

Flanders Baptist
and
Community Church
Annual Report
✝ 2017 ✝

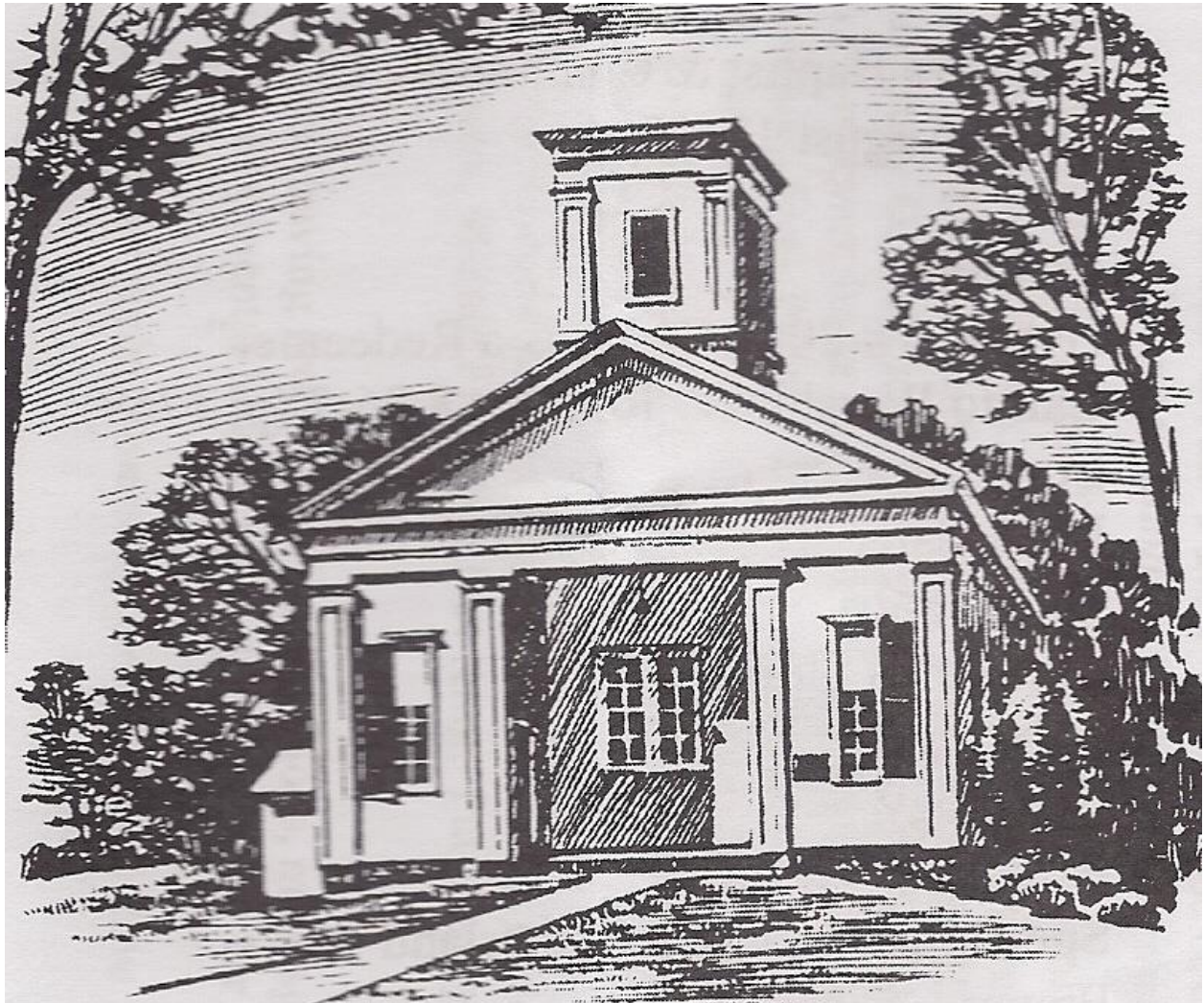


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Dorothy Hulme has been taking business meeting minutes and helping prepare the annual report for 25 years. We are grateful for her many years of service

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Financial Reports

Annual - January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

INCOME:

Envelope offering	137,034.00	
Loose offering	13,313.35	
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		150,347.35
Women's Clubs	2,800.00	
Unused "Flex" Payments	213.43	
Transfer from Investment account	0.00	
Transfer from Memorial/Stock donations	4,745.71	
Rummage Sale Income	960.25	
Dividend Income	0.00	
Jane Scott Mission Fund	1,200.00	
Interest/bank charges	28.77	
Mission offering	8,474.23	
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		18,422.39
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TOTAL INCOME:		168,769.74

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. Alan B. Scott	64,266.60	
Flex-Med	2,386.57	
Retirement	16,605.72	
Health Insurance	11,920.52	
FICA Offset	6,920.66	
Mileage	3,425.08	
Books	0.00	
Electric - Parsonage	1,767.47	
Heating Oil	3,317.68	
Furnace Service	290.00	
East Lyme Water & Sewer	936.92	
Unused Flex Payments	213.43	
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		112,050.65
Choir Director	6,233.52	
Organist	6,609.60	
Choir Accompanist	3,700.00	
Social Director	3,342.36	
Treasurer	6,418.92	
FICA Taxes (7.65%)	2,012.43	
Workmen's Comp.	722.00	
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		29,038.83
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Electric - Church	2,356.33	
Heating Oil	1,889.00	

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Furnace Service	239.00	
East Lyme Water	219.17	
Insurance	5,374.00	
Office supplies	1,860.29	
Organ Maintenance	0.00	
Operating supplies	1,960.13	
Grounds Maintenance	0.00	
Snow Plowing	210.00	
Guest Organist / Pianist	50.00	
Substitute Choir Director	0.00	
Substitute Pastor	300.00	
Music	588.71	
Payroll Processing/ Tax Service	1,505.55	
Custodial Services/Supplies -Interior	0.00	
Air Conditioning Service	0.00	
Fire Extinguisher Service/Fire Alarm	924.00	
Newsletter	464.85	
Account Adjustment	65.00	
Copier Maintenance	0.00	
		<hr/> 18,006.03
Senior Youth Fellowship	0.00	
		<hr/> 0.00
Property Taxes (Church Lane)	0.00	
		<hr/> 0.00
		<hr/> 159,095.51
MISSIONS:		
American Baptist Churches	3,177.48	
ABCCONN - Camp Wightman	2,016.84	
American Red Cross	1,210.87	
Puerto Rico - OGHS	2,069.04	
Jane Scott - Rev Scott Discretion	1,200.00	
		<hr/> 9,674.23
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		<hr/> 168,769.74

Balance JAN.1, 2017	0.00
Total Receipts	168,769.74
	168,769.74
Total Disbursements	168,769.74
Balance DEC. 31, 2017	0.00

Submitted by Beth Richmond, Treasurer

2018 Operating Budget

	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
INCOME						
Envelope Offering & Checks	139,865.93	148,000.00	130,799.00	140,000.00	137,034.00	145,000.00
Loose Offerings (Cash)	13,336.40	15,000.00	12,557.07	14,000.00	13,313.35	15,000.00
Interest	11.95	4.00	4.54	5.00	28.77	20.00
Women's Clubs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,800.00	1,000.00
Missions	6,282.79	5,500.00	6,591.48	5,500.00	8,474.23	5,000.00
Jane Scott Fund	841.00	1,000.00	878.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Rummage Sale			967.75	0.00	960.25	1,000.00
Miscellaneous**	2,236.94	11,200.00	17,913.40	8,002.00	4,959.14	7,650.00
Balance Brought Forward	12,036.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	175,611.60	181,704.00	170,711.24	169,507.00	168,769.74	175,670.00
EXPENSES						
Pastor's Salary	62,977.72	64,919.00	64,920.00	66,867.00	66,866.60	69,450.00
FICA Offset	6,511.94	6,644.00	6,644.30	6,921.00	6,920.66	7,070.00
Auto Allowance (Mileage)	3,294.45	5,000.00	3,767.41	4,200.00	3,425.08	4,000.00
Pastor's Retirement	15,926.40	16,250.00	16,250.04	16,926.00	16,605.72	17,300.00
Pastor's Health Insurance	25,643.68	26,700.00	21,995.00	12,000.00	11,920.52	14,600.00
Pastoral Enrichment/Books	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Parsonage Utilities	7,059.53	8,000.00	6,622.86	7,500.00	6,312.07	7,500.00
Organist/Choir Director	12,246.68	12,830.00	12,471.00	13,203.00	12,843.12	13,560.00
Choir Accompanist	3,648.15	3,890.00	3,420.00	3,890.00	3,750.00	4,000.00
Treasurer	6,050.16	6,232.00	6,231.00	6,419.00	6,418.92	6,600.00
Social Director	3,149.76	3,245.00	3,246.00	3,342.00	3,342.36	3,450.00
Grounds Maint.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Programs	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Workmen's Compensation	861.00	870.00	814.00	870.00	722.00	850.00
FICA Taxes	1,798.89	2,000.00	1,678.92	2,019.00	2,012.43	2,140.00
Guest Pastors	450.00	450.00	300.00	450.00	300.00	450.00
Business Insurance Policy	4,772.00	4,500.00	4,993.00	5,200.00	5,374.00	5,400.00
Operating Expenses	11,309.60	11,000.00	7,662.35	10,000.00	9,657.92	10,000.00
Music	511.39	500.00	735.11	500.00	588.71	500.00
*Amer. Baptist Churches	6,282.79	4,600.00	6,591.48	5,500.00	5,194.32	5,000.00
*NL/Stonington Fed	900.00	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
*Other Missions & Charities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,279.91	0.00
Jane Scott Mission Fund	841.00	1,000.00	878.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Capital Improvement & Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	0.00	500.00	70.33	500.00	464.85	500.00
Payroll Processing/Tax Service	1,376.46	1,400.00	1,420.44	1,450.00	1,505.55	1,550.00
Account Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.00
Totals	175,611.60	181,680.00	170,711.24	169,507.00	168,769.74	175,670.00

*Paid from Missions income.

**Transferred from long term investments, memorial donations

Submitted by Beth Richmond, Treasurer

2017 Fourth Quarter

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>4TH QTR</u>
Envelope Offering	12,901.00	9,461.00	21,619.00	43,981.00
Loose Offering	1,357.25	1,182.59	1,613.41	4,153.25
Community Circle & Church Sale	0.00	0.00	437.00	437.00
Interest/Bank Charges	4.03	3.85	3.94	11.82
Transfer from Memorial donations	0.00	0.00	4,745.71	4,745.71
Jane Scott Mission Fund	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Mission Offering	1,921.04	415.00	616.35	2,952.39
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	16,183.32	11,062.44	30,235.41	57,481.17
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
Rev. Alan B. Scott	5,355.55	5,355.55	5,355.55	16,066.65
Flex-Med	0.00	0.00	912.24	912.24
Books	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Retirement	1,383.81	1,383.81	1,383.81	4,151.43
Health Insurance	949.79	1,203.68	1,218.94	3,372.41
FICA Offset	0.00	0.00	6,920.66	6,920.66
Mileage	0.00	0.00	736.70	736.70
Electric (Parsonage)	138.50	132.32	160.88	431.70
Heating Oil (Parsonage)	237.13	0.00	867.00	1,104.13
Water & Sewer (Parsonage)	0.00	559.94	0.00	559.94
Furnace Maintenance (Parsonage)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Choir Director	519.46	519.46	519.46	1,558.38
Organist / Jr. Choir	550.80	550.80	550.80	1,652.40
Pianist (Accompanist)	379.00	379.00	379.00	1,137.00
Social Director	278.53	278.53	278.53	835.59
Treasurer	534.91	534.91	534.91	1,604.73
FICA Taxes	173.11	173.11	173.11	519.33
Workers Comp. Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
Electric (Church)	254.30	233.02	223.10	710.42
Heating Oil (Church)	0.00	31.46	162.14	193.60
Water (Church)	0.00	132.95	0.00	132.95
Office Supplies	142.47	271.16	501.26	914.89
Operating Supplies	287.38	90.67	871.80	1,249.85
Music	134.24	0.00	0.00	134.24
Furnace Maintenance - Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance (Business Owners Policy)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance (General Liability)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll/Tax Filing Service (ADP)	122.39	122.39	122.39	367.17
Church Lane Taxes	(231.26)	0.00	0.00	(231.26)
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	49.00	49.00
Cancelled check from May	0.00	0.00	-100.00	(100.00)
Fire Alarm Service/Extinguishers	350.00	90.00	100.00	540.00

2017 Fourth Quarter - Continued

	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>4TH QTR</u>
<u>TRUSTEES</u>				
Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parsonage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
 <u>MISSIONS</u>				
American Baptist Churches	0.00	0.00	616.35	616.35
American Red Cross - Hurricane relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OGHS - Puerto Rico	1,921.04	0.00	0.00	1,921.04
ABCCONN: Youth Ministry/Camp Wightman	0.00	415.00	0.00	415.00
Jane Scott Mission - Rev. Scott Discretion	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
 <u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<hr/> 13,481.15	12,457.76	23,737.63	49,676.54

Balance October 1, 2017	-7,804.63
Total Receipts	57,481.17
	<hr/> 49,676.54
Total Disbursements	49,676.54
Balance December 31, 2017	0.00

<u>Designated Fund Balances as of 12/31/17</u>	
Parsonage Improvement Fund	1,638.59
Rev. Scott Discretionary Fund	1,922.72
Educational Donation Fund	5,854.00
Kitchen Committee	250.00
Jane Scott Fund/Rev. Scott Discretion	3,714.00
Building Fund in Memory	14,315.82
Memorial Donation Funds	26,846.81
Music Donation Fund	3,869.74
Care and Share	1,128.44
Camp Scholarship Fund/Jane Scott Fund	878.00
Marian Hurlin Scholarship	180.72
Robert Burgess Fund	68,360.41

<u>Invested Funds as of 12/31/17</u>	
Commonwealth/Vanguard (Capital Improvement)	428,246.35
Stock Donations	0.00
Memorial Donation Funds in Vanguard	121,879.30
Total Funds	<hr/> 550,125.65

Submitted by Beth Richmond, Treasurer

Annual Report

We are very grateful again this year to Paul Spakowski and sons for generously mowing the lawns and clearing snow from the sidewalks. With equal generosity Bill & Joanne Jackson volunteered as custodians, and Lind and Pat Bayreuther oversaw the prayer sheet. The trustees have also worked hard this year. Our church is old and beautiful, but creates all sorts of challenges for the trustees; they've completed another year of hard and sound work. The walkway and patio area were extensively re-done this past September; we're grateful to an anonymous donor for paying the bill.

One fine addition to our church life has been the monthly newsletter. Linda Sutherland has done a fine job of editing that, interviewing older members about the church's history, and finding many enjoyable old photos. We're very grateful to Mike Meinz for technical help with both the newsletter and the church website.

While I'm talking about the trustees let me add that we've made Bill Savage a permanent trustee, a unique post we created for Woody Scott some years. This is for those whose service to the church has been of such duration that we simply record what an outsider would scarcely believe. Woody was a trustee from age 16 to age 91, which leaves me speechless. Bill has not served on the finance board and as trustee for quite so long (who could?), but has been in continuous service in either one capacity or the other since the 1960's. We are grateful.

Years ago once three large men attended a wedding or funeral and sat down in one of the pews at the same time, and the pew simply collapsed to the floor. For some time now the other pews (all are original) have been loose, or have creaked and groaned audibly. Ted Richmond Sr. did extensive repairs, and they are now much improved.

I follow this report with a report on the youth group's activities, and I'd like to add how grateful I am to Elizabeth Korineck for planning the Pancake Breakfast that opened our year in September, to Jim Craddock for overseeing the grinder project, to Steve & Carol Huber for allowing our group to swim at their place; to Curt Johnson for taking our group out on his boat, and to Tom & Nancy Kalal for once more allowing us to use their farm to make our Christmas wreath.

Inevitably our church family loses some members each year, and in 2017 we bid farewell to Rod Dufresne, Ruth Wolfe, Clint Thayer, Jean Lee, Helen Drabik and Jim Wheeler. Jim was our head deacon back in those days when the church had about half a dozen deacons, and he organized everyone else for years. Rod was one of those who always helped put up the tents for the summer sale. Clint was a rock in the bass section of the choir (I remember leaning his way to get cues for entrances). Ruth was a regular member of our Wednesday night group; Helen regularly sat in the back right-hand corner of the church, usually with her friend Marge Beebe, who moved permanently this past year to Arkansas. We came to know Jean through the Grassy Hill Church, and she came to be a regular part of our life in Flanders for many years. I can't tell you how much I will miss them all.

In October the congregation held a surprise celebration of "Pastoral Appreciation Sunday"; this was the 30th anniversary of my ordination; I was grateful. The kids in Sunday School wrote home-made cards, which I enjoyed. The ones from the older children were clever and very sweet; the ones from the younger children were endearing. One little girl said, in reference to my robe, "I like your outfit."

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Alan Scott

Youth Group

Youth Group Treasury Report

	Opening Balance			\$2,064.62
2/3	Deposit - Grinder Sale	\$374.00		
2/3	#271 To Sunday School		\$374.00	
3/5	#272 Chinese Supper		\$25.00	
6/17	#273 Movie Night Groceries		\$27.83	
7/10	#274 Museum Trip		\$83.00	
8/21	#275 Swimming Trip		\$30.00	
10/3	#276 Boat Trip		\$57.00	
10/20	#277 Apple Pie Project		\$99.24	
10/23	#278 Apple Pie Additional		\$84.62	
11/20	#279 Wreath Stuff		\$55.00	
11/27	#280 More Wreath Stuff		\$72.00	
12/16	#281 Lantern Light Tour		\$111.00	
	Totals	\$374.00	(\$1,018.69)	
	Closing Balance			\$1,419.93

Deacons

2017 was a year with a lot of changes. The Deacons took turns covering for each other as vacations, hurricanes and illnesses caused some scrambling. I am very proud how everyone chipped in and even a few past Deacons helped out when called upon. We are saying good-bye to Jack and DeDe Currier, Bill and Brenda Henderson and Marcie Clarkson as they have completed their terms of service or have obligations that are complicating their lives. We appreciate their time they gave us and as we always say "Once a Deacon, always a Deacon".

2018 brings us 6 new Deacons being voted on at the January Church Meeting. These potential Deacons are Robin Soule, who has already started helping us out, Alan Johnson and Paula Horn have both agreed to come back and serve again. Kirby Hallisey, Joe Selden Jr. and Joe Selden III have all volunteered to join our current team of Deacons.

Please join me in thanking the exiting Deacons and welcoming the new Deacons as they all begin a new chapter in their lives.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for finding us these replacements.

Submitted by Ted Richmond Sr., Head Deacon

Kitchen Committee and Social Activities

2017 started snowy and busy. We provided coffee and dessert for the annual business meeting in January, and the quarterly business meetings in April, July, and October. The kitchen also assisted the Youth Group with supplies for their annual grinder sale.

In February we delivered “sunshine” to folks who are unable to be with us at Church. Bright and cheery primrose flowers and adorable crafts made by the Sunday School children added a little bit of cheer and smiles to show that even if you cannot be with us, you still are in the hearts and thoughts of all of us at Flanders Baptist Church.

March brought another fun and busy pot luck supper! This supper always has corned beef with all the fixings, as well as many other surprises- trivia games, jokes, and much fun!! Please try to come, you’ll love it! In April, we had the Spring Sale and luncheon. It is now the only other sale besides the holiday sale, where we get to have delicious corn chowder! If I recall, the potato peelers were extra fast this spring! A new computer and software was generously donated to Beth Richmond to aid her in her duties. There also was a bountiful Care and Share drive which benefitted 17 families in the community.

May brought Sunday School graduation and a “may-day” coffee after Church. It was fun wearing bonnets and celebrating warmer weather! It also started the preparations for June’s summer sale and clean-up days. The June summer sale is now a bar-b-que, and folks line up for Ted Richmond’s sausage and pepper grinders, strawberry shortcake, and the trusty hamburger and hot dog! The Church became sparkling after the clean-up day as well! Lunch is provided to those who help, and this couldn’t be done without the dedicated help of all who volunteer!

July came with a memorial service for Barbara Brown. We also had the Quarterly meeting, where a donation was made to the general fund when it was learned that there was a negative operating balance. Beth assured folks that by the end of the year it would be rectified by memorial funds and investments. August was calendar planning, and if you haven’t checked out the calendar section on the Church website, you really should! Mike Mainz does a terrific job!! We hosted a memorial service for Bob Broga as well.

September was busy with both a pancake breakfast provided by the Youth Group, as well as the annual Church picnic at McCook’s Point. The Youth Group had another griddle provided to them to help make their delicious pancakes! I believe four- (4) griddles operate their feast now, and countless pancakes were served! Old Home Sunday was a huge success at McCook’s, and the weather couldn’t have been better! A memorial service was hosted for the beloved Jim Wheeler also.

October brought out the “goblins” with the Church Halloween party and pot luck supper!! Folks young and old donned their best costumes for a great day of fun, food, and fellowship! We also showed our appreciation to Alan and Violeta, as well as Pastor Emeritus- Rev. Allen Scott, for Pastor Appreciation Day. The celebration included a funny skit by Lind Bayreuther, cards, gift, and cake. Our congregation cannot thank the Scotts enough for all that they do for us, and our community. We hosted a memorial service for Clint Thayer as well.

November was fall clean-up, wreath making, and another generous Care and Share food drive. Many projects were tackled for clean-up and all the volunteers work so hard in keeping our Church clean and nice. The Kalal’s had over 40 folks gathered to make this latest wreath. Soup, roasted hot dogs on a campfire, and s’mores make this day a joyous one! Wagon rides and farm animals also help!

Ending the year in December was our Holiday Sale and Luncheon, as well as the Christmas Care and Share drive. 40 people received Christmas gifts and food donations to brighten their holiday. The kindness from our congregation is truly heartfelt. Although the weather was rather warm for the holiday sale, it couldn’t have been

completed without the countless help from all who volunteer. Be it peeling potatoes, pricing, set-up, baking, serving, etc. etc. many thanks to all who make these events a success!

These events cannot be had without the countless efforts made by so many in our congregation. Preparation of food, sandwiches, desserts, pies, and all the hard work involved with sales, setup, and cleaning throughout the year does not go unnoticed. It is all of you who make Flanders Baptist Church such a wonderful place to be a part of.

Tentative 2018 Calendar Event Dates

January 28	Youth Grinder Sale; Annual Meeting
February 11	Sunshine Baskets
March 17	Pot Luck Supper
March 2	Care & Share Spring Drive
April 27	Peel Potatoes
April 28	Spring Sale and Luncheon
April 29	Quarterly Meeting
May 6	May-day coffee and birthday celebration
June 23	Summer Sale and BBQ
July 29	Quarterly Meeting
August 5	Calendar Meeting
September 2	Pancake Breakfast
September 16	Old Home Sunday Church Picnic
October 27	Halloween Party and Pot Luck Supper
October 28	Quarterly Meeting
November 18	Care & Share Fall Drive
November 23	Wreath Making
November 30	Peel Potatoes
December 1	Holiday Sale and Luncheon
December 16	Care and Share Holiday Drive

Submitted by Davilee Deal, Social Director

Music

Music is a vital part of our church services. Throughout the year, our choirs and guest musicians offered music to express their faith and enhance the worship experience, in addition to the congregational hymns and responses.

The adult choir continues to sing at weekly services from September through June, as well as special music on Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. They rehearse weekly, and are a very dedicated group. The music is our goal, but the fellowship is an added benefit to our members. We enjoyed two social gatherings, a summer picnic and Christmas party.

The children in Sunday School participate each month during the school year, and offer music that is linked to their curriculum or Christian holidays. They rehearse each Sunday during the Sunday School hour. There are two groups: Pre-K to first grade and 2nd grade-high school. The children presented the musical “The Unfriendly Beasts” this year for Christmas.



During the summer months, “special music” is provided each week by our own musicians, as well as guests who volunteer their talents. Many thanks to Dan Wheeler, En-Hua and En-Ming Holtz, Nora and Holly Richmond, Melissa Neill, Abby Bargnesi, Sean Ashton, Nancy Harrigan, Linda Sutherland, Violeta Chan-Scott and Patti Backes for their help with summer music. We also are grateful to Jennifer Dees, who has accompanied us on the flute, and especially to Violeta Chan-Scott, who assists us as substitute organist, accompanist, and all-round support when needed. A big “thank you” to our accompanist Carla Caudle for helping us do our best music!

The members of the choir are: Sopranos: Dot Brown, Kerry MacDonald, Melissa Neill, Kate Wells; Altos: Joanne Gerber, Dot Hulme, Linda Lemanski; Tenors: Ryan Campbell, Cindy Craft, Alan Scott; Basses: Bob Craft, Jim Gerber, Dan Wheeler. Accompanist: Carla Caudle; Director: Linda Sutherland



Submitted by Linda Sutherland, Director of Music and organist



Nominating Committee Report

Pastor:	Rev. Alan Scott
Moderator	Lind Bayreuther
Church Clerk	Dorothy Hulme
Assistant Clerk	Pat Bayreuther
Treasurer	Beth Richmond
Assistant Treasurer	Jim Gerber
Board of Trustees	Matt & Kim Thompson 1/2017-12/2019 Charlie Johnson 1/2015-12/2017 William Savage trustee emeritus John Hallissey 1/2016-12/2018 Burt Hobby 1/2016-12/2018 (head) Carol Migdalski 1/2018-12/2020
Deacons	*Guy Jean-Pierre 1/2018-12/2020 *Kedne Jean-Pierre 1/2018-12/2020 *Pam Gore 1/2018-12/2020 Robin Soule 1/2017-12/2019 *Walter Smith 1/2018-12/2020 *John Eberle 1/2018-12/2020 *Allan Johnson 1/2018-12/2020 Carlene Ambulos 1/2017-2019 Charlie Johnson 1/2016-12/2018 *Ted Richmond 1/2016-12/2018 (head) Jan Richmond 1/2017-12/2019 Barbara Johnson 1/2016-12/2018 *Kirby Hallissey 1/2018-12/2020 *Paula Horn 1/2018-12/2020 *Joe Selden (father) 1/2018-12/2020 *Joe Selden (son) 1/2018-12/1020
Board of Finance	John Holtz 1/2017-12/2019 Jeanne Bull 1/2017-12/2019 (head) *Bob Craft 1/2016-12/2018
Board of Christian Education	Lois Hobby 1/2016-12/2018 *Dan Wheeler 1/2018-12/2020 Spiro Kavarnos 1/2017-12/2019
Pastoral Relations	Lois Hobby, Lind Bayreuther
Music Committee	Jim Gerber, Bob Craft
Sunshine Treasurer	Kirby Hallissey
Sunday School Superintendents	Ted Richmond, Jeannie Bull
Nominating Committee	Lind & Pat Bayreuther, Pam Gore

* indicates either a new member, or a candidate serving a new term

Sunday School

Superintendents

Jeannie Bull
Ted Richmond, II

Staff

Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st	Kristine D'Angelo and Dan Wheeler
2nd, 3rd, and 4th	Kathy Driscoll
Middle School	Rev. Alan Scott
High School	Beth Richmond
Adult	Lind Bayreuther

Musical Director and Director of Curriculum

Linda Sutherland

FIRST AND FOREMOST . . . we are looking for interested parents and/or volunteers to help implement our programs on Sunday mornings. We would also like to know if you would like to work with students on a special project or skill. If anyone has any interest in becoming a classroom teacher, classroom helper, special project leader, or on-call substitute, please contact Rev. Scott, Ted Richmond, Jeannie Bull, or any of our staff members.

The Sunday School staff continues to develop and enhance our preschool-Grade 4 curriculum thanks to the efforts of teachers Kristine D'Angelo and Kathy Driscoll in conjunction with our curriculum director Linda Sutherland. Since our decision to move away from our old lessons and activities, which many found dated and uninspiring, we have moved toward higher levels of engagement and interest from our students. Grounded in scripture and focused on hands-on activities, our primary classes now function as pathways to the morals and spiritual foundations we value most at Flanders Baptist and Community Church.

Our Middle School and High School classes, under the direction of Rev. Alan Scott and Beth Richmond, have focused on scripture lessons and community interest activities. Our base of 4-5 students work on church community projects and interest-based Bible exploration. Students and teachers investigate ways to collaborate with, and give back to, the members of the congregation.

In the spring we were able to offer partial scholarships to five of our students to attend Camp Wightman over the summer. Camp Wightman is a Christian camp run by the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut. We were honored to be able to provide this support for our families and hope to be able to provide additional assistance to more of our families in the future. Please let us know if you would like more information on having your child attend camp this summer!

Our Sunday School sponsored two fall semester fundraisers through our weekly offerings. We were able to raise hundreds of dollars for both hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico and our own local Care and Share initiatives. The Sunday School matched those funds and donated a total of \$745.92 to these initiatives.

Special thanks go to Linda Sutherland for continuing to provide our students with an excellent musical education as they work toward becoming more knowledgeable and confident Christians. Thanks as well to Elizabeth Korineck and Jennifer Anderson for their work in directing this year's Christmas pageant entitled *The Unfriendly Beasts*.

Finally, Jeannie and I would like to thank all of those volunteers who work tirelessly to make our semi-annual sales so successful. These sales represent the majority of our income and provide us with the ability to run our program independently, without any burden to the church budget. Because of the sales, we have been able to

donate thousands of dollars to various charitable organizations over the years. We continue to offer Christian Camp scholarships, free gift Bibles for students, and, most importantly, a high quality Christian education. We couldn't do any of those without the help of all of our volunteers! Please let us know if you are available to help with future sales.

Finally, below is a summary of our income and expenses for last year. If anyone would like to see a more detailed accounting, please see Ted Richmond, II for the complete spreadsheet.

Sunday School Treasury Report

Opening Balance			\$5,638.76
Offerings	\$662.37		
Sales	\$1,944.08		
Interest	\$2.64		
Collections for Charity	\$384.89		
Curriculum/Supplies		\$604.82	
Charitable Donations		\$745.92	
Graduation/Gifts/Bibles		\$199.97	
Camp Scholarships		\$1,371.00	
Totals	\$2,993.98	(\$2,921.71)	
Closing Balance			\$5,711.03

Submitted by Ted Richmond, II, Sunday School Co-Superintendent

Sunshine

Twenty-four Tulips, twenty-four daffodils, sixteen hyacinths, and fifteen lilies were purchased to decorate the church for Easter Sunday in 2017. Seventy-two poinsettias were on display during the 2017 Christmas season.

Many of our family members, friends, and loved ones were remembered during the year. Thanks to all of our church friends who participated in the continuation of this tradition.

Sunshine Treasury Report

Opening Balance			\$324.91
Collected Easter 2017	\$790.00		
Smith Acres Easter 2017		\$567.31	
Collected Christmas 2017	\$585.00		
Smith Acres Christmas 2017		\$656.71	
Totals	\$1,375.00	(\$1,224.02)	
Closing Balance			\$475.89

Submitted by Kirby Hallissey

Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining the church and parsonage. This year we met as needed. We had both a spring and fall cleanup day after church this year. Our willing workers did some of our bigger, time consuming jobs such as trimming hedges, scrubbing the pews and cleaning the refrigerators. They also completed painting of the outdoor step rails, washing windows and overall housekeeping tasks. These are necessary jobs and the help of many gets them done. The parking lot requires regular maintenance and was filled and graded. Brush was cut and the perimeter was cleaned up. A mechanical problem with the chair lift was addressed and it now works. Carpenter bees were sprayed at the parsonage. Many thanks to John Brackett for the painting he did at parsonage.

A request was received from the East Lyme Cemetery Association to purchase the back parcel of land owned by the Church. After much research and discussion it was decided not to sell it at this time.

We wish to thank everyone who helps keep our church up and going. There are many people who see a need and quietly do it. We especially want to thank Joanne and Bill Jackson for all their hard work. They volunteer countless hours to keep the church looking clean and nice for all of us who worship there.

The Board of Trustees has met several times this year to discuss the potential of replacing the windows in the Sanctuary. Due to safety issues and heat conservation we have been corresponding with several window manufactures and contractors to present to the information congregation at our annual meeting.

Submitted by the Board of Trustees: Burt Hobby, Chairman

Web & Social Media

Web

Launched October 26, 2014, during 2017, there were 2,244 users of the web site with a total of 2,392 sessions and a total of 5,272 page views. A total of 20 email messages were received via the web site Contact form.

Several revisions to the 2017 Church Calendar were made during the year. The approved 2018 Church Calendar was available for downloading from the web site on August 20 and updated again on December 20.

Twelve monthly newsletters, created by Linda Sutherland, were published to the web site and continue to be available for downloading. In October, a Sunday School newsletter was published to the web site. For the Christmas Sale, a flyer was published to the web site. Email messages announcing the newsletters were sent to newsletter subscribers and Sunday School parents. A message announcing the September 3rd pancake breakfast was sent to newsletter subscribers. There are 153 newsletter subscribers.

The annual web site hosting fee of \$111.00 for **www.FlandersBaptist.org** was paid on October 26, 2017.

Facebook

Established August 21, 2014, the **www.facebook.com/FlandersBaptist** Facebook page had 86 likes at the beginning of 2017 and 101 likes at the end of 2017. All major church events were setup as Facebook events and scheduling changes were posted on the Facebook page.

Submitted by Mike Meinz

Church Records

First Quarter

Infant Baptism

January 21 William Kyle Rix (William, Rachel; Godparents Brian & Lindsey Foley)
March 26 Caleb James Lee (Christopher, Megan; Godparents Kimberly Besso & Mathew Briggs)

Deaths

January 26 Ruth Wolfe

Transfer of Membership

March 28 Barbara Gustafson, to the Clarence Presbyterian Church in Clarence New York

Right Hand of Fellowship

February 5 Jane Sullivan

Second Quarter

Infant Baptism

May 28 Wesley Lawrence Jezierski (Mike & Dana)
July 28 Stetson William Lewis (Matthew & Kaitlin) at the Grassy Hill Church

Infant Dedication

June 4 Quinn Genevieve Arcarese (Brian, Erin)

Deaths

April 1 Helen Drabik

Third Quarter

Deaths

Sept. 29 Jim Wheeler

Fourth Quarter

Infant Baptism

October 1 Shay Kate Fournier (Bob, Meg; Godparents Katie Funk, Adam Fournier)

Deaths

October 24 Clint Thayer
November 25 Jean Lee

Deaths

January 5	Diane Oelfinger
January 14	Alice Price
January 15	Ann Wilson
January 26	*Ruth Wolfe
January 28 (date of service)	William Spakowski (in Jewett City)
February 18	Susan Perkins
February 25	Mike Davis
April 1 (date of service)	*Helen Drabik
April 8	Marita Rand
May 23	Betty Murphy
May 26	Elsie Ryalls
July 3	Barbara Brown
July 22	Laramie Buckley
July 28	Nancy Rolfe
August 23	Bob Broga
Sept. 4	Ann Balcolm Edgeworth
Sept. 29	*Jim Wheeler
Oct. 17	Edward Hadley
Oct. 24	*Clint Thayer
October 30	Robert Smith
November 3	Peter Loscoe
November 17	Michelle Jezierski
November 25	*Jean Lee
December 1	*Rod Dufresne
December 8	Carol Lathrop

Total 25 of which 6* were members.

Weddings

January 1	George Spragg / Kathleen Wells
April 15	Justin Austin / Katryn Holcombe (Grassy Hill)
April 21	Paul Reams / Lindsey Sawaryn (Haversham House, Westerly R.I.)
April 29	Sharron Burke/Ron Matthieu (McCook Point)
July 22	Curtiss Nichols / Jillian Cote (McCook Point)
August 5	Tyler Richards / Tiffany Fielding (in Sturbridge, Mass.)
August 27	Sean Gatchell / Lisa Staron

Church Members

Note: Please submit corrections to Rev. Alan Scott.

Alderman, Helen Allen, Cindy	Carlson, Glen Carlson,Linda	Driscoll, Timothy Dubreuil, Marcia	Goss, Rene Gotay Matthew, Barbara
Altvater, Fred	Cash, Don	Duberg, Donna	Griffin, Janet
Ambulos, Carlene	Cash, Susan	Duffy, Robert	Gucwa, AnnMarie
Anderson, Lori	Castillo, Heather	Dufresne, Beverly	Hallissey, John
Anderson, Wayne	Castillo, Joseph	Dumont, Danielle	Hallissey, Kirby
Anger, Edith	Caudle, Carla	Dumont, Diane	Hanover, Jessica Hanover, Ryan
Anger, Joyce,	Chan-Scott, Violeta	Dumont, Tammy	Hawkins, Betty Lou
Anger, Robert	Chao, Norma	Eberle, John	Hawkins, Dorinda
Annello, Corrinia,	Chao, Ronald	Eberle, Kate	Hawkins, Jacob
Annello, Justin	Chao, Tyrone	Eberle, Kelly	Hawkins, Ned
Arcarese, Michael	Clarkson, Marci	Evankow, David	Hawkins, William
Armstrong, Rachael	Clarkson, Mason	Evankow, Lois	Henderson, Brenda
Ashton, Cynthia	Clarkson, Scott	Evankow, Marc	Henderson, William
Ashton, Michael	Cochrane, Kathy	Evankow, Paul	Higgins, Molly
Ault, Janine	Craddock, James	Evankow, Peter	Higgins, Robert
Ayrton, Esther	Craddock, Jesse	Evankow, Steve	Hildebrand, Joanna
Backes, Patricia	Craddock, Kelly	Farrior, Carol	Hinkle, Muriel
Bargnesi, Abby	Craddock, Shannon	Fee, Paula	Hobbs, Donald
Bargnesi, Ben	Craft, Cynthia	Ferencz, Anthony	Hobbs, Donna
Bargnesi, Taylor	Craft, Robert	Ferencz, Marjorie	Hobby, Burt
Bartlett, Jeff	Cummins, Hanson	Filosi, Daniel	Hobby, Lois
Bayreuther, Lind	Cummins, Tanya	Finn, Joan	Hodge, Joanne
Bayreuther, Nathan	Currier, Ed	Francese, Jane	Hollis, Barbara
Bayreuther, Pat	Currier, Diane	Francese, Mikala	Holtz, John
Beckwith, Marilyn	Currier, Donna	Fraser, Candace	Holtz, Janet
Beebe, Marjorie	Currier, John	Fraser, Pat	Horn, Paula
Binaco, Kim	Currier, Marjorie	Fraser, Scott	Hulme, Dorothy
Bodenhofer, Kristen	Currier, Raymond	Fraser, Terry	Jackson, Joanne
Bogue, Tammy	Currier, Robert	Fraser, Wayne	Jackson, William
Bond, Dawn	Currier, Steven	French, Andrew Jr.	Jean-Pierre, Guy
Bond, Jacob	Currier, Susan	French, Andrew Sr.	Jean-Pierre, Kayle
Brackett, John	Currier, Todd	French, Liz	Jean-Pierre Kedne
Brackett, Bernadette	Cushman, Robert	Freudenthal, Lynn	Jean-Pierre, Schneider
Brown, Darthea	Cushman, Virginia	Fulks, Elsie	Jeziarski, Mary
Bryant, Cort	D'Angelo, Kristine	Gallo, Marissa	Jeziarski, Michael
Buck, Stephanie	Deal, Davilee	Gallo, Ryan	Jeziarski, Paul
Buch, Stephen	Deal, Gary	Garbati, Lilian	Jeziarski, William
Buck, Susan	DeGray, Marlene	Garbati, William	Johnson, Allan
Bull, Elizabeth	Dennison, Heidi	Gallo, Marissa	Johnson, Barbara
Bull, Jeannie	Dennison, Warren	Gayda, Kyle	Johnson, Charles
Bull, Lewis	Donahue, Dana	Gayda, Margaret Gerber, James	Johnson, Doreen
Bull, Matthew	Donahue, Ryan	Gerber, Joanne	Johnson, Janice
Bumgardner, Eliz.	Donohue, Rebecca	Glover, Rita	Johnson, Sandra
Bumgardner, Lourdes	Driscoll, Daniel	Gore, Pam	Johnson, Timothy
Bunnell, MariAlice	Driscoll, Kathleen	Goss, Mary	Jones, Amy
Campbell, Ryan	Driscoll, Matthew		

Jones, Ashley	Loscoe, Lanie	Richmond, Ted Sr.	Spakowski, Paul
Jones, Courtney	MacDonald, Kerrie	Riozzi, Edgar	Spragg, George
Jones, Craig	Marelli, Carol	Rowley, Jean	Spring, Dan
Jones, Deborah	Martins, Linda Lee	Ruth, Eileen	Spring, Ellen
Kaika, Lindsey	Mather, Eleanor	Salafia, Laura	Stazick, June
Kaika, Susan	Mathison, Diane	Salafia, Michael	Stone, Jackie
Kalal, Nancy	Mattison, Frances	Sartori, Judy	Strouse, Judith
Kalal, Thomas	Maynard, Kimberly	Savage, James	Strouse, Robert H.
Kavarnos, Julie	Maynard, Lee, Sr.	Savage, Marian	Strouse, Robert K.
Kavarnos, Spiro	McCrabb, Matson	Savage, Robert	Sullivan, Jane
Keeney, Beatrice	McCrabb, Tucker	Savage, William	Sutherland, Linda
Keeney, William	Migdalski, Carol	Sawicky, Ellen	Thayer, Ralph
Kerr, Valerie	Migdalski, Thomas	Scott, Alan	Thompson, Justin
Kerr, William	Mortimer, Ann	Scott, Allen	Thompson, Kim
Knippel, Virginia	Muscurella, Mary Jo	Scott, Arolyn	Thompson, Matt
Kopchik, John	Muscurella, Olivia	Scott, J. Bruce	Thompson, Travers
Korineck, Elizabeth	Nazarko, Betty	Scott, Michelle	Thompson, Trudy
Kump, Karen	Neilan, Linda	Scott, Peter	Trowbridge, Robin
Larson, Carol	Neill, Melissa	Selden, Joseph III	Viens, Anne
Larson, Robin	Nichols, Curt	Selden, Joseph II	Wallace, Louise
Larson, Scott	Nolan, Chelsea	Shasha, Barbara	Wardlaw, Susan
Leathers, Margaret	Nowakowski, Justine	Shea, Jill	Watson, David
Lemanski, Linda	Nygren, Jane	Sheflott, Ina	Watson, Margaret
Lenz, Timothy	Nygren, Steven	Sherburne, John	Welch, Craig
Levandoski, Charles	Olson, Rose	Sherburne, Skip	Welch, Floyd
Levandoski, Deborah	Paradise, Hershel	Sherburne, Toni	Welch, Marjorie
Levandoski, James	Patterson, Elizabeth	Shields, Krista	Welch, Marlene
Levandoski, Robert	Perillo, Diane	Smith, Autumn	Wheeler, Daniel
Levandoski,Roberta	Petchark, Charles	Smith, Bonnie	Wheeler, Irene
Lewellen, Pixie	Petchark, Loretta	Smith, Diana	Whitlock, Fred
Lindie, Ed	Peterson, Lawrence	Smith, Dorinda J.	Whitlock, McKenzie
Lindie, Mary Ellen	Peterson, Sandy	Smith, Elisa	Wilson, Frank
Lindstrom, Jeffrey	Price, Pamela	Smith, Roger	Wilson, Florence
Lindstrom, Myrna	Provencher, Richard	Smith, Sarah	Wood, Edwin
Littlefield, Albert	Provost, Josie	Smith, Susan	Wood, Nancy
Littlefield, Gary	Quiles, Lourdes	Smith, Walter	Wright, Michael
Littlefield, Georgia	Rand, Doris	Sobiech, David	Wyatt, Karyn
Littlefield, Kevin	Richmond, Elizabeth	Sobiech, Doris	Yuhas, Alan
Littlefield, James	Richmond, Holly	Soule, Robin	Yuhas, Joel
Littlefield, Lisa	Richmond, Janice	Souza, Amber	
Littlefield, Rosemary	Richmond, Ted Jr.	Spakowski, Lorraine	

Total: 352 members