

Board of Outreach

The church's budget for missions/outreach is ten per cent of the total church budget. Three items are constant each year: Our Church's Wider Mission fund, the Acton Food Pantry and Bangor Theological Seminary. The Board of Outreach is charged with disbursing money for various local, area-wide and church needs. We also sponsor two special collections a year: One Great Hour of Sharing in March and The Christmas Fund.

Monetary disbursements this year were to The Seafarer's Friend, Good Shepherd Food Bank, a local family for Christmas gifts for the children, Sanford Firefighters brochure, shipping and handling for twenty-four Amigos buckets, and the Lebanon/North Berwick Baptist Church for the Kenya Mission Trip.

Special events included collecting over fifty blankets for The Corner Cupboard in Sanford; helping the Food Pantry with the Thanksgiving bags of blessings; providing Christmas gifts to two families living at Caring Unlimited through our Mitten Tree; and filling fifteen ditty bags for the Seamen's Friend mission in Portland.

Please keep in your prayers the men and women from our church family who are currently serving in the armed forces and also our veterans. Our bulletin board has names of our military personnel as well as information on various service projects.

Board members this year were: Penny Flayhan, Beth Martin, Barbara McKinley, Michelle Sanford, Sandi Shields and Joan Wood. We thank all of you for your support and generosity.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Wood, Chairman

Music Committee Annual Report 2008-2009

The Music Committee's primary purposes are to assist and support the church's Music Director and to respond to the congregations concerns and request with regards to the music program of the church. This year's committee is comprised of Sandi Shield, Lorraine Yeaton, Ann Hodge and Marthanne Pressey, Chairman. Jan Chappell, Music Director is a nonvoting ex officio member. The Music Committee has met the number of times on the third Sunday after church and as needed. Sandi or another member has reported our activities to the Church Council. Many thanks to them

The choir as always as participated in every Sunday's church service during the year. They have had some guest soloists perform with them on occasion. The choir had the sad task of singing at Dr. Dewey A. Peterson Service of Memory and Hope on July 5th, 2009. Alice Peterson sent a beautiful than you note to the choir thanking them for their meaningful part in the service. As she said thanking "Dewey's Choir."

The committee has found that the choir robes can be washed rather than dried cleaned which has saved money for the church. Doris Nevison has been a great help in this project. Thank you, Doris.

The Music Committee has also with planning for the Singspiration when it has been our church's turn to host and have shared responsibility for refreshments with the Women's Fellowship'

Two members of the choir, Lorraine Yeaton and Joy Gilkey, have faithfully, on many Thursday mornings worked on reviewing and organizing the choir's music which has been a great help to the choir and congregation. Thank you, Lorraine and Joy.

We are greatly thankful to our Music Director, Jan Chappell, for all her fine effort and faithful service to the choir and the congregation.

Marthanne Pressey, Chairman

Women's Fellowship

Once again this has been a busy year; many different programs were enjoyed by all.

We are now serving Senior Luncheon on the first Monday of each month with very good attendance and no complaints about the food! Everyone seems to enjoy the camaraderie.

The bean suppers have been well attended during July and August even though the weather was hot in August. The third bean supper is September 12.

The retreat at Rockcraft in June was a time of happiness and friendship and also a time of sadness as this was the final retreat there after many years. Eighteen women and two high school girls enjoyed the week-end.

Several women bake cookies and fill the decorated Christmas cookie cans for the Acton Food Pantry.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Shields

Circle of Hope

Circle of Hope met several times this past year, although not on a monthly basis as we have in the past due to weather and scheduling. We mail cards out to shut-ins on a regular basis, visited a number of people who were in the hospital, in nursing homes. We also sent get well and sympathy cards, as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Crouch

Melanie Brow

Arlene Smith

Mary Ann Ratteree

Joy Gilkey

Melissa Marquis

Library

The library has continued to be used on a regular basis, especially by children. Also, it was a resource for the Women's Retreat this year.

A generous gift of about 20 volumes of good religious books was made recently and is much appreciated.

Phyllis M. Folsom

Historical Committee

The archives continue to be stored in the cramped space of the downstairs closet. Access is a real problem and should be addressed for the growing volume of records.

Phyllis M. Folsom