

Historian's Notebook

by George Blanchard

I like to check the archives to see what happening in our church 100 years ago. Back then the salaries of the pastor, organist, choir (4 soloists), sexton and including the cost of insurance, heat, light, water and repairs amounted to about \$7,500 which was raised from family pew rental - \$5. - \$100 per year with higher amounts nearer the front and center.

There were also 2 separate pledges that everyone, members and all others, "who regard this church as their church home," were asked to consider; one for benevolence and one for "Certain Parish Expenses for which the treasury does not provide."

The pledge cards had numbers around the edges running from 1cent to __dollars where one could indicate the weekly amount. [No amount was too small and remember this was 1909.]

It is interesting to read that ". . .we are counted upon to contribute to the support of the missionary and benevolent work for which the Congregational Churches of America in general and the Congregational Churches in particular are **directly responsible**, namely the seven National Congregational Societies and the Worcester City Missionary Society."

1) The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was engaged in the work of Christianizing 75 million people in foreign lands. (For years, Dr. R.A. Hume of Ahmednagar, India was our own missionary and we paid his entire salary - \$1,100.)

2) The Congregational Home Missionary Society. About one half of all American Congregational churches were started by it and through the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, it aided old churches, now 'enfeebled,' and attacked with vigor the problem of the large immigrant population. (\$221.34)

3) The American Missionary Association worked among Negroes and Mountain Whites in the South, the Indians in the West, the Chinese on the Pacific coast, the Eskimos in Alaska, the Porto Ricans [old spelling] and the Hawaiians. (\$133.60)

4) The Congregational Church Building Society helped new, young and struggling churches to provide themselves with church buildings and parsonages. Money was loaned, rarely given. (\$57.61)

5) The Congregational Education Society helped Christian schools and colleges in needy districts of the South and West, and to a limited extent aided worthy men (sic) in fitting themselves for the work of the ministry. (\$39.98)

6) The Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society established Sunday-Schools in areas where there was no provision for religious instructions. (\$21.10)

7) The Ministerial Relief Fund relieved disabled ministers and the dependent widows and orphans of deceased ministers. (no amount listed)

8) The Worcester City Missionary Society aided the weaker of our Worcester Congregational churches, carried on Christian work in needy parts of the city not otherwise provided for, and maintained Endicott House, where important settlement work was in operation. (\$500.)

In total there were disbursements to 33 agencies or groups. Among them were - Worc. District Nursing (\$88.); YMCA \$64; YWCA \$41.70; Home for Aged Women \$5; Boys Club \$41.39; American Bible Soc. \$5; Atlanta U., Tuskegee Institute, Berea College \$10 each; Italian Relief \$33.74; Armenian Relief \$133.21; Anti-Saloon League \$1 and Poor of the Church \$255.22.

As you can see our church has been Mission oriented from its earliest days.

The
GREEN ROOSTER
CoffeeHouse
Doors open 7:30
All shows 8:00 p.m.
508-798-3010



Nov 7 \$10	TOM WOODBURY – Worcester native, singer-songwriter now based in Brattleboro, VT.
Nov 21	TELEBRATION – <i>The annual international celebration of storytellers.</i>
	<i>Harvey Reid will be here in December.</i>
	<i>Thanks for dropping in! We always need volunteers.</i>

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Samuel McCorison	1
Penny Gustafson	6
Dylan Ebers	
Phil Hansen	8
Donald Kielinen	
IC2 Kristian Hansen	9
Steven Ebers	11
Joanne Metcalf	12
Sandra Johnson	13
Lena Schultzberg	14
Andy Dzaugis	
Carolyn Dzaugis	
Emerson Brooks, Jr.	15
John Owanisian	
Alexander Gaspari	16
Meredith Barnes	17
Martha Long	20
Dan Lewis	26
Sarah Rachel Esty	27
Kathryn Janner	
Laura Owanisian	30
Cynthia Montalvo	
Louise Dempster	

THE FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS



CANNED MEATS & FISH
CANNED BEANS • SOUPS
MAC & CHEESE • PASTA & SAUCE
CEREAL • POWDERED MILK
CANNED FRUITS & VEGGIES
PEANUT BUTTER

Global Warming — It's a Spiritual Issue

*“God writes the gospel
not in the Bible alone
but on the trees and
flowers and clouds
and stars.”*

—Martin Luther



*Our faith teaches us that God created a
good and beautiful earth.*

*Our responsibility is to be good
stewards of God's creation.*

*Our responsibility to solve global
warming, which we all helped to generate,
goes to the heart of our trust relationship
with God.*

*Global warming is a problem shared by
everyone. Thus, if we love our neighbors,
we have a duty to join with them to do what
it takes to keep the earth a livable place.*

*As people of faith, we are people of
hope. While some claim it is already too
late to make a difference, we believe there
is always hope and a reason to try.*

*People of faith are people of
commitment. Let us all commit to doing
what ever is necessary to get back to 350*
in our lifetimes.*

With God's help everything is possible.

*“I have set my rainbow in the clouds,
and it will be the sign of the covenant
between me and the earth.”*

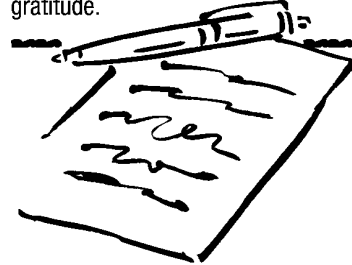
—Genesis 9:12–13

Statement of the Environmental Ministries,
a Missions and Justice Committee of the
Massachusetts Conference of the United Church
of Christ.

*350 parts per million (ppm) is the amount of carbon
in the atmosphere that is sustainable on a long term
basis. Currently, our atmosphere holds 385ppm, and
we're headed towards 450ppm

Attitude of GRATITUDE

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us
that we should always be grateful
for the many blessings God provides.
Keep a special gratitude journal, and
write in it often to keep an attitude of
gratitude.



What you need:

- Paper (8½" x 11" sheets,
plain or lined)
- Stapler
- Stickers
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Fold several sheets of
paper in half.
2. Staple the pages together
on the folded crease.
3. Write “Attitude of Grati-
tude” on the cover.
4. Decorate your journal with
stickers and drawings.
5. On the inside cover, write
“Give thanks in all circum-
stances, for this is God's
will for you in Christ Jesus”
(1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).
6. Use your journal daily as a
reminder of your blessings
and as a guide for when
you say prayers.