

Pilgrim Congregational Church

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

PRESENTED AT

THE ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 16, 1963

OUR COVENANT

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord made known or to be made known to us. We therefore join and covenant with each other to worship, work and serve together as loyal disciples of Jesus, to live among our fellow men a life of righteousness and brotherly love, and to do all within our power to promote the reign of God's will in all human relations.

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REPORT OF THE CLERK

1.

On January 1, 1962 the membership of Pilgrim Church was 938

New members during 1962:		
On Confession of Faith	29	
By Letter of Transfer	24	
Reaffirmation of Faith	<u>1</u>	54

Members lost during 1962:		
Removed by death	14	
Letters of transfer granted	<u>20</u>	<u>34</u>

Net gain in membership during 1962	<u>20</u>
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Total membership as of January 1, 1963	958
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Transferred to inactive roll by vote of the Board of Deacons	<u>21</u>
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Total active membership as of January 1, 1963	937
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Of this total 842 are resident in Duluth and 95 are non-resident.

During the year 17 births were recorded and 24 children and 5 young people were baptized.

Members lost by death were:

Mr. Brewer Mattocks III *	Mrs. T. J. Kitts
Mr. Joseph F. McCune	Dr. Frank N. Knapp
Mr. Raymond H. Bonnell	Mrs. L. E. Paddock
Mr. William E. Tracy, Jr. *	Mr. Edward F. Wahl
Mrs. Lane MacGregor	Miss Edith A. Thomas
Mrs. M. J. Rawn	Mrs. James W. Walker
Mrs. Henry Meining	Mrs. Oscar Mitchell
Mrs. John D. Jenswold	Mrs. E. L. Kimball

* from the inactive roll

Letters of Transfer were issued to the following persons:

Mr. and Mrs. Burton E. Hawley to Christ Presbyterian, Edina, Minnesota
Mrs. David L. Duclos to St. Paul's Episcopal, Duluth
Mr. and Mrs. John van Zandt, Carol and Mary to First Presbyterian, Washington, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Dayne W. Stiles to Richfield Methodist, Minneapolis
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Perry to Countryside Community (Congregational), Omaha, Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Soules to St. Luke Presbyterian, Wayzata
Mrs. Robert H. Smith to St. John's Methodist, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Miss Carolyn Allen to Plymouth Congregational, Minneapolis
Rev. and Mrs. John T. Bertsch to First Congregational, Kent, Ohio
Mr. and Mrs. Knute M. Nelson to Central Methodist-Congregational, Superior
Rev. James Halfakor to The Federated Church, Milton-Freewater, Oregon
Mrs. Robert R. Strom to Lakeside Presbyterian, Duluth

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Eaton, Clerk

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING 1962

2.

February 4

Mr. P. A. Briglia
2531 East First Street

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Carleton
1926 Greysolon Road

Mr. Robert M. Owens
2105 Woodhaven Lane

Dr. and Mrs. William S. Pollard
2708 Branch Street

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Slack
2623 East Fifth Street

Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Sneed
1018 Chester Park Drive

April 19

Mrs. W. G. Bauman
212 South 16th Avenue East

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Ewen
3925 Rockview Court

Mrs. Edward M. Gaylord
100 Elizabeth Street

Mr. A. Nicol Smith
435 Leicester Avenue

Confirmation Class

Richard Adams
Ann Appelquest
Kathleen Brooker
Carolyn Clarke
Robin Edgell
Jeffrey Good
David Hanson
Michael Hatch
Sally Heimbach
Kathryn Honigman
Jean Jacobson
Verne Johnson

Michael McGillivray
Margaret Mickelsen
Bruce Niss
David Niss
Kristine Osterland
Kenneth Pietila
David Plumb
David Potter
Gayle Southworth
Michael Spencer
Margaret Syck
Stephen Van Evera

October 7

Mrs. Henry H. Atkins
2906 Greysolon Road

John M. Fochs
2506 Branch Street

Mrs. Roy T. Magney
1401 Woodland Avenue

December 2

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Beverley
414 Maryland Street

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carpenter
2111 East Superior Street

Leslie E. Carpenter
2111 East Superior Street

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dempster
4830 Wyoming Street

Dr. and Mrs. John J. Wandmaker
2125 East First Street

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Zentner
2816 Branch Street

Lynn Zentner
2816 Brnach Street

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

3.

During 1962 fifty-four new members joined the fellowship of Pilgrim Church and there was an average attendance of 189 at church school during the year. This compares with 1961 figures of 36 new members and 197 average attendance at church school. There continues to be a spirited and intelligent participation in the activities of the church and its allied organizations.

In February of 1962 Pilgrim Church voted - 367 to 236 - not to join the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. On November 8, 1962, the Church adopted a statement of policy with regard to denominational benevolences and voted to assume the status of an "associated church" of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ and to request associate membership in the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

In June of 1962 James Halfaker graduated from Yale Divinity School and came to Duluth to be ordained. The Duluth Association was invited to meet in Pilgrim Church as an ecclesiastical council June 21 to examine Jim for ordination and in a memorable service on Sunday evening, July 1 he was ordained in Pilgrim Church. Jim was the fourth young man to be ordained in Pilgrim Church in the last ten years. The others were: George Macaulay, September 1953; John Nutting, July 1956; and John Bertsch, October 1959.

In November of 1962 our Associate Minister, Rev. John T. Bertsch, left Pilgrim Church to become Associate Minister of First Congregational Church of Kent, Ohio.

Your Historian would like to remind the members of the approaching 100th Anniversary of our church to take place in 1971. I invite all members to submit to me in writing any information or data which would be of historical interest, looking forward to the history that will undoubtedly be written on our 100th Anniversary. We are particularly interested in anecdotes, humorous or otherwise, or other data that probably would not be contained in the official records or annual reports, such as histories of members or stories concerning troubled times or information concerning extraordinary personal contributions and sacrifices for the church. The historical records of Pilgrim Church are carefully filed in one central location. There is a file of annual reports of the church and a complete file of bound church bulletins. There are records of previous anniversaries, pictures and newspaper clippings of church events in books and folders in the central historical file maintained in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Dickerson, Historian

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Members of the Board of Deacons for the year 1962 were J. C. Andresen, R. B. Buchanan, W. J. Brooker, K. R. Fawcett, M. M. Fifield, F. M. Harlow, R. L. Heller, A. H. Herbert, R. W. Johnson, R. S. Knowlton, E. N. Livingston, J. M. Morrison, N. H. Nordal, E. I. Parson, R. B. Rhode, T. B. Silliman, R. M. Smith, and D. C. Steele. The resignation of Nevin H. Nordal was accepted by the board in May and V. R. Plumb was elected by the board to complete the current year's services. The resignation of T. B. Silliman was accepted by the board at its December meeting with a recommendation that the Nominating Committee submit a nomination to complete Mr. Silliman's term of office.

4.
Regular monthly meetings have been held. Members of the Board of Deacons have participated in promotion of the Lenten services, meetings of the Church Council, as members of the Standing Committee and as church representatives in the recent reactivation of the Duluth Council of Churches. The board was pleased to invite the Duluth Association of Congregational Churches to participate in the ordination of James Halfaker.

The deacons wish to express their regrets at the resignations of Mr. Nordal and Mr. Silliman and their appreciation to them and the retiring deacons, E. N. Livingston, J. M. Morrison, and J. C. Andresen for their services during their years as members of the Board of Deacons.

Respectfully submitted,

E. I. Parson, M. D., Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the board for the year 1962: Irvin L. Karlstad, Chairman; T. J. Shefchik, Jr., Secretary and Property Chairman; Mrs. G. A. W. Hedenberg and Douglas Walker, Benevolences; F. W. Buck and J. E. Montague, Insurance; R. H. Neimeyer, Custodian of Records; Irvin L. Karlstad, Willis Wyard, J. E. Montague, and Norman Moberg, Executive Committee.

The financial affairs of the church are in good shape although contributions were not adequate to enable us to close the year with all bills paid. The treasurer's report indicates a balance at the end of the year of \$377.29 in the general fund. However, we have a bill due Kuettel and Company for roof work which we were not able to pay with 1962 income. This amounts to \$2,268. This was an unexpected expense and it will have to be paid from 1963 income. All other bills were paid as due and all budgeted benevolence commitments were paid.

Since our income from individual contributions in 1962 was not more than the income in 1961 and since the pledges for 1963 are not greater than the total pledged for 1962, the board has reduced the proposed budget for 1963 \$2,300, eliminating the proposed contingency fund of \$1,000 and reducing the denominational benevolences \$1,300. With this adjustment the board recommends the adoption of the proposed budget.

In April of 1962 the board purchased nine lots in the vicinity of the UMD campus with funds contributed by members and designated for this purpose. This action was authorized by the vote of the congregation on Sunday, April 15. It is understood that these lots are to be held for possible use in the future for the building of facilities for the campus ministry program. It is further understood that in the event that in the future it appears to be unfeasible that such property shall be so used the same may be sold and the proceeds of such sale shall be used in furtherance of such campus ministry program. The board wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Robert Eaton for his assistance in carrying out this purchase. It was Mr. Eaton who obtained the options under which this property was held until the church could make a decision with regard to the purchase and he also handled all the legal work in connection with the purchase.

During the summer one of the boilers was converted to burn gas. This was done with the hope of making substantial savings in the cost of fuel. We are equipped to burn either gas or oil, whichever is more economical. The cost of this conversion was \$2,282 and it is hoped that this cost will be recovered in savings over a two-year period.

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In September a bequest of \$5,000 was received from the estate of Mrs. Henry Meining. There were no conditions or limitations attached to this gift. The money was used to purchase a savings certificate to be held in a segregated account until it is decided what use should be made of these funds.

In 1959 our goal for the Christian Higher Education Fund was set at \$10,165 by vote of the congregation. In September 1962 we completed payment in full on this goal, the entire amount having been paid with special gifts from members for this purpose.

The church is greatly indebted to Mr. Bruce Buchanan, the Loyalty Day Chairman, and to the members of his committee for the very thorough job they have done in completing this campaign. We wish also to express our thanks to Mr. Jesse D. Bradley for his splendid services as Treasurer and to Mr. Fred Buck who is retiring from the board this year after six years of faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,

Irvin L. Karlstad, Chairman

REPORT OF THE LOYALTY DAY COMMITTEE

The Loyalty Day Committee has completed its work so far as possible to this date. There are nine members from whom it is presumed we will receive pledges whom we have not been able to reach because of their absence from the city. The report below indicates the response of those from whom we have received pledges. I wish to thank all who have helped with the work of the Loyalty Day Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Buchanan, Chairman

Loyalty Day Progress Report

January 15, 1963

432 pledges received totaling		\$60,945.30
59 new pledges	4,050.46	
76 pledges increased	2,584.20	6,634.66
64 pledges decreased	3,747.83	
25 lost by death or removal	2,588.60	6,336.43
112 pledges - United Church	25,273.14	
105 pledges - National Assoc.	13,720.76	
215 pledges undesignated	21,951.40	

January 17, 1962 - the day of the Annual Meeting

428 pledges - \$61,092.98

ALLOCATION OF BUDGETED DENOMINATIONAL BENEVOLENCES

January 11, 1963

The 1962 Budget of Pilgrim Church included allocations to denominational benevolences totaling \$10,300. This included allocations to the mission boards of the Congregational churches which we have traditionally supported and which have now become instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ, and an allocation to the Missionary Society of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

These 1962 allocations to denominational benevolences were as follows:

Minnesota Conference	
Board for World Ministries	\$ 2,575
Board for Homeland Ministries	2,060
Pension Boards	2,060
Lay Life and Work	515
Church and Ministry	100
Stewardship Council	100
National Association Missionary Society	315
	<u>2,575</u>
	\$10,300

On the basis of contributions received and pledges for 1963 the item in the budget for denominational benevolences is reduced from \$10,300 to \$9,000 for 1963.

Pursuant to the actions taken at the special business meeting of the church held November 8, 1962, the 1963 budget for denominational benevolences is allocated as follows:

Minnesota Conference, for administrative expenses	\$ 1,125
National Association, for administrative expenses	1,125
Minnesota Conference, for service projects in Minn.	1,477
Board for World Ministries	1,144
Board for Homeland Ministries	1,144
Pension Boards	312
National Association Missionary Society	<u>2,673</u>
	\$ 9,000

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - 1962

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RECEIPTS

Individual Contributions		
Loose Offerings		\$63,471.59
Church School Offerings		1,837.34
Women's Fellowship for General Fund		582.70
Women's Fellowship for Benevolences		500.00
Rentals		500.00
Special Offerings - Easter		480.00
Thanksgiving	1,121.24	
Christmas	1,295.71	
	<u>842.25</u>	
Christian Higher Education Fund		3,259.20
Special Projects		1,636.97
Other Unbudgeted Income		7,500.00
		<u>7,584.60</u>
		87,352.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Ministry		
Salaries of the minister and associate minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, minister's discretionary fund, guest speakers.	16,805.71	
Church Office		
Salaries of secretary and part-time financial secretary and stenographer, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment.	7,257.28	
Music		
Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees and miscellaneous.	6,146.03	
Christian Education		
Church school curriculum materials, church school supplies, audio-visual materials, equipment, Bibles for the third graders, Pilgrim Fellowship expense, vacation church school, Lenten Seminars and leadership training.	1,693.12	
Property Maintenance and Operating Expense		
Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, house-keeping expense.	18,196.08	
General Expense		
Printing bulletins, literature, publicity and advertising, contribution envelopes, delegate expense, per capita dues, coffee hour and miscellaneous.	2,636.20	
Depreciation Fund		
To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such need arises.	2,000.00	
Amortization Fund		
Tioga Street Parsonage Contract for Deed	1,200.00	
Special Projects		
		7,545.00

Other unbudgeted disbursements
 Transfer Meining bequest to savings 5,000.00
 Transfers from Memorial Fund 602.04
 Gift for Mr. and Mrs. Bertsch 384.00
 Miscellaneous 862.74

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Benevolences 6,848.78
 Minnesota State Conference
 Board for World Ministries 2,575.00
 Board for Homeland Ministries 2,060.00
 Pension Boards 2,060.00
 Lay Life and Work 515.00
 Church and Ministry 100.00
 Stewardship Council 100.00
 National Association Missionary Soc. 315.00
 Chicago Theological Seminary 2,575.00
 Northland College (Easter) 350.00
 Union Gospel Mission 500.00
 Duluth Council of Churches 200.00
 Minnesota Council of Churches 20.00
 National Council of Churches 50.00
 World Council of Churches 50.00
 Congregational Historical Society 50.00
 International Christian University 25.00
 United Campus Christian Fellowship 50.00
 World Service (Easter & Thanksgiving) 400.00
 Board of Ministerial Relief (Christmas) 1,911.95
 Christian Higher Education Fund 865.25
 Designated gifts for State Conference 1,662.97
 Total benevolences 725.00

17,160.17

Total Disbursements

87,488.37

SUMMARY CASH STATEMENT

Balances January 1, 1962
 General Fund 452.26
 Displaced Persons Fund 149.86
 Special Projects Fund 282.92
 Christian Higher Education Fund 26.00 911.04

Receipts for 1962
 Advance payment on 1963 pledges 87,352.40
 Total Cash 8,406.42
 96,669.86

Disbursements
 Balance December 31, 1962 87,488.37
 9,181.49

Balances December 31, 1962
 General Fund 377.29
 Displaced Persons Fund 159.86
 Special Projects Fund 237.92
 Advance payments on 1963 Pledges 8,406.42 9,181.49

SEGREGATED FUNDS

The following funds are on deposit at the First American National Bank in separate accounts.

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Depreciation Fund

Invested in Savings Certificate

Receipts: Interest

1,018.61

30.56

1,049.17

Savings Account

Interest

200.00

Balance December 31, 1962

2.00

202.00

1,251.17

Church Vocations Scholarship Fund

Savings Account Balance January 1, 1962

86.01

Receipts: Gifts

Interest

535.00

1.90

536.90

No disbursements

Balance December 31, 1962

622.91

Memorial Fund

Savings Account Balance January 1, 1962

362.09

Receipts: Interest

Gifts in memory of

7.11

Mrs. MacGregor

Mrs. Meining

Mrs. Rawn

Mrs. Jenswold

Miss Edith Thomas

Mrs. Oscar Mitchell

Dr. Frank Knapp

1,280.00

1,287.11

1,649.20

Disbursements

Film Strip on "Christian Symbols"
for Church School

602.04

Church Vocations Scholarship Fund

Bible Dictionary for Church School

Altar Vase for Chapel

Balance December 31, 1962

1,047.16

Trenerry Fund

9.

Balance January 1, 1962

Receipts: Interest

No disbursements

Balance December 31, 1962

2,376.27

35.65
2,411.92

2,411.92

STATUS OF CONTRACT FOR DEED: Tioga Street Parsonage

Balance January 1, 1962

Payments made during 1962
Interest

Applied on principal

Balance December 31, 1962

5,324.35

1,200.00
244.51

955.49

4,368.86

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse D. Bradley, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

10.

The Board of Christian Education comprised Mr. Bouschor, Chairman, Mrs. R. F. Hunt, Secretary, Mr. LeRoy W. Moore, Mr. Ted J. Lee, Mrs. O. B. Patch, Mrs. Conrad Stephenson, Mrs. I.L. Karlstad, Mrs. Josiah Fuller, Mrs. B. N. Wheeler. Due to the resignation of Mrs. Wheeler the Board appointed Mrs. Percy G. Dunbar to fill the unexpired term. These members met throughout the year with Mr. Bertsch and Dr. Halfaker.

During the year the Board interviewed Scout Neil Johnson, and recommended him to receive the God and Country Award at the service on Boy Scout Sunday.

The Board instituted a teachers training program which was moderately successful. Mr. Bertsch spearheaded this, and the Board helped in the recruitment of teachers for the coming year. During the year these teachers met and heard different speakers on subjects pertinent to teaching the Church School.

The family suppers which the Board sponsored were again very successful and the attendance increased each time making this a truly fine church family gathering. These ended this year with the Christmas supper which was a huge success.

Another project instituted by the Board and chairmanned by Mrs. Stephenson, was putting the library into a condition whereby the books could be more readily located and charged out. This project is about completed, and we are now discussing ways in which to increase the number of volumes in our library.

Again the Board sponsored and conducted the Vacation Church School, which seemed to be the best ever. Our attendance was greater than any of the preceding three years. This was well received by both teachers and parents.

A great loss was sustained by the Board with the leaving of Mr. Bertsch. He had been one of the guiding hands of the Board and much of our success has been due to John's help and enthusiasm.

The Board also instituted meetings between the teachers and parents, which proved very successful, and we hope to continue these. We are attempting to show the parents what is being done in the church school and the various fields of study.

Another field in which the Board has been active is the consolidation of the Sunday services. This has aided in the efficiency of the church school and has alleviated some of the problems which have existed. Our attendance has been better than ever since this consolidation.

As in the past, the Thanksgiving project of "Share Our Surplus" and the Lenten project of "One Great Hour of Sharing" were conducted.

In general the Board of Christian Education has had an active and successful year, and the fruits of our many projects have been well worth the effort of the members.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Bouschor, Chairman

REPORT OF PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

11.

So far this year Pilgrim Fellowship has enjoyed great success. Experiments in new methods of organization and administration have brought about a greater enthusiasm and fuller participation among its members.

Again this year the entire P. F. membership shares the responsibility for program planning. This is accomplished by having six equal "groups" of members, each headed by a cabinet member. These groups in turn provide the evening's dinner and carry out the program and worship service, thus establishing a much more meaningful experience and an equality of responsibility for all.

Cabinet meetings are held once a month to provide program suggestions and to iron out difficulties.

Since Mr. Bertsch is no longer with us, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Engstrom are serving as our advisors.

Activities of Pilgrim Fellowship center around the Minnesota P. F. emphases of Faith, Action, and Fellowship. These are established each year at the Minnesota P.F. Congress and supplemented by the Duluth Association's fall retreat and rally, both of which were well attended by members of our group.

We decided we could best concentrate on the Minnesota P. F. emphases by dividing the year into three periods. During the fall, our topic was fellowship and our major project was bringing the Bishop's Company, a group of traveling actors who present Drama in the Church, to Duluth. This winter we are concentrating on the Action emphasis and are presently planning a trip to Chicago to witness the Church in action. In the spring we will switch to the Faith emphasis and study our present Youth Covenant. Besides these projects we have had a Christ's Work Day, a pecan sale, joint meetings with various church groups within the city, and such social activities as a bowling party and a sleigh ride.

In closing, we feel that Pilgrim Fellowship has been a rewarding experience to its members during the past year, and we are looking forward to 1963 with great enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Cochran, President

REPORT OF THE UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The United Campus Christian Fellowship is a ministry to college students, supported locally by Glen Avon Church, Pilgrim Church, Lakeside Presbyterian Church, Chester Park E.U.B. Church, and Peace Church. Its activities this year have included regular Thursday night meetings with discussions related to theology, social and personal concerns. UCCF, and others interested, have also staged original dramatic presentations at Easter and Christmas. In the spring a weekend retreat was held; in the summer four students and the director attended the UCCF National Study Conference in Beloit, Wisconsin. This proved to be a particularly stimulating event with excellent leadership and an interesting variety of people attending.

This fall bi-weekly worship services have been inaugurated on Sunday evenings at 9:00 for those few who realize the need to worship together in a small group with common concerns. Outside of the more programmed group activities, this ministry has consisted of discussions with individuals, weekly Bible study with one student, a continual open house at the director's apartment. An attempt is made to remain

as closely in contact with the life of the university as is possible since the point of this ministry is to be sensitive to the situation in which students find themselves. 12

I have had an opportunity to attend a meeting for new staff in campus ministry and the Association of Presbyterian University Pastors this summer. Through them I have become increasingly pleased with the work that is being done in this field, and I find myself happy to be involved in this area of the church's ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Caine, UCCF Director

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH VOCATIONS

The purpose of this committee is twofold: to encourage young people to give serious consideration to the various church vocations, and to assist them in any way we can during the period of their training.

The committee has set up a policy of making a \$300 grant annually to each young person who is attending college with the intention of entering a church vocation. This assistance is applicable to either undergraduate or postgraduate work. The money is provided by the Church Vocations Scholarship Fund, formerly known as the Hornby Scholarship Fund, which was set up in memory of Mr. Henry C. Hornby.

In 1962 aid was given to James Halfaker who received the B.D. degree from Yale Divinity School in June and was married June 16 to Miss Louisa Sandstrom, also a graduate of Yale Divinity School. The Duluth Association was invited to meet in Pilgrim Church June 21 to examine Jim for ordination and on Sunday evening, July 1 he was ordained in Pilgrim Church. August 1 he became the minister of the Federated Church (Congregational) in Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

It is the sincere hope of the committee that we may soon identify other young people who are interested in church vocations; and to this end we ask members of the church to be on the alert for promising candidates and to speak with us about them.

The members of this committee are: Miss Dorothy Hornby, Samuel F. Atkins, Dr. E. I. Parson, and Valworth R. Plumb, Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Valworth R. Plumb, Chairman

ACHIEVEMENT January 1963:

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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Organization: There are nine groups in the Fellowship, meeting separately one week after the regular Fellowship meeting. Each Group has a supervisor and other officers and representatives to the following Standing Committees:

Friendly Service

Spiritual Life

Christian Education and Family Life

Community Interest

Woman's Gift or "Thank Offering"

The Board of Directors of the Women's Fellowship is made up of the officers of the Fellowship, the Chairmen of the Standing Committees, Chairmen for Hospitality (new members), Housekeeping, Program, Food and Meals, Nominating Committee, and the Supervisors of the Groups.

Program: Programs for the Fellowship meetings are planned together by the Program chairman and the members of the committee made up of Chairmen of the Standing Committees. Each program through the year is sponsored or supported by one Chairman with the exception of the December meeting and the annual meeting in June when special events necessitate special programs.

Spiritual Life: Devotional material is available for the use of the Devotions representative for Group and Fellowship meetings. The Spiritual Life Committee this year purchased three new books of inspirational material for the use of the Fellowship. We also have a small library of books on various aspects of Church and Bible study, biography and history.

Interdenominational: Our work in this field is largely in connection with the United Church Women of Duluth, an organization cooperating with the activities of the Duluth Council of Churches. Mending for the Children's Home, parties and gifts for old people, donations of cookies and sandwiches for the U.S.O. parties, participation in the World Day of Prayer and other interdenominational projects, many of them in connection with our Community Interests Committee, are included in this aspect of the Women's Fellowship. A generous and substantial contribution was made this year to the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Stewardship - Thank Offering: Collection boxes are given to each member and are also placed on all the luncheon tables for the Fellowship meetings. The first Wednesday in November is the day especially marked for "Woman's Gift" day. We have a service in our chapel during which the women's boxes are collected and the Thank Offering dedicated. Stewardship is emphasized in volunteer work within the Fellowship and for the Church.

Christian Education and Family Life: The Christian Education Committee works with the Pilgrim Church Christian Education Committee in the Church School, considering curriculum, visual arts supplementary material and special events for the pupils in the Church School.

Friendly Service: This committee meets weekly at the church to sew layettes and pre-cut garments to be sent to mission fields at home and abroad. Generous contributions have been made also to the Casa Mia Settlement house in Naples, Italy. The committee submits the following report of articles sent during the year.

To Fort Berthold: 4 boxes of clothing, 9 layettes

To Dalmo (Interdenominational): 2 boxes clothing, 1 box layettes

- To Church World Service: 5 large duffel bags of clothing
4 packages of cut garments, finished, including children's clothing, hospital gowns, 8 layettes
- To Mrs. Thompson, International Center for Students and Visitors, Minneapolis:
2 fur coats
- To Jennie Pratt, formerly welfare worker at Ellis Island, who still keeps in touch with newcomers in New York City:
baby clothing and baby quilts.

Community Interests: The Community Interests Committee has supported various projects in the city, some of them in conjunction with other churches and organizations. Last year Community Interests gave funds for:

- The Union Gospel Mission
- Duluth Round Table
- Center on Problem Drinking
- Lighthouse for the Blind
- Goodwill Auxiliary
- United Church Women (see Interdenominational)
- Plus 65
- U.S.O.
- Campships through the Girl Scouts and Y.W.C.A.

Donations of time and effort were made for Northwood Children's Home and U.S.O.

Food and Meals Committee: The Food Committee plans and serves dinners, luncheons and teas undertaken by the Fellowship. These include receptions for new members, wedding receptions, Men's Club dinners, Bazaar luncheon and assistance in serving Loyalty Day dinners, Annual dinners, and other church functions involving refreshments and meals. The monthly Fellowship luncheons are prepared and served by members of individual Groups in turn.

Housekeeping: The Housekeeping Committee supervises equipment and furnishings and supplies for the Church. They buy and replace supplies as needed.

Flower Committee: The Flower Committee plans for flowers for the church services and special occasions. The Women's Fellowship furnishes the flowers except when they are memorial gifts.

Bazaar: The major money-raising project for the year is the Fall bazaar. At the Bazaar held on November 15, 1962 the booths displayed attractive items of knitting, Christmas gifts and decorations, dolls, toys, wreaths, "white elephants", jewelry, delicatessen and bakery. A shopper's luncheon was served from 11:30 to 1:30. The total net income from this year's sale was \$1,670.

"A task without vision is drudgery;
A vision without a task is a dream;
A task with vision is victory."

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Dinham, President

REPORT OF THE MEN'S CLUB

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The Men's Club has started the 1962-63 season with two very interesting programs. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, October 9th, and featured a talk by the Executive Director of the Center on Problem Drinking, Mr. Daniel Crowe, a trained psychiatric social worker. Four members of their lay board also attended as guests and served as a panel during the question and answer period following the talk by Mr. Crowe.

The second meeting was held on Tuesday, November 20th, and featured Dr. Howard Schomer, President of the Chicago Theological Seminary, speaking on the topic "Race and Religion in Albany". Dr. Schomer had been an invited participant in the attempt to resolve the racial tensions in that community. He gave a very factual report of the events surrounding the uprising as well as some interesting historical background to the subject. An open discussion of the problem and the part that a church can play in it followed the formal talk.

The Executive Committee has inaugurated a new feature into the meetings with the addition of a "social hour" preceding dinner. With the cooperation of the various church circles, a table is set with fruit juice starter and pre-dinner treats enabling the members of the group to socialize for 20 minutes prior to the main dinner. This has proved popular and added warmth and friendship to the meetings.

We feel that the objectives of the Men's Club have been well met through the first two meetings and are certain this will prevail throughout the year. The Executive Committee has devoted much time and interest in making this a successful year. Members of the Executive Committee are Jesse D. Bradley, Vice President; Stephen W. Collins, Secretary-Treasurer; Alonzo W. Taylor, Jr., Walter W. Matzke, Percy G. Dunbar, John T. Adams, Robert L. Edgell, Peter Snove.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred E. Stout, Jr., President

REPORT OF THE COUPLES CLUB

The Couples Club during the past year has had a varied list of activities. Included in these were guest speakers, a tour of the SAGE installation at the air base, an evening or two of bowling, a picnic and others. The year was climaxed by our annual progressive Christmas dinner in December.

Our group during the past year has numbered seven to twelve couples. While this is a good-sized group, we would be extremely interested in meeting new couples in the church and would welcome into the group any couples between the ages of 15 and 105.

New officers for the Couples Club were elected at the December meeting. They are: Jock and Joan Morrison, President; and Bob and Mary Owens, Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan and Bob Engstrom

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

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The quality of musicianship maintained for another year in the life of Pilgrim Church has been achieved by the combined efforts of Miss Rogers, the members of the Church Choir, Mrs. Margaret McGillivray, and the members of the Youth Choirs. Music was provided for two services each Sunday except for the summer months and December, when only single services were held. Special music at the Easter service and the annual Christmas Eve service with its special music by the choirs were again highlights of the year's activities.

The Music Committee desires to express appreciation of the faithfulness and enthusiasm exhibited by all choir personnel. The regularity of attendance at rehearsals and worship services of our two Youth Choirs, and the parental cooperation involved, have been gratifying.

Because a large portion of members of the Senior High Choir found it impossible to participate regularly in the group's meetings, it was necessary to discontinue this organization last May. However, the Junior Choir comprising 38 voices participated in Family Sunday services and in worship services marking special occasions. The Chapel Choir of 24 voices, regularly provided music for our early morning services. Approximately 62 members of our Church School, therefore, received valuable instruction and performance experience in sacred music during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Edson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF USHERS

The Board of Ushers consisting of three teams each serving a month at a time in rotation at the 11:00 service and the Junior Board of Ushers consisting of two teams serving at the 9:30 service on alternate months served the church faithfully and efficiently during the year 1962. Charles E. Tomlan, Wilbur M. Fox, and Ray Bonnell, Jr. acted as captains of the ushering teams for the 11:00 service and Sam F. Atkins acted as captain for the 9:30 teams.

To John Dalton, Assistant Head Usher, a special expression of appreciation is due for the faithful service he rendered during the year, as for so many years in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Harlow, Head Usher

REPORT OF THE COMMUNION COMMITTEE

The Communion Committee has completed another year of efficient work. These dedicated women with the help of their husbands have been more than faithful. May we take this opportunity to thank each member for her faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. E. Nutting

Mrs. Douglas Walker, Co-chairmen

REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

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It has been the pleasure of the Flower Committee to arrange for flowers to be on the Communion table each Sunday during the year except for Communion Sundays when no flowers are used, and to decorate the church for Palm Sunday, Easter and Christmas

Flowers were given as memorial gifts on 37 Sundays and by the Women's Fellowship on 8 Sundays. The palm branches which the children carry on Palm Sunday and the potted palms were provided by two memorial gifts. There were 65 memorial plants on Easter Sunday. The large wreath and garlands used to decorate the church at Christmas time were provided by the Women's Fellowship.

The Flower Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all those who have contributed to the beauty and worshipful atmosphere of our church.

There are dates available for 1963. If you would like to provide memorial flowers, please call the church office. The cost is \$5.00; the flowers will be selected and arranged by the Flower Committee and the bill will be mailed to the donor by the florist.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Halfaker, Chairman
Mrs. S. F. Atkins
Mrs. Hubbell Carpenter
Mrs. F. H. Magney

REPORT OF THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

The Lookout Committee's 1962 operation included presentation of pulpit bouquets following Sunday eleven o'clock services, to persons named by the minister. The perfectly arranged pieces brought pleasure to the recipients.

The background of our 1962 Easter Services, beautifully banked at the pulpit, was colorful with well-placed pastel pink hydrangeas as well as the traditional white Easter lilies with their characteristic fragrance. Miss Belt's master plan of the whole set-up greatly helped to spot units while we assembled groups for delivery.

We will miss Carroll and Margie Steele as well as Bill and Constance Newman the ensuing year. May I gratefully thank each member of our committee. They always cheerfully assist in assuring smooth performance. Mrs. Williams joins in our appreciation of these friends.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. Williams, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

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This committee continues to be interested in the refugee families: Koorenhofs, Winkelaars, Knechts, whom we sponsored and assisted in resettling. These families were all Dutch-Indonesian, displaced and forced to go to Holland. The Koorenhofs are in the Hawaiian Islands, the Winkelaars in Hoyt Lakes, and the Knechts still in Duluth but now living on Minnesota Point instead of Munger Terrace. The latter family now have 3 children and Mr. Knecht has found a good position at the Duluth Terminal. So we have helped 17 people to start new lives.

Many of you will recall the Graudums - the Latvian family and the first one which we tried to bring to this country. Because of ill health, death, and the ending of the U.S. Displaced Persons Special Immigration Law they have not been able to come. Their situation is a sad one without much hope for a happy future. To let them know that our church does have a continuing interest in them we will be sending them, in the immediate future, some needed clothing and bedding and \$50. This gift has been made possible through the generosity of the Women's Fellowship and the Friendly Service Committee.

In September the Foreign Student Department of UMD called on our church for assistance in finding a home for a Korean student who had been awarded a scholarship here. All the members of the Service Committee were consulted for suggestions and the problem was given publicity at several church meetings. Several families were interested but at the time were unable to offer homes. So, as many of you know, the Matter family is now enjoying the privilege and pleasure of having a very fine young Korean man as a member of their household and home. He attends our church every Sunday morning and we hope that each member will feel responsible for personally welcoming him and will find opportunities for becoming really acquainted with Sung-chul Ji.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Matter, Chairman

REPORT OF THE OFFICE HELP COMMITTEE

It is the duty of this committee to assist the church office when help is needed to fold and enclose general mailings, such as Pilgrim News, Every Member Canvass materials, Annual Reports, etc.

The committee has helped with mailings and assembling Annual Reports, etc. a total of 114 hours. Approximately 44,600 items were handled. - 114 hours, 44,600 pieces.

The following women helped with the work and enjoyed it: Mrs. W. F. Arndt, Sr., Mrs. S. E. Atkins, Mrs. R. G. Barnes, Miss Myrtle Beane, Mrs. Wilson Bradley, Miss Helen Cant, Mrs. Hubbell Carpenter, Mrs. Ruth Cavanaugh, Mrs. A. H. Forsan, Mrs. Margaret B. Gilbert, Mrs. J. Halfaker, Miss Anna K. Hellan, Miss Margaret Hemenway, Miss Avis Hollingsworth, Mrs. K. F. Honigman, Miss Edna Jenks, Mrs. F. N. Knapp, Mrs. H. J. McClearn, Mrs. R. B. McDonald, Mrs. M. M. Meldahl, Miss Esther Ott, Mrs. Bertha Prine, Mrs. Robert M. Smith, and Mrs. Savin.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle J. Savin, Chairman

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for officers and committee memberships:

CLERK: Robert F. Eaton

TREASURER: Jesse D. Bradley

HISTORIAN: John M. Dickerson

BOARD OF DEACONS: (for three years) Bruce Buchanan, W. John Grandy, Leonard E. Griffith, Fred M. Harlow, George S. Holgate, Ralph S. Knowlton.
(for one year) Fred E. Stout, Jr.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (for three years) R. H. Neimeyer, Samuel G. Radford, Willis D. Wyard.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (for three years) David S. Bouschor, Mrs. Percy G. Dunbar, Mrs. Robert C. Jackson.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: C. T. Williams, Chairman; Mrs. C. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Silliman, Mrs. M. H. Tibbetts, Mrs. R. M. Woodbridge.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Mrs. William F. Arndt, Jr., Mrs. Hubbell Carpenter, Mrs. Edward T. Fride, Jr., Mrs. F. C. Jacobson, Mrs. Gordon C. MacRae, Mrs. R. B. Magner.

MUSIC COMMITTEE: C. Lindsley Edson, Chairman; Mrs. E. C. Congdon, Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, Mrs. M. M. Fifield, George C. Finch, Wilbur M. Fox, Mrs. C. H. Grindy, Mrs. Karl F. Honigman, Mrs. F. C. Jacobson, Mrs. Willard B. Matter, Mrs. Kenneth C. Weyl.

Respectfully submitted,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Robert Burrows	Ellis N. Livingston
Robert L. Edgell	Mrs. Ralph Magner
Mrs. E. T. Fride, Jr.	Mrs. Katherine Miller
Robert H. Hood	John M. Morrison
Irvin L. Karlstad	Samuel G. Radford
Thomas J. Shefchik, Jr., Chairman	