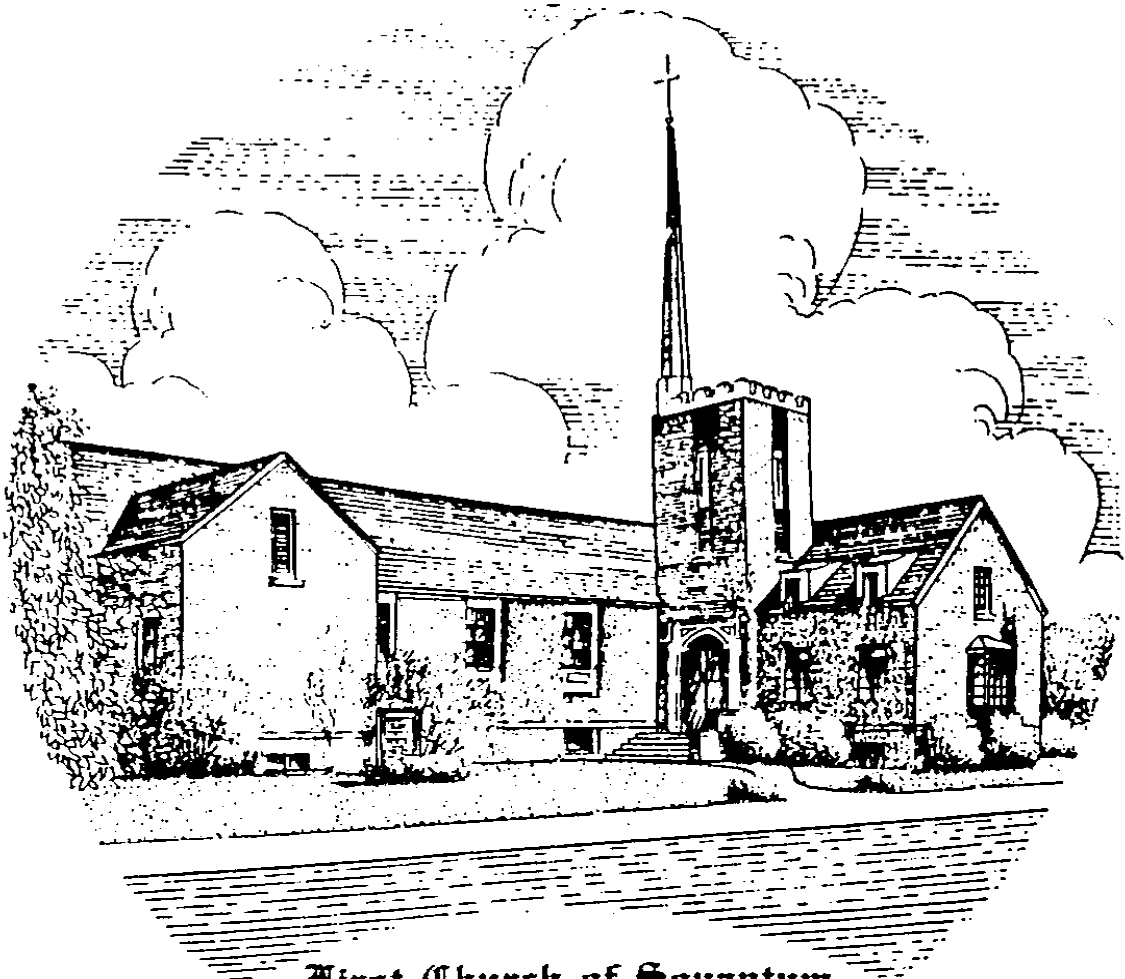


ANNUAL REPORT



**First Church of Squantum
Squantum, Massachusetts**

2009

**ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010**



IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOST MEMBERS & FRIENDS

**John Ahearn
Joan Hansen
Herbert Dame
Ruth Swenson
James O'Connor
Warren Meyer
Luther Swenson
Eleanor Nichols
Hazel Mayne
Dorothy Porter Ross
Mary Murdock
Michael Stamos
Helen Reed**

THE FIRST CHURCH OF SQUANTUM

ANNUAL MEETING
January 24, 2010

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Call to Order

Reading of the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting

Acceptance of the Reports - Officers, Boards & Committees

Financial Reports

- * Acceptance of the Report of the Financial Secretary
- * Acceptance of the Report of the Treasurer
- * Acceptance of the Proposed Budget for 2010

Old Business

- * Report on the status of the T-Mobile Antenna

New Business

- *Report of the Nominating Committee
- *Vote for Officers and Board Members
- *Other new business

Adjournment & Benediction

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Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the First Church of Squantum was held immediately following the Sunday service and coffee hour on January 25, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Gene Bolden and Rev. Emmy Robertson gave the opening prayer.

The first order of business was the reading of the minutes from the 2008 annual meeting. Recilla Stamos noted that the opening balance for the 2008 budget should have been \$77,023.61 instead of \$88,345.36. With no further questions or comments, a motion was made by Emmy to accept and seconded by Lori Melnick.

The various reports were presented as follows:

- Pastor's Report – Rev. Mike Robertson. Sandy Stohlberg wondered how he found the time to manage all of the pastoral activities during the year. Gene asked if the NACCC annual meetings were always held in Plymouth. The 2009 meeting would be in Milwaukee and if we send a delegate, Emmy has volunteered to attend. The First Church has several participants at the 2008 meeting including visiting minister, Sam Pattison. With no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Recilla to accept and seconded by Lori.
- Co-Pastor's Report – Rev. Emmy Robertson. There were no questions or comments on this report. A motion was made by Jack Westerbeke to accept and seconded by Sandy.
- Chaplain's Report – Clara Sparks. Clara spoke about her new position as Protestant Chaplain at Quincy Medical Center. She will be able to have contacts with several others and feels this will be a good way to bring more exposure for the church. Congratulations were extended to her. A motion was made by Jack to accept and seconded by Lori.
- Church Clerk – Recilla Stamos. The number of new members was verified and the activities being held in the church building. There were no additional questions or comments and a motion was made by Sandy to accept and Emmy seconded.
- Church Secretary – Debbie Caldeira. Even though Debbie was not present, Ellen spoke about how very lucky we were to have her. The Vacation Bible School wouldn't have happened without her. The new website is up and running and gives access to the sermons, calendar and upcoming events. Gene feels this could be a great resource to potential new members. A motion was made by Ellen to accept and seconded by Lori.
- Board of Deacon's – Sandy Stohlberg. Mike addressed the open issue on the cell tower as mentioned in the report. The Federal judge had not made a decision but all paperwork had been submitted and there may be a trial without a jury. The City of Quincy cannot prevent this so it is basically a matter of dragging it out. The City admitted that their reasons for denying the permit were invalid: aesthetics and health. With no additional questions or comments, a motion was made by Lori to accept and seconded by Ellen.
- Board of Trustees – presented by Mike. Sandy noted that since we have hired Dora O'Driscoll to clean the church weekly; the sanctuary and fellowship hall look very good. If Church usage continues to grow, we may want to consider having her come more times weekly. Mike discussed the issue regarding one of the upstairs radiators. Alex and Dick did a great job of repairing but with the water damage, we may still need to file a claim. This will be discussed at the next Trustee's meeting. With no additional comments, a motion was made by Jack to accept and seconded by Ellen.
- Bake Sale/ Doll House – Ellen Ogilvie. Emmy has volunteered to make another doll house for the 2009 bake sale. This can be done for approximately \$250.00 if everyone agrees. Jack made a motion and Recilla seconded.
- Pasta Dinner Committee – Sally Wainwright. Jeff Smith asked if we planned on continuing the dinners and everyone was in agreement to do so. Jack made a motion to accept and Lori seconded.
- Flower/Wedding Committee – Sally Wainwright. The Weddings will now be under Church Ministries but the Flowers will remain as a committee. A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Lori.
- July 4th Float Committee – Sally Wainwright. Sally has asked that everyone email or submit to the Church office, ideas on what the theme should be for the 2009 float. This is the 95th Anniversary of the church and should be taken in consideration. A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Ellen.
- Financial Reports – Ellen Ogilvie. Jack commented on the \$11,700 difference between annual and actual. This was due to the T Mobile budget and there is really only a \$300 variance between them. Mike said that if this was due to either expert management or an Act of God; he would go with the Act of God. With nothing further to add, a motion was made by Jack to accept the report and seconded by Lori.

- Treasurer's Report – Evelyn Ahearn. Mike commented that Evelyn was stepping down as Treasurer and working with her had been a real joy. We owe her a great deal of gratitude for all her hard work. A round of thanks was extended to her by all. Jack questioned the T Mobile rent of \$1,000 but it will actually be \$1,800 monthly. We expected only 6 months of income – and was stated as \$12,000. \$100 was given for the initial signing of the contracts and the current \$100 is for this year. We never expected the intensity from the community. Jeff Smith asked about the Peace Park. We have agreed to act as a conduit because the Church is tax-exempt. The neighbors and city are paying for improvements. So far there is \$5,610 in and \$5,000 out leaving a \$610.00 balance. In fact, the Church can act as a conduit for any legitimate charities. Evelyn did all the work getting the #'s right but Mike put it together. Jeff also mentioned the Outreach & Missions. How will they be distributed as there is currently no oversight committee? We need to think about this and it should be brought to the entire congregation. Mike feels that we need to be careful that it doesn't bring more harm than good. Jeff proposed a ministry team to be formed to address and this can be under the guidance of the Deacons. Emmy also clarified that money was given to Piedmont College under the Love/Kindness program. An award will be given to a student, voted on by faculty and other students, for outstanding acts of Love/Kindness. Sandy noted that there used to be a pledge amount for mission and we should get back to that. The only other point of business for the budget was the duties of Sexton. Mike has been doing a lot of those duties: trash, snow removal but agree that we need to think about it going forward. A motion was made to accept the budget by Ellen and seconded by Lori.

Old Business:

The T Mobile issue was already discussed and we moved onto New Business.

New Business:

Nominations for 2009 were all accepted by a motion made by Jack and seconded Sandy Stohlberg.

Five-Part Commitment:

Mike spoke about this during the Sunday service. Mike went through the 5 ideas and Jack questioned where these originated. This program is very successful in Jupiter Florida. It makes involvement in the Church specific and defined. We would retain our covenant but would need commitment by all members to put in place. It is a big deal and he would like to have this somewhere in the Church (in BIG LETTERS). Several spoke about this being problematic because there are big differences between us and Jupiter, FL. It was decided that we would take additional time to think on this and address at a later date. A motion was made by Lori and seconded by Ellen.

Mike threw out some issues to be considered for the 95th Anniversary celebration.

- Anniversary Committee
- Wish List
- Ideas on how to celebrate the Anniversary

It was decided to think on this and address at the Quarterly meeting in April. With no additional new business, Gene asked for a motion to close the meeting and to be followed by prayer from Mike. Jeff made a motion to close and this was seconded by Emmy.

Gene adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Recilla Stamos,
Church Clerk

Pastor's Report
2009 Annual Meeting
January 24, 2010

Once again I want to thank you for the love and support you extended to Emmy and me during 2009. It seems hard to believe that in April we will have been here for four years. Our church celebrated her 95th Anniversary and now we are looking ahead to the coming five years that will end the first century since this church was founded in 1914. Just think, in just a few short years we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary. It is interesting to speculate what we will look like as a church and as a congregation in 2014 but it is easy to believe that many changes will take place during these five years. I have included a summary of the things and events I have been involved in. Please look carefully at these and let me or the deacons know if you believe my time has been properly allocated.

This was certainly an eventful year as we suffered the loss of too many loyal and faithful members. At the same time we welcomed new faces into our church family, performed weddings, announced engagements and began new and expanded programs. The building seems to become more used every day as established groups grow and new ventures are started. The full time use of a church building is very much in keeping with our Congregational tradition. This is not possible unless there is enthusiastic and qualified support from volunteers and staff and we have been blessed with both. Debbie and Bob Caldeira have taken on the **Sunday School** and we are already seeing happy faces every Sunday. **Vacation Bible School** was a resounding success as we teamed up with St Chrysostom's Episcopal Church. Our **4th of July float** in the 100th Anniversary parade was very well received and is becoming a tradition once again.

Perhaps the unexpected gift the church received from Eleanor Nichols and her mother Barbara Bardsley had the greatest impact. Just look at the Treasurer's and Trustees' reports to understand how much this gift has benefited this church already. Gordon Simmons has worked unfailingly to supervise the extensive work that has been done. New carpeting has transformed the parlor, sanctuary, Sunday school room and narthex while the new lighting makes everything much brighter while saving electricity. There is so much to be thankful for as we look back on 2009.

The challenge before us is what are we going to do with the many blessings we have received? Clearly this church is no longer in danger of financial collapse. The most immediate question is, how do we use what we have to impact our lives as well as the community? The T-Mobile antennas have been installed and our neighbors are benefiting from improved telephone reception. At the same time, there are neighbors who are upset by the presence of these antennas. With growth comes added responsibility and the need for extra effort as church officers and governing boards face expanded duties.

Working together I believe we can continue the growth we have experienced during these three years in numbers, programs and spirit. Nothing is impossible for God. Our task is first to listen and hear God speak and then to go forward in faith. I hope and pray you share my optimistic faith and are equally excited to see what God has in mind as we work together here at First Church. See you in church.

First Church of Squantum

My 2009 Pastoral activities included the following:

1. Attended ICC Meeting and ICC ministers' meetings
2. Conducted monthly Marina Bay Nursing Home worship services
3. Conducted monthly Atria at Marina Bay worship services
4. Maundy Thursday worship service
5. Easter Sunrise service
6. Attended Deacon's meetings
7. Attended Trustee's meetings
8. Attended Mayflower Ministers' meetings
9. Attended the MACCC annual meeting
10. Attended the NACCC Annual Meeting in Wisconsin
11. Assisted at the Vacation Bible School
12. Facilitated and observed Quincy Youth Hockey dances
13. Attended the Cub Scouts' Blue and Gold dinner
14. Participated in the ICC Good Friday service
15. Preached and spoke on behalf of the NACCC at Marshfield church
16. Conducted Consecration Sunday service at 1st C. Church, Yarmouth Port
17. Sang in our choir
18. Preached 40 sermons at First Church
19. Purchased food and set the table for Saturday men's breakfasts
20. Put out the trash each Tuesday morning
21. Removed snow and ice when needed
22. Visited and telephoned shut-ins and others
23. Provided counseling and preparation for 3 weddings
24. Conducted eight Memorial Services
25. Conducted coffee hours when needed

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Michael S. Robertson

CO-PASTOR'S REPORT

- Participation in the Feast of Lights at Sacred Heart Church, January 4
- Two week intensive course on the Psalms at the Episcopal Divinity School, Jan 5-16
- Book Club- monthly
- Fiber Arts Group- weekly
- Women's Faith Journey Group-10 weeks in both Spring and Fall, as well as one summer meeting
- Preached and led worship service eight times
- Taught Sunday school with Robin Royal during Winter and Spring
- Supervised painting and refurbishing of church parlor
- Supervised and chose flooring and carpeting for entry, narthex and sanctuary
- Attended weekly staff meetings
- Confirmation class with Vanessa Bolden
- Tennebrae Service
- Participated in Interfaith Good Friday Service
- Hazel Mayne's Memorial Service
- Spoke to St Chrysostom St Mary's Guild
- Attended planning meetings for Vacation Bible School
- Helped decorate church float for Squantum Forth of July parade
- Pastoral counseling
- Mike Stamos' Memorial Service
- Built Dollhouse for raffle at Church Fair
- Officiated at wedding of Bob Ougoorlian and David Rivard
- Participation in Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Respectfully Submitted,
Reverend Doctor Emily K. Robertson

CHAPLAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. Clara Sparks, BCC¹

January 24, 2010

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s great hunger meet.” -Frederick Buechner

Life at First Church continues to be fulfilling and rewarding for me thanks to the kindness and love of the church members and the inspiring, challenging lessons by both Pastors Mike and Emmy. I praise and thank God for the many opportunities offered me since joining this church three years ago and being ordained May 6, 2007. My cup overflows with bountiful blessings and I continue to progress on my faith journey.

As one of the 4,000 members of the Association of Professional Chaplains I have once again completed the required annual 50 hours of continuing education credits in areas of:

Theory of Pastoral Care
Identity and Conduct
Pastoral Development
Professional Development

To earn the points I take workshops, seminars, conferences and in-service training as well as go on retreats and read books. Accumulating credits keeps me up to date and in contact with other chaplains.

Interfaith Social Services asks me to keep figures on my Quincy Medical Center visits, as it is useful in raising funds to support the non-profit agency (and my salary). February through December, 2009, I made 2538 visits, seeing patients in all the units. Periodically I meet with the director, Rev. Esther Bowen and catholic Chaplain, Kathleen Hallee. We distribute ashes at the beginning of Lent and later do a Maundy Thursday service. In May we sponsor a Memorial Service for those who died within the last year. During Hanukah we light the candles at sunset on a menorah in the hospital chapel. For Ethics Committee which meets quarterly, (and whenever else as needed), we all read a book on *Patient Rights* by George Ananas. Second Thursdays of the month I meet with “Champions”, a social service group that reviews patient cases at QMC.

At Pedipathways, we offer both palliative and hospice care for children. As staff chaplain I open and close weekly meetings with devotions and participate in discussions and plans for each patient. I make scheduled and on-call home and hospital visits as necessary and meet with the staff at Radius in Plymouth. Our population includes French speaking, Haitian Creole, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindu, Moslem, Atheist, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish families. My international living, life experience and extensive clinical pastoral training serve me well. I am fortunate to have this meaningful and satisfying work.

Chaplain’s Activities

- Participated in Tuesday morning staff meetings at First Church
- Wrote monthly columns for “The Light”
- Participated in monthly worship services at Marina Bay and The Atria
- Attended Book Club meetings
- Attended monthly Mayflower Ministers’ Meetings
- Participated in the Monday night “Women’s Faith Journey Group”
- Filled in for the organist during August and two other Sundays.
- Preached twice and took part in Easter Sunrise service
- Made pastoral visits to folks in nursing homes and assisted living
- Delivered two prayer shawl knit by women of the church

¹ Board certified Chaplain, certified by the Association of Professional Chaplains

- Attended the play “Godspell” with the church women
- Worked as chaplain for PediPathways: Comfort Care for Children
- Worked through Interfaith Social Services as Interfaith Chaplain at Quincy Medical Center
- Attended 62nd Annual Meeting of the ISS at River Bay and gave the invocation
- Attended monthly meetings of “Champions”, a social service group that reviews patient cases at Quincy Medical Center
- Attended local clergy luncheon and meeting at Interfaith Social Services
- Attended local clergy luncheon at Quincy Medical Center
- Took part in “The Festival of Lights “ at Sacred Heart Church
- Lunched with executive secretary Rev. Dr. Tom Richard, NACCC and Mayflower Ministers
- Attended three weekend Buddhist Meditation retreats at KTD Monastery
- Attended *The Spiritual Care Collaborative 2009*, in Orlando Florida
- Took part in the re-certification of the CPE program at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital
- Attended farewell reception for ISS director, Laura Stracco
- Attended the banquet for volunteers at Quincy Medical Center
- Attended Harvard Medical School course, “Meditation and Psychology: Cultivating Compassion and Wisdom” with the Dalai Lama
- Attended the three day retreat of the New England Women Ministers’ Association
- Wrote and Annual Chaplain’s Report for the ISS
- Took part in an Employee Memorial Service at QMC
- Attended “Wise Management of Grief” seminar
- Attended Mayflower Ministers’ Retreat at Briarwood with Dr. Christina Puchalski: “Improving the quality of Spiritual Care as a Dimension of Palliative Care”
- Attended “Schwarz Rounds: Psychiatric Patients in the Emergence Room” at QMC
- Attended “Challenges of Caring for Elderly Patients” at QMC
- Attended “Fairness and Respect in the Workplace” at QMC
- Presented in-service training on “The Chaplaincy” to PediPathways staff
- Attended in-service training at PediPathways: Social Work and Human Rights
- Attended in-service training at PediPathways: Early Intervention
- Attended workshop at Catholic Pastoral Center: “How a Contemporary Understanding of Sacraments Will Enrich Our Pastoral Care Ministry”
- Annual Ethics Symposium: “Update on the Familiar Ethical Issues that Challenge Us”
- Attended “The Schwartz Rounds: When Culture and Language Influence Patient Care”
- Attended in-service hospice training: “Right to Die”, “Advance Directives”, and “Reporting Physical Neglect of Children”
- Attended QMC lecture: “Does Prayer Help When You Hurt?”

I am grateful for the continued love and support of the dear First Church folk and I thank God for the abundant blessings of my life that continue to flow.

Faithfully yours,

Clara

Annual Report of the Church Clerk

Active Members:	47
Inactive Members:	14
Sunday School:	9
Memorial Services:	8
Weddings:	4
Baptisms:	0

The Church is being used by the following groups:

Brady Academy of Irish Dance
Adult and Youth Yoga
Quincy Youth Hockey – Monthly Dances
Piano & Vocal Lessons
Children’s Play Group
Women’s Fitness Group
Youth Fitness Group
Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
Brownies
Squantum Youth Choir
Book Club – monthly meetings
Women’s Faith Journey Group
Men’s Saturday Breakfast
Fiber Arts

The Fellowship Hall is also used during the year for private functions.

Respectively Submitted,
Recilla Stamos

Annual Report from the Church Office

I continue to maintain the church website, weekly worship bulletins, the monthly newsletters, and the church calendars, the quarterly and annual reports.

A copy of the sermon accompanied by a worship bulletin continues to be mailed out to every individual on the prayer list.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Caldeira

Annual Report from the Sunday School Director

My husband Bob and I are truly enjoying our students! What a fantastic group of kids!

I would like to thank Deirdre Small for being the Sunday school teacher on Sunday, December 27th. From what I have heard, the kids had lots of fun. And by the way, if anyone would like to participate in the classrooms, please let me know – we'd love the help.

The children are having fun through bible lessons, activities, music and games. We have a total of 9 children. (5 children in the older class, and 4 in the younger class.) We've had a few visitors and encourage any of the children to invite a friend or family member to join us at any time.

We continue to spend the last 15 minutes of each class, joining the children together as one group, for a time of singing, which they seem to really enjoy. A really fun foamy ball game that Bob came up with, which the children LOVE to play during the last 5 minutes of class time, is "Keep up the Faith" game. We all laugh like crazy during this game – it's lots a fun and a nice reminder for us all to, that no matter what life throws at you, "keep up the faith"!

We will always accept children throughout the school year. So if you know someone, or have a child of your own who would like to join us in our adventures, please do not hesitate to bring them. They are always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Caldeira

Annual Report from the VBS Coordinator

In my opinion, the 2009 Vacation Bible School was such a HUGE success! Even with some very hot and humid days, the children had a blast making crafts, sharing in bible lessons, and participating in the extremely fun "action center".

We had a grand total of 44 children! That is almost double the amount of children from the previous year! I would like to say another BIG thank you to all of the volunteers! You were AWESOME!

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Caldeira

Annual Report from the Board of Deacons

Much was accomplished in our 95th Anniversary year. Fiber Arts, Book Club, Women's Faith Journey Group and Men's Breakfasts meet regularly.

There were 2 weddings, Rally Day for Sunday school and a picnic. A great 4th of July float with many children, theme – "All Things Bright and Beautiful".

T-Mobile tower is up and running – was a sight to see when they took the steeple down and later returned it to the tower. We had a guest speaker sharing about his work in Kenya. The church fair and pie making was very successful. We made about \$2,400.00. Our own Pam Williams won the doll house made by Rev. Emmy.

Vacation Bible School went well with 44 registered kids.

In 2009 we lost members and friends:

Joan Hansen	2/10/09
Ruth Swenson	2/22/09
James O'Connor	3/17/09
Warren Meyer	3/24/09
Luther Swensen	3/27/09
Eleanor Nichols	4/03/09
Hazel Mayne	4/07/09
Michael Stamos	8/20/09

March 28th, the 11th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast was held and we had a full table.

At our Easter Sunrise Service there were 17 and at the 10:00 AM Service, there were 70. The Sunday school children were able to buy a cow for the Heifer Project.

All and all, it was a busy and productive 95th anniversary year. May 2010 be the same.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Stohlberg, Chairperson

Benevolence Ministry Report

This past year has been a productive year working to help others. There have been many prayer shawls knitted and given to the Quincy Hospital. We have given our support to the Crisis Center with food donations throughout the year. A donation was made to the Interfaith Social Service to help with their ministry. The Shoe Box Ministry was a new project for us this year and was very successful. We adopted two families to supply with Christmas gifts, and again everyone was very generous in their support of this project. Throughout the year members have been knitting mittens and scarf's. Some were donated to Interfaith Social Service and others were given to Jeff and Merry Smith to take to the needy families in Maine. Evelyn Ahearn and Ellen Ogilvie are volunteering every Wednesday morning at the food pantry at ISS. Clara Sparks is the ISS Chaplain at the Quincy Hospital. We look forward to another year of helping others.

Ministry Team
Evelyn Ahearn, Ellen Ogilvie, Merry Smith

Annual Report from the Board of Trustees

There has been much activity during the year as many projects have been undertaken and completed. These are listed below. We want to thank those who have given of their time, talent and money in support of the First Church of Squantum.

1. The Parlor and Narthex were painted by Dick Stohlberg.
2. New carpet was installed in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Parlor.
3. The Sunday School Room received a carpet donation from MacKean Carpet.
4. The T-Mobile Antenna Installation was completed.
5. Jim Stamos removed four diseased trees from the church grounds.
6. The Electrical Audit was completed and new energy saving lighting fixtures has been installed by Prisim.
7. A New Electrical Service was installed by Jay Comeau.
8. The Outside Electrical Boxes, Conduits and Flood Lights were replaced.
9. The roof was shingled and made water tight.
10. The Chimneys, windows and walls were re-pointed and sealed where needed.
11. New Window treatments have been hung in the Parlor.
12. New Chairs, sofa and Tables were purchased and placed in the Parlor.
13. The Men's Room Wall was repaired and the Lighting Fan Replaced by Alex Ogilvie and Dick Stohlberg.
14. Two of the Doors to the Church were sanded and painted by Mike Robertson
15. The doors in the Narthex were stained by Gordon Simmons.
16. The Door to the church office was re-hung by Dick Stohlberg.
17. Insulating Storm Windows were installed in the Sanctuary by Dick Stohlberg and Gorgon Simmons.
18. A new color Copier and Printer was purchased for the office.
19. The Sunday School room was painted by Debbie Caldeira and Dick Stohlberg
20. An investment account was opened at Fidelity for First Church.
21. The Church Mutual Insurance Policy was reviewed and modified.
22. Our Investments at Fidelity were reviewed.

Future Plans Calendar Year 2010

Kitchenette renovation: The trustees are moving forward in renovating the kitchenette in the parlor. The renovation consist of a general update the space including new cabinets and lighting. This is expected to be undertaken in the spring.

Heating Systems: Trustees will undertake an evaluation of the heating system towards an economical solution in renovating the system.

Signage: New signs in the church and on the front lawn will be discussed. Proposed designs will be made available for comment prior to selection.

Handicap Access: Further evaluation and discussion towards an economical solution in addressing Handicap access.

Inspection/Repair of Stained Windows: Evaluation and determination of plan for Stained Windows towards preservation and restoration.

Inspect/Repair Fire Exits

Landscape improvements

Annual Report of the Holiday Fair/Doll House

The Holiday Fair was held in November and was a big success in spite of the weather. The profit that was added to the church treasury was \$2185.75. The beautiful doll house that Pastor Emmy made was won by Pam Williams.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Ogilvie & Sandy Stohlberg

Annual Report of the Ham and Bean Dinner

A successful Ham and Bean dinner was held in March. A net profit of \$565.00 was added to the church treasury.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Ogilvie

Annual Report from the Wedding Committee

There were 4 wedding services held during 2009 at First Church. Two were conducted by our pastors and two used their own pastors.

Annual Report from the Flower Committee

The Flower Committee thanks to all the generous people in the Church had a beautiful Christmas display on Christmas Eve and the Sunday before. The flowers are most appreciated. The system we are using is working quite well I have to make very few calls which is appreciated by me.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Wainwright

Annual Report of the 4th of July Float

This year the theme for the 4th of July float was “All Things Bright and Beautiful” and it was a big success. There was so much to do in order to get this float ready for the parade: costumes to make, paper mache rocks, plants to grow, scenery to be painted and last but not least, assembling all the pieces on the big day. Several members of the congregation and community stepped up and really helped make it all possible.

Although we did not win a prize, the float was a wonderful reflection on the First Church of Squantum.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recilla Stamos