

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

presented at

THE ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 18, 1967

## 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

The reported membership of Pilgrim Church, January 1, 1966

684

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New members added during 1966:  
 On Confession of Faith 20  
 Transferred from other churches 10  
 Reaffirmation of Faith 1  
 Total additions in 1966 1

31

Members lost during 1966:  
 Removed by death 13  
 Transferred to other churches 16  
 Transferred to inactive roll 41\*  
 Total lost in 1966

70

Net loss in active membership during 1966

39

Total active membership as of January 1, 1967

645\*\*

\* By vote of the Board of Deacons March 22, 1966

\*\*Of this total 73 are non-resident. The total active resident membership as of January 1, 1967 was 540.

During the year 13 births were recorded and 26 children and young people were baptized.

Members lost by death were:

Miss Florence L. Thoirs  
 Mrs. Robert L. Durham  
 Mrs. Ray G. Palmer  
 Miss Hulda R. Adams  
 Dr. E. D. Bettenhausen  
 Mr. Frank C. Tenney  
 Mr. H. Earl Farnam

Mr. Hazen Carleton  
 Mr. Frederick H. Cash  
 Mrs. Kenneth L. Rice  
 Mr. Jesse A. Bradley  
 Mr. Henry H. Plumb  
 Mrs. Arthur Roberts

Letters of Transfer were issued to the following persons:

Mrs. Franklin S. Rice to the Episcopal Church, Naples, Florida  
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Purlingame to Church of the Palms, Delray Beach, Florida  
 Mrs. Ross G. Davis (Kathleen Dinham) to First Presbyterian, Salem, Oregon  
 Mrs. T. W. Doan to Wayzata Community Church, Wayzata  
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Lampman to United Protestant, Silver Bay  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Beverloy to St. Mark's United Church of Christ, Bloomington  
 Mrs. Alfred J. Lewis to First Congregational, Moorhead  
 Mr. and Mrs. William A. Rosendahl and Ann Elizabeth to St. Anthony Park Congregational, St. Paul  
 Mr. and Mrs. Werner J. Zentner to First Congregational, Wahpeton, N. D.  
 Gerald Plumb to First Unitarian, Duluth

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth O'Dell, Clerk

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING 1966

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February 6

Mr. and Mrs. Clark B. Crowell  
2816 Branch Street

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Kunz  
1035 Grandview Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. McParlan  
1201 East 13th Street

December 4

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Bachman  
2728 East Second Street

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Gemeinhardt  
318 Marshall Street

Miss Cora D. Schaffer  
1732 East 4th Street

April 7

Mr. William A. Rosendahl  
2515 East Sixth Street

Confirmation Class

William Alworth  
Constance Bonnell  
Sarah Buchanan  
Harold Carpenter  
Cynthia Cooley  
Jeffrey Cooley  
Murray Dunbar  
Mark Eklund  
Lynne Fifield  
Peter Fredin

Mary Fryberger  
James Fuller  
Susan Jo Holgate  
Peter Johnson  
Mary Livingston  
Gregory Parsa  
Carol Radford  
Elizabeth Strain  
George Wegen



# REPORT OF THE TREASURER - 1966

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## RECEIPTS

Individual Contributions		
Loose Offerings		\$65,116.05
Church School Offerings		1,469.46
Women's Fellowship for General Fund		296.43
Women's Fellowship for Benevolences		500.00
Rentals		500.00
Special Offerings		480.00
Easter		
Thanksgiving	927.13	
Christmas	958.17	
Racial Justice Now	704.05	
India Famine Relief	232.50	
Special Projects	<u>448.75</u>	
Other Unbudgeted Income		3,270.60
		1,355.00
		<u>5,414.05</u>

78,401.59

## DISBURSEMENTS

Ministry		
Salary of the minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, minister's discretionary fund, guest speakers.		13,722.52
Church Office		
Salaries of secretary, part-time Christian Education secretary, part-time financial secretary and stenographer, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment.		7,082.24
Music		
Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees and miscellaneous.		5,862.21
Christian Education		
Salary of the Director of Christian Educa- tion, director's car expense, conference ex- pense, church school curriculum materials, church school supplies, audio-visual materials, equipment, Bibles for third graders, Pilgrim Fellowship expense, leadership training, and library books and supplies.		6,242.67
Property Maintenance and Operating Expense		
Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, house- keeping expense.		17,747.47
General Expense		
Printing bulletins, literature, publicity and advertising, contribution envelopes, delegates expenses, per capita dues, coffee hour, minister's education fund, and miscellaneous.		2,513.47
Depreciation Fund		
To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such need arises.		5,500.00

# Special Projects

Other unbudgeted disbursements		1,221.41	
Faith in Life contributions			
Gift for Mrs. Pronko	800.00		
Painting Interior Tioga St.	354.50		
Transfers from Memorial Fund	375.00		
Transfer to Memorial Fund from Salter Fund	2,700.53		
Miscellaneous	638.46		
	<u>800.97</u>	5,669.46	
Benevolences			
Minnesota State Conference	4,500.00		
Board for World Ministries	2,000.00		
Board for Homeland Ministries	2,000.00		
Pension Boards	500.00		
Chicago Theological Seminary	500.00		
United Campus Christian Fellowship	500.00		
Union Gospel Mission	500.00		
Duluth Council of Churches	100.00		
Minnesota Council of Churches	20.00		
National Council of Churches	50.00		
World Council of Churches	50.00		
Congregational Historical Society	50.00		
Minn. Council of Churches Bldg. Fund	25.00		
Faith-in-Life Dialogue	800.00		
World Service (Easter, Thanksgiving)	100.00		
Northland College (Easter)	1,385.30		
Ministerial Relief (Christmas)	500.00		
Racial Justice Now	704.05		
India Famine Relief	232.50		
	<u>448.75</u>	<u>14,465.60</u>	80,027.05

## SUMMARY CASH STATEMENT

Balances January 1, 1966			
General Fund			
Special Projects Fund	2,973.18		
Deacons Fund	365.66		
	<u>103.24</u>	3,442.08	
Receipts in 1966			
Advance payments on 1967 pledges		78,401.59	
Total Cash		<u>12,379.57</u>	
		94,223.24	
Disbursements in 1966			
		<u>80,027.05</u>	
Balance December 31, 1966			
		14,196.19	
Balances December 31, 1966			
General Fund			
Special Projects Fund	1,214.13		
Deacons Fund	499.25		
Advance payments on 1967	103.24		
	<u>12,379.57</u>	14,196.19	

SEGREGATED FUNDS

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The following funds are on deposit at First American National Bank in separate accounts (savings accounts or certificates of deposit).

Depreciation Fund

Balance January 1, 1966		6,000.83
Receipts		
Allocation for 1966	2,000.00	
Interest	360.58	
Reserve for painting	<u>3,500.00</u>	
		<u>5,860.58</u>
		11,861.41
No disbursements		
Balance December 31, 1966 (Savings Certificates)		<u>11,861.41</u>

Church Vocations Scholarship Fund

Balance January 1, 1966		643.28
Receipts		
Interest from Salter Memorial	42.50	
Interest	<u>19.73</u>	
		<u>62.23</u>
		705.51
No disbursements		
Balance December 31, 1966 (Savings Account)		<u>705.51</u>

Salter Memorial Fund

Balance January 1, 1966		2,000.00
Receipts		
Interest		<u>42.50</u>
		2,042.50
Disbursements		
To Scholarship Fund	42.50	
To Schulmerich Carillon	1,361.54	
To Memorial Fund	<u>638.46</u>	
		<u>2,042.50</u>
Balance December 31, 1966		<u>0.00</u>

Clark Fund

Bequest received March 14, 1966		500.00
Receipts		
Interest		<u>17.06</u>
		517.06
No disbursements		
Balance December 31, 1966 (Savings Certificate)		<u>517.06</u>



### Theirs Fund

Bequest received November 18, 1966  
(Savings Certificate)

500.00

No other income or disbursements

### Batte Fund

Bequest received November 23, 1966  
(Savings Certificate)

101.96

No other income or disbursements

### Memorial Fund

Balance January 1, 1966

3,606.44

#### Receipts

Interest

52.41

Gifts in memory of

Dr. and Mrs. John G. Briggs

Wilfred J. Robertson

Miss Hulda Adams

Mrs. R. L. Durham

Dr. Earl D. Bettonhausen

Dr. Arthur T. Laird

Mrs. Ray G. Palmer

Mrs. Wilholmina Hall

Frank C. Tenney

H. Earl Farnam

F. H. Cash

Jesse A. Bradley

1,210.75

1,263.16

4,869.60

#### Disbursements

Installation of Slide Tuners in Organ

in memory of Dr. and Mrs. John G. Briggs

Handbells

in memory of Dr. Charles C. Salter

Acoustical ceilings in Hearing House classrooms

in memory of Mrs. John Monaghan, Mrs. Mark Baldwin,

Mr. Helge Nelson, Miss Clara Blodgett, Mr. C. W.

Burdick, and Gordon Dunbar.

Interpreter's Bible for the Library

in memory of Mr. Robert R. Asplund

Steel shelving for the Library

in memory of Dr. Arthur T. Laird

2,700.53

Balance December 31, 1966 (Savings Account)

2,169.07

### Russell Fund

Balance January 1, 1966

1,008.45

Receipts: Interest

46.14

Balance December 31, 1966 (Savings Certificate)

1,054.59

Special Projects Fund (segregated in checking account)

Balance January 1, 1966

Receipts

365.66

1,355.00  
1,720.66

Disbursements

Chairs and tables for the Church School  
Extra chairs for Fellowship Hall  
Carpet for Nursery  
Humidifier for organ chambers  
Taxes on UCCF property

1,221.41

Balance December 31, 1966

499.25

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse D. Bradley, Treasurer

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the Board of Trustees were: Raymond H. Bonnell, Jr., Edward T. Fride, Jr., Clifford H. Grindy, Mrs. G. A. W. Hedenberg, Walter W. Matzke, Samuel G. Radford, George H. Spencer, Jr., A. W. Taylor, Jr., Mrs. W. P. Van Evera, and Werner Zentner. During the year Mr. Taylor was elected to replace Mr. Zentner who moved to North Dakota. Mrs. Hedenberg is retiring after completing her two terms on the Board and we express our appreciation to her for her faithful service.

We can again report that Pilgrim Church is in good financial condition. We closed the year with all obligations paid and a substantial balance in the General Fund. We had good balances all year without anxiety at any time about meeting our financial responsibilities. Individual contributions exceeded the total pledged.

Our church property, including the church building, the two parsonages and the Hearing property are in good repair. We will need to do considerable painting on all these properties next summer. We have set aside a special reserve of \$3,500 in the Depreciation Fund to cover the cost of this work.

During 1966 three bequests have been received: \$500 from Mrs. Wayne Clark, \$500 from Miss Florence L. Thoires, \$101 from Edmund G. Batte. These have been invested in Savings Certificates for appropriate use at some time in the future.

The Loyalty Day Campaign was very successful under the capable leadership of Edward T. Fride. Over 300 pledges were received for a total of \$64,581. This is some \$3,000 less than we would need to underwrite the budget proposed in November, though it is \$2,424 more than our pledges last year.

In view of the fact that we will apparently not have an assistant Minister before June, it is possible to reduce the contingency fund included in the budget to provide for this by \$2,000. Other adjustments have been made in the light of final figures for the year so that we now recommend adoption of a revised budget totaling \$77,229. Our pledges combined with anticipated income from loose offerings, Women's Fellowship, special offerings, etc. will be adequate to underwrite this revised budget.



The Trustees express their deep appreciation to Edward Fridt and those who assisted him in the Loyalty Day campaign for the way in which they carried out their assignment.

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Respectfully submitted,

George Spencer, Chairman

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#### REPORT OF THE LOYALTY DAY COMMITTEE

The Loyalty Day Committee completed its work and made a final report at the January 13 meeting of the Board of Trustees. As of that date 302 pledges had been received for a total of \$64,581. We had hoped to reach a total of \$69,000 in pledges. However, since it appears that it will not be possible to have an Assistant Minister before summer the Trustees have been able to make adjustments in the budget to enable us to proceed with this pledge base.

Of the 302 pledges received 22 were new pledges totaling \$1,625 and 89 were increased a total of \$3,664, making a total increase of \$5,289. This gain was offset in part by losses from death and removal so that the net gain was \$2,424.

Members of the Loyalty Day Committee were Bruce Buchanan, J. D. Bradley, John Dickerson, Kenneth Duncan, Clifford Grindy, Samuel Radford, George Spencer and A. W. Taylor, Jr. I wish to thank these men for their help.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T. Fridt, Chairman  
The Loyalty Day Committee

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#### REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

The Benevolence Committee of the Church met several times to review the benevolence budget. Benevolence giving for the past three or four years was reviewed. Attendance and participation at the meetings was good.

It was concluded that there should be some change in the area of interdenominational cooperation because of certain shifts in responsibility which have occurred through the United Church and the State Conference. In addition, the contribution of Pilgrim Church to the Minnesota Council Building Fund was paid in full during 1966.

The various members of the Committee felt that Pilgrim Church has a substantial interest in the Christian World Mission. The amount pledged in 1966 was continued in our recommendations for 1967, with the additional \$800 formerly committed to the Minnesota Council Building Fund being added to the Christian World Mission recommendation.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee for their thoughtful consideration and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Eaton, Chairman



PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Duluth, Minnesota

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Proposed 1967 Budget for Local Expenses

	1966	1967
<b>MINISTRY</b>		
Salary of the minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, minister's discretionary fund, health and accident insurance, guest speakers.	\$13,841	\$13,981
<b>CHURCH OFFICE</b>		
Salaries of secretary, part-time financial secretary, part-time Christian Education secretary, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment.	8,154	8,555
<b>MUSIC</b>		
Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees, pension for Miss Rogers, and miscellaneous.	6,450	6,700
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>		
Church school curriculum materials, church school supplies, audio-visual materials, equipment, Bibles for the third graders, Pilgrim Fellowship expense, leadership training, Director of Christian Education.	7,179	7,188
<b>PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION</b>		
Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, housekeeping expense, and parsonage utilities and services.	21,028	21,420
<b>GENERAL EXPENSE</b>		
Printing bulletins, literature, publicity and advertising, contribution envelopes, delegate expense, per capita dues, Duluth Council of Churches, minister's education fund, and miscellaneous.	3,300	3,300
<b>DEPRECIATION FUND</b>		
To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such needs exceed current budgeted allocations for repairs.	2,000	2,000
<b>CONTINGENCY FUND</b>		
To provide for necessary adjustments in the budget relating to the employment of an Assistant Minister.	--	4,000
<b>Total for Local Expenses</b>	<b>\$61,952</b>	<b>\$67,144</b>

# PROPOSED 1967 BUDGET FOR BENEVOLENCES

## Through Pledged Giving

	1966	1967
	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,800
OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION Our share in basic support of the missionary agencies of the United Church: the State Conference, Board for World Ministries, Board for Homeland Ministries, and Pension Boards.	500	500
CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY A contribution to the budget of our seminary in Chicago.	500	500
UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP A campus ministry program which we sponsor jointly with other local churches, denominational and interdenominational bodies in Duluth and Superior.	100	100
UNION GOSPEL MISSION A program of evangelism and emergency assistance, Christian counsel and guidance in downtown Duluth.	970	100
INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION Contributions to the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches.	80	150
MISCELLANEOUS BENEVOLENCES Congregational Historical Society and special appeals.		
Total benevolences through pledged giving	\$11,150	\$11,150

## Through Special Offerings

EASTER - Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin	\$ 500	\$ 500
World Service - One Great Hour of Sharing	500	500
THANKSGIVING - Share Our Substance - SOS and Neighbors in Need	1,000	1,000
CHRISTMAS - Christmas Fund for Ministerial Relief	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
Total benevolences through special offerings	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750
Total of all Benevolences	\$13,900	\$13,900

## SUMMARY

For Local Expenses	\$61,952	\$67,144
For Benevolences through pledged giving	11,150	11,150
For Benevolences through special offerings	<u>2,750</u>	<u>2,750</u>
Total Proposed Budget for 1967	\$75,852	\$81,044



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

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During the year 1966 the following members of the church were privileged to serve on the Board of Deacons: John T. Adams, David S. Bouschor, Dr. Warren J. Brooker, John Z. Dahl, John M. Dickerson, Percy G. Dunbar, Robert F. Eaton, Robert H. Engstrom, Dr. Malcolm M. Fifield, Leonard E. Griffith, Axel H. Herbert, George S. Holgate, Thomas S. Kohlbry, Robert M. Owens, Valworth R. Plumb, Milton H. Prince, Robert B. Rhode, and Joseph L. Saver. In September of 1966 the Board accepted with regret the resignation of Valworth R. Plumb due to his taking a special educational assignment in India. In November at a special meeting of the church Robert L. Heller was elected to complete Dr. Plumb's term. Dr. Fifield and Mr. Herbert have completed their full tour of duty.

During the year your Board of Deacons assisted the minister in the conduct of five communion services, coordinated the activities of the Board of Ushers, and assisted the minister in the conduct of baptismal services, helped to extend a warm and friendly welcome to visitors and new members of Pilgrim Church. It also established a procedure for greeting members and visitors with a word of welcome in the church vestibule each Sunday before the service.

Student members of the church have been most helpful in extending courtesies to the congregation upon their arrival for Sunday services by opening car doors and the doors of the church.

The Board held monthly meetings during the winter, spring and fall and have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Hafaker in promoting the spiritual welfare of the church.

The Chairman of the Board of Deacons expresses special appreciation to all the Board members, the minister and the church staff for their cooperation and helpfulness during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard E. Griffith, Chairman



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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The Board of Christian Education during the year 1966 consisted of: Mrs. M. M. Fifield, Roy T. Osterland, Miss Martha Wallace, Mrs. F. C. Jacobson, John D. Morrison, Dr. E. I. Parson, Mrs. Percy G. Dunbar, Mrs. Robert H. Engstrom, and Mrs. John I. Thomas.

During the year 1966 your board was active in programs relating to the church school and curriculum. The administration and direction provided by Mrs. Pronko are evident throughout the entire church school. It is the feeling of the board that the curriculum and programs are well established and going very smoothly. A great deal of credit must also be given to the many members of the church school staff. These individuals give unselfishly of their time each Sunday throughout the year. Their work contributes greatly to the success of the church school program.

The family dinners were again sponsored by the board during the year. The high point was the annual Christmas dinner. 270 adults and children enjoyed the carol singing and program provided by Mrs. McGillivray and the cantata presented by the Junior Choir. Another excellent meal was provided by Mrs. Maxfield.

On May 17 Mrs. Pronko submitted her resignation to the Church Council to be effective August 1st.

Martha Wallace, a member of the board, agreed to assume the position of Church School Director for a period of one year. Your board feels very fortunate to have a person of Miss Wallace's qualifications available to fill this position. The board is represented on the committee which is endeavoring to find an assistant minister who will have responsibility primarily in the areas of church school and youth work.

The Hearing House facilities have been upgraded during the year with the addition of display rails and furniture.

Your board has had a satisfying year and feels a great deal has been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Morrison, Chairman

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## REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR

The report from the Sunday School Department for this year will of necessity be one of resume and evaluation rather than accomplishment. Mr. Bertsch and Mrs. Pronko and Dr. Halfaker have done an outstanding job in equipping and updating the facilities for our young people.

Part of July and all of August was spent in getting acquainted with materials, distribution of same and the organizational details involved in setting up the church school for Fall. Everything was excellently arranged by my predecessors so we can be proud of this organization.

The more I study the United Church curriculum the more enthused I become about these well prepared materials. The use of sound learning principles adapted to various stages in growth and development encourages individual thinking. Our teachers can get much help also from the public schools especially in the area of related activities. Pilgrim Church has all the additional materials suggested in the manuals.

The teachers' manuals are unusually well planned to enrich both teachers' background as well as preparation for sequential learning of realistic facts concerning the Bible. 12

Perhaps jotting down a few activities for each month will serve to enlighten the congregation of the many facets of church life this office reaches as well as details involved.

#### September

Staff - Primarily concerned with completing the staff vacancies. This was done by Dr. Halfaker and I am grateful for his acceptance of this added responsibility. The minister should not have to do this. More of us must be willing to help. Twelve teenagers are serving as helpers and doing a wonderful job. Enrollment - as of January 8: 238 with 20 regular teachers, 12 rotating helpers, 12 substitutes. Individual planning conferences with staff members were held. Supplies - ordered and distributed.

On September 24 we were hosts to the Northeast Association Conference of Church School Workers. Mrs. O'Dell was a leader, and eight of us attended. Visited with workers of First Methodist, Dr. Green at Lakeside and Mr. John Rockne at First Lutheran to discuss common problems and library work.

#### October

Staff problems continue.

Meeting with teenage group. These young people deserve great credit for their loyalty and aid. They are conscientious and most helpful. Eight responded to a letter requesting a meeting the first day of the vacation provided by the closing of schools for the Minnesota Education Association. Three came at a later date.

Spent a day in Minneapolis with the Directors of Religious Education at Plymouth and Mayflower churches, which was most informative and helpful. They, too, have staff problems.

Talked with members of Group Four of the Women's Fellowship concerning our curriculum, and supplementary materials.

Conferences with department members as well as individuals were held. Substituted three Sundays.

#### November

Staff - Three of the staff attended an all-day conference Saturday, November 5, at Lakeside Presbyterian Church sponsored by the Duluth Council of Churches.

There were over 200 in attendance with many men Sunday School teachers. Our Air Base had six men and two women representatives. We still need more volunteers, especially in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Substitute teaching and planning for Advent in the church school was done. Advent Booklet was prepared for parents of church school children. With but one hour per week for planned religious instruction it was felt that materials of this sort from this office could help parents strengthen basic principles as they come up in our curriculum.

Worship Time has now been held in our chapel by three groups. Met with Group 5 of the Women's Fellowship.

Resonator Bells were purchased and used. These are of great help where no piano is available and our set is an excellent one. It is also used by Mrs. McGilivray with the choir work.



December

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Staff - Sincere thanks to our wonderful staff members who carried on so well while I was away. Spent several mornings catching up and did get to our inspirational Christmas Eve Service.  
Dr. Halfaker completed installation of display rails in Hearing House, purchased and assembled a new chart holder and installed a clock in Hearing House.

January

Staff problems are still with us.  
Supplies and materials readied for distribution for the second semester which begins

February 5th.

Planning conferences with faculty members.  
Met with Group 3 of the Women's Fellowship.

Prepared pamphlets for parents to acquaint them with work to be covered in the church school during the second term.

Prepared for parent visitations.

Prepared weekly calendars for teachers.

Miss Mira Childs and Miss Helen Seymour continue to add to our picture files. We greatly appreciate their continued loyalty and help.

Mrs. William Currier has also been most helpful as our Bulletin Board and Art Consultant. Mrs. Currier is with the Duluth Public Schools and was a co-worker for several years. She is particularly talented in this area.

It would be very helpful if one or two persons who have had public school training would volunteer to act as activities consultants. Many teachers find this part of individualizing instruction difficult without aid and consultants could give us much needed help. Perhaps one Sunday a month would be all the time which would be needed.

No report from this department would be complete without acknowledging the great help Miss Dorothy Belt has been - capable, well-informed and most generous with her time. She certainly is a person of many talents and so willing to share them.

Dr. Halfaker has had a very heavy added burden because of my inexperience and mishap. He has made himself available, has spent hours on staff problems, which I should have been able to do, has been a carpenter, as well as a wonderful friend and advisor.

You will notice we continue to have staff problems. Please volunteer your help. The materials are wonderful; our library, our audio-visual aids and other resources are more than adequate. However, it does take time to prepare each week, but the rewards when working with young people more than repay the effort.

I look forward to helping the new person we get to direct our Religious Education activities if I am needed. Perhaps another year I can be of more help, for there is much to be done. The library as a resource or materials center along with our good start in other audio-visual aids needs continued attention. These are challenging days in all areas of learning and living.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Wallace



REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

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On January 16, an organ recital was presented in the sanctuary by Mr. Donald H. Andrews, our organist and choir director.

On January 30, the following high school seniors participated in the leadership of the service: Kathleen Brooker, Robin Edgell, Kristine Osterland and Michael Spencer, in observance of Youth Sunday.

In March, word was received of the death of Rev. Thomas C. McQueen, minister of Pilgrim Church from 1937 to 1945.

On May 15, a set of handbells was received as a memorial gift in memory of Dr. Charles C. Salter, the first minister of Pilgrim Church, 1871-76 and in 1881. In September a junior high young people's handbell choir was organized under the direction of Mrs. Richard J. Kunz.

In August, Mrs. S. M. Pronko resigned as Director of Christian Education at Pilgrim Church. Miss Martha Wallace was appointed as Church School Director to carry on the Christian Education program.

On September 22, Dr. Noble S. Elderkin, Minister of Pilgrim Church from 1920-1930, died in Akron, Ohio.

In November, Pilgrim Church initiated the policy of "greeters".

On November 23, an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service was held at Holy Rosary Cathedral with Glen Avon Presbyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal, University Methodist and Pilgrim Congregational Churches participating.

On November 27 an Advent Cantata, "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" by Dietrich Buxtehude was presented by the choir in observance of the first Sunday in Advent.

On December 10, a Memorial Service for Mrs. Ray E. Phillips was held in the Chapel. Dr. Phillips was ordained, and he and Mrs. Phillips were commissioned as missionaries in Pilgrim Church September 24, 1917.

Pilgrim Church is approaching its 100th Anniversary (1971) and will welcome any information, written or oral, which anyone might have so that the 100th Anniversary history may be completely prepared.

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.

Plans are presently being made to commence microfilming all significant historical data.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Currier, Historian

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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1966 has been another successful year for the Women's Fellowship. We now have six groups which meet in homes or at the church on the second Wednesday of each month. Our general Fellowship meets the first Wednesday in Fellowship Hall. At both times we have planned programs besides our regular business meeting.

Our budget of \$2,980 is divided for use by the Friendly Service, Community Interests, and General Church use. 33% of our budget goes for benevolences, local and national.

Our Friendly Service Committee has a very dedicated group who make layettes and collect and pack good used clothing which is sent to Church World Service, Delmo, Missouri, the Indians in Dakota, East Harlem Protestant Parish in New York City, and Miss Jenny Pratt who works with immigrants. A special Christmas box was sent to Delmo.

The Community Interests Committee operates locally and has helped with summer campships for Girl Scout and YWCA camps, the Duluth Round Table, USO, Duluth United Church Women, Northwood Children's Home, and the Union Gospel Mission. This year they helped assemble and deliver 80 bags which the Fellowship contributed to the United Church Women's project for women in South America.

Our Woman's Gift is not budgeted but is a voluntary item. The women collect in their own mite boxes over the year and each November we have a very beautiful thank offering service in the chapel when the boxes are brought in. This year our offering was taken in October because of a conflict with our Food Fair.

We augment our budget each year by a number of special projects. During the past year we served wedding receptions, meals for the State Youth Conference, the Matinee Musicale luncheon, held a food fair in November where food of all kinds and kitchen accessories were sold, and a special Christmas luncheon in December. We also sold Holland bulbs and sponsored a Guthrie Theatre trip.

We remember the church shut-ins at Christmas with a visit and Christmas cookies. Our shut-in calling committee tries to visit each shut-in during the year.

Our Hospitality Committee is busy all during the year keeping in touch with new members of the church and inviting them to join us in our various activities. They also take charge of church receptions such as Maundy Thursday or any other social function which comes up during the church year.

There is a close bond of friendship among the women as they meet and work together as part of our church family.

Respectfully submitted,

Hildah Hedenberg, President



## REPORT OF THE MEN'S CLUB

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This year our Men's Club has been revised somewhat with the regular schedule of five dinner meetings changed to a flexible calendar.

We have had one meeting thus far - held jointly with wives. The subject was "Sex Education and the Family", and our guest speakers were Dr. Peter Bartzén and Mr. James Cole. The reception was most enthusiastic.

It is our hope to continue with the retreat program established last year, with the next one sometime in the spring.

The board members for this year are: John Z. Dahl, president; John D. Morrison, vice president; John T. Adams, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Gordon C. Amundson, Jesse D. Bradley, Keith M. Brownell, Percy G. Dunbar, Robert M. Owens, and Joseph L. Savor.

Respectfully submitted,

John Z. Dahl, President

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## REPORT OF THE COUPLES CLUB

Couples Club in the past year met socially four times and also, on two occasions, performed special services for the church at the Minister's request. The Club is really not a club, its only officers and structure being husband and wife cochairmen whose main duty is to seek couples who will host our social-recreational meetings. We try to meet monthly through the fall, winter, and early spring months, but we find that the time priority we give to family interests, outdoor recreation, and various other pursuits does not allow for get-togethers every month.

Couples who attend regularly seem not to prefer meetings oriented to serious pursuits but, rather, prefer meetings devoted to conversation, parlor games, and light recreation, meetings quite different from the usual church group, service club, or business meeting. In this spirit we've bowled, barbequed meals outdoors, eaten pizzas, played charades, square danced, and traipsed from one home to another for a progressive dinner, to name a few activities.

Last spring five or six men from Couples Club assisted the state youth conference held here by changing Fellowship Hall from a banquet setting to a meeting room while the young people held services in the sanctuary. This December two Couples Club families decorated the Christmas tree in Salter Hall.

Attendance at our meetings varies from six to twelve couples, the twelve gathering expediently last April to form exactly three squares for an exuberant evening of square dancing. But six couples or twelve, we feel this number amounts to only a small part of those married people in our church who might wish to become good friends socially in addition to being Sunday acquaintances.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy and Virginia Magney, Cochairmen

## REPORT OF THE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

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In the annual report of January, 1966, I stated about Pilgrim Fellowship that "our weekly attendance is well up from last year." Unfortunately, since soon after that statement, just the opposite has been true.

Last spring we held a speaker-discussion series to counterbalance the many purely social meetings we had had in the fall. Although this series proved very interesting and educational, its serious nature seemed to discourage attendance. We had an excellent turn-out for such things as the annual picnic and the canoe trip, but the average attendance and interest in each meeting was noticeably dropping.

This lack of interest and involvement in P.F. reached a serious level several times in the fall of this P.F. year although we have maintained a good variety in our meetings, including films, dinners, speakers, and a visit to the new First Methodist Church. In an attempt to remedy this situation we held a meeting with the express purpose of discovering who actually had any interest in P.F.

More than twenty P.F.'ers voiced a willingness and a wish to participate and it was decided to plan meetings with the entire group rather than letting the board take the responsibility.

Our advisors, Mr. Richard Kunz and Mr. Edward McParlan, have shown a great interest in assisting us, for which we are very grateful, and I feel that if everyone in P.F. is willing to put a little effort into it, we can plan a program that will please and benefit everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Craft Dryer, President

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## REPORT OF THE UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

As in the life of the church so in the campus ministry there are the regular events and activities which are included in a year's ministry. And so it was this year in UCCF at UMD and in Wesley and UCCF at Superior State with regular weekly meetings, attendance at conferences and retreats, program planning meetings, ecumenical activities, and discussions and speeches.

However, out of these regular events and activities interesting themes and emphases developed during the year:

- a. a growing ecumenical involvement in discussions, programs and planning,
- b. a concern for international issues and relations, including a pastoral concern for international students,
- c. a continued awareness, through meetings and conversations with faculty and administration at UMD and SSU, of the ways in which the religious groups may make a valuable contribution to the life of the institutions.

Through the year your campus pastor continued to serve as advisor to UCCF at UMD and Wesley and UCCF at Superior State, to make himself available for consultations as a pastor and counselor, to relate our work to its state and national responsibilities through attending Madison and Minneapolis meetings and to attend numerous university events in Duluth and Superior.

In all of this there was the hope that we might be sharing in a faithful ministry of Christ's church in the university.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Nelson, Campus Pastor



## REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

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The Chancel Choir under the direction of Donald Andrews, organist and choir director, contributes each Sunday anthems and solos of exceptional beauty and inspirational appeal. Special mention should be made of:

January 16 - Organ Recital

April 3 - Palm Sunday, Cantata, "Christ lag in Todesbanden" by J. S. Bach

April 10 - Easter, two choruses from the above work

May 15 - Music Sunday

November 27 - Advent Cantata, "Jesu, Meine Freude" by Buxtehude

Christmas Eve - (35 in choir) "For Us a Child is Born", Bach; "Glory to God in the Highest", Handel.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Andrews also appeared as soloist on the Matinee Musicale Virtuoso Concert on October 18.

During the year the following improvements have been made to the organ: the string stops on the organ were revoiced; the grill cloth was removed from one side of the organ, and the organ was retuned and brought up to standard pitch.

Mrs. Margaret McGillivray, Youth Choir Director, reports an average attendance of 28 in the Junior Choir which regularly sings on Family Sunday, the third Sunday of the month. The Junior Choir also participated in Music Sunday in May, sang a cantata for the Family Christmas Program, and provided the anthem for the 7:30 Family Service on Christmas Eve.

A Handbell Choir began rehearsals in October with eleven junior high young people participating under the direction of Mrs. Richard J. Kunz. The Handbell Choir has accompanied the Junior Choir on Family Sundays, played an Introit at the Sunday services in December, and participated in the two Christmas Eve services.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, Chairman

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## REPORT OF THE COMMUNION GUILD

The Communion Committee has faithfully fulfilled its duties this year, as in the past. The Saturday Committee is composed of the following people who prepare the Communion table:

Mrs. G. A. Dinham

Mrs. Thomas Gemunden

Miss Edna Jenks

Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox

Mrs. L. E. Griffith

The Sunday Committee, which washes the service and polishes the silver on Sunday after church, includes:

Mrs. T. A. Brain

Mrs. Ruth Cavanaugh

Miss Mira Childs

Mrs. Axel H. Herbert

Mrs. Roy Howard

Mrs. G. M. Macaulay

Mrs. Milton H. Prince

Mrs. C. T. Sponsel

We wish to take this opportunity to thank these members for their faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. J. Brooker, Chairman

Mrs. J. A. Robb, Co-chairman

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF USHERS

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The membership of Pilgrim Church extends a large measure of thanks to our ushers and captains for 1966. Team captains were Wilbur Fox, Ted Appelquest, and William Currier. Mr. Arthur Welch was also a captain for part of the year.

Our special thanks go to John Dalton, assistant head usher, for his many, many years of devoted service.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Kohlbry, Head Usher

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### REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

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 34 Sundays and by the Women's Fellowship on 13 Sundays. There were 43 memorial plants on Easter Sunday. The large wreath, garlands and poinsettias for Christmas 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 and to Mr. Lloyd Peterson of Peterson-Anderson Flowers who is so helpful in the selection of flowers and generous in the amount given to us for the minimal charge of \$5.00.

There are dates available for 1967. 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,

Mrs. F. H. Magney, Mrs. J. A. Robb,  
Beatrice Halfaker, Chairman

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### REPORT OF THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

Members of the Lookout Committee each Sunday wrap and deliver the flowers from the vases on the Communion Table to shut-in or hospitalized members as directed by Dr. Halfaker. A card from the church and the current Sunday bulletin accompany each bouquet. Members of the committee serve for a month at a time and the whole committee helps on Easter.

The Lookout Committee during 1966 consisted of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brain, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Matzke, Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Rappana, and Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Tengquist. Mr. Ray Bonnell's assistance on Easter was greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. G. Currier, Chairman



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

CLERK: Mrs. Harold O'Dell

TREASURER: Jesse D. Bradley

HISTORIAN: William G. Currier

BOARD OF DEACONS: (for three years) Dr. Gordon C. Amundson, David S. Bouschor, John Z. Dahl, Percy G. Dunbar, Dr. Joseph H. Lock, Milton H. Prince.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (for three years) Clifford H. Grindy, Ray G. Palmer, A. W. Taylor, Jr.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (for three years) Norman Cole, Roy T. Magney, Miss Martha Wallace.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Mrs. W. G. Currier, Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brain, Mr. William G. Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur H. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Matzke, Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Rappana, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Tengquist.

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Mrs. Willard B. Matter, Chairman, Mrs. F. H. Cash, Mrs. E. C. Congdon, Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, C. Lindsloy Edson, Dr. Keith R. Fawcett, Mrs. M. M. Fifield, Wilbur M. Fox, Mrs. Karl F. Honigman, Mrs. F. C. Jacobson, Mrs. Kenneth C. Weyl.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Mrs. F. R. Adams, Mrs. Eugene Carpenter, Mrs. R. H. Mickelsen, Mrs. John D. Morrison, Mrs. Warren J. Brooker, Mrs. M. F. Gum.

Respectfully submitted,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Raymond H. Bonnell, Jr.

Keith M. Brownell

Mrs. William C. Cochran

Mrs. Percy G. Dunbar

Mrs. Robert H. Engstrom

Dr. Warren J. Brooker, Chairman

Mrs. G. A. W. Hedenberg

Thomas S. Kohlbray

Roy T. Magney

Ray G. Palmer

Mrs. Robert B. Rhode