHAIRMAN OF MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</u> *Don Swenson 1981</p>
<p><u>SECRETARY</u> *Joanne Kolstad 1981</p>	<p><u>CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT</u> *Dayle and Harriet Troidahl 1981</p>
<p><u>DIACONATE BOARD</u> Dale Tourtellott 1981 Roland Berg 1981 Charles Boevers 1982 Barbara Sneltjes 1982 *Margaret Hoffman 1983 *Michael Nitz 1983</p>	<p><u>CHURCH HISTORIAN</u> *Margaret Thompson 1981</p>
<p><u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u> Isaac Baerg 1981 Jean Feehan 1981 David Nelson 1982 Darrell Kreun 1982 *Ron Max 1983 *Ralph Jones 1983</p>	<p><u>FLOWER COMMITTEE</u> *Florence Jones, Lois Knoche, plus volunteers 1981</p>
<p><u>OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION</u> Marion Pfarr 1981 Grace Peterson 1981 Karen Peterson 1982 *Ella Baerg 1983 *Alma Rogstad 1983</p>	<p><u>CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATION DELEGATES</u> Pastor, President and Vice- President</p>
<p><u>BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</u> Gerald Joffman 1981 *Luther Kolstad 1981 Judy Pinske 1982 *J. J. Salzwedel 1982 *Barb Boevers 1983 *Betty Pioske 1983</p>	

MEMORANDUM

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