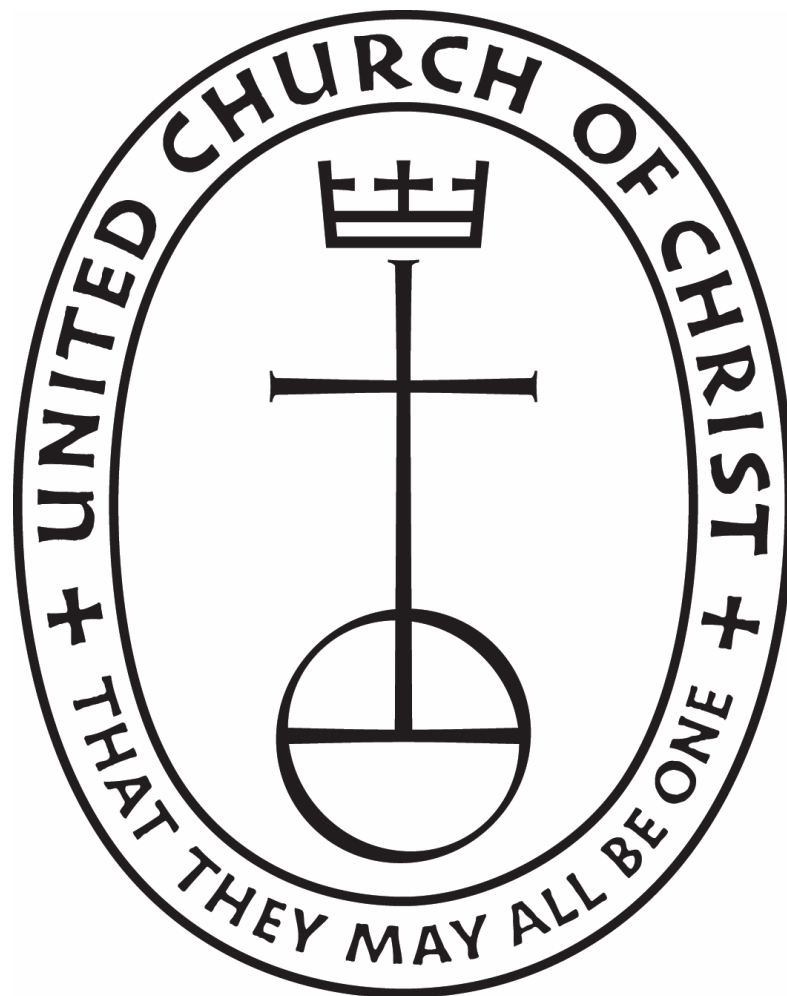


FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Norfolk, Nebraska
2019 Annual Report
Annual Meeting
May 5, 2019



Benjamin Uzzell, Moderator
Rev. Jackie Perry, Pastor

Annual Meeting of First Congregational
United Church of Christ
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Call to Order/ Declaration of Quorum Ben Uzzell
Opening prayer Rev. Jackie Perry

Blanket acceptance of the following yearly reports:

Congregational Meeting

Pastor's Report

Clerk's Report

Historian's Report

Cradle Roll

Faith Development Ministry

Worship Ministry

Transformation Ministry

Financial Reports from:

Youth Fund and Gift Cards

Kitchen Fund, Scholarship, Restricted Endowment and Madison County Bank

Memorial Fund

General Fund

Pastor's Moment—Rev. Jackie Perry

Vote on Budget—Ben Uzzell

Vote on Nominations—Ben Uzzell

Commissioning of Officers—Rev. Jackie Perry

Adjournment—Ben Uzzell

Closing Prayer—Rev. Jackie Perry

Annual Meeting for First Congregational United Church of Christ April 15, 2018 at 11 AM
Meeting was called to order by Moderator Erik Gamerl. A quorum was declared.

Opening prayer was given by Pastor Jackie Perry. A welcome was given by Erik Gamerl.

Reports had been handed out to all members previously for their viewing. It was moved by Scott Williams and seconded by Randy Neuharth to accept reports. Vote was unanimous to accept.

Rev. Jackie Perry reported details for her to take a 3-month sabbatical in 2019. It will be a time of spiritual renewal for her. She will be looking at how the Quakers practice discernment and how to lead the community and congregation in a time of renewal. She will attend some Quaker meetings. Our congregation wants to review with a new pastor as a substitute who is fresh out of seminary. We will advertise for someone. The grant she applied for is for \$15,000 to pay for the substitute minister's salary and expenses for the 3 months. She mailed the application on April 14. We should hear the decision regarding the grant by the end of August 2018.

The budget for the year was given with 27 pledges totaling \$105,889 for the year. This is about \$35,000 less than expected expenses. We will continue saving expenses wherever possible and trust that God will help us meet our needs as they are presented. The motion to accept the budget was given by Calvin Allyn to accept the budget and seconded by Scott Williams. Motion carried.

Nominations for new officers were presented by the Unity Council as:

Vice Moderator	3 years	Stan Staab
Moderator	2 years	Benjamin Uzzell
Past Moderator	1 year	Erik Gamerl
Clerk	1 year	Dorothy Hull
Treasurer	1 year	Lori Williams

No nominations from the floor. Slate unanimously accepted.

Installation of officers was lead by Rev. Jackie Perry as all the congregation participated.

Closing prayer by Rev. Jackie Perry.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Dorothy Hull, Clerk

Pastor's Annual Report 2019

There is much to cheer in the past year. Our winter worship series, "Drawn In" celebrated God's creativity through the eyes and insights of guest artist, Lonn Atwater. Ben D. Anderson, UCC Commissioned Minister for Disabilities Awareness from SD, invited us to widen our welcome of people who are different. Chaplain Gordon Braun of ASERA Care frequently preached when I was away. We celebrated Organ Donor Sunday. We held joint services with First Presbyterian and Trinity Episcopal Churches, as well as VBS and an Easter Egg Hunt. I participated in the ministerial association sponsored Evening of Prayer and Support held at First United Methodist Church Norfolk after major flooding.

Support Team hired our new part-time custodian. We welcomed Chris Storm in February. As I write, tulips have emerged in the revitalized parking-lot garden funded by memorial money.

Our neighbors at Skyline Apartments celebrated the completion of extensive renovations, and our youth began providing ice-cream socials in their community room. We plan to do some light gardening there soon.

A former FCUCC member, who now attends Countryside UCC in Omaha, reached out to us on behalf of a humanitarian effort in O'Neill. First United Methodist Church O'Neill set up a food pantry and fund to assist 60 families affected by August ICE raids. FCUCC volunteers delivered coats donated by Orphan Grain Train, and items for the pantry. FCUCC sends donations each month as they come in marked "O'Neill".

As I write this report, I eagerly anticipate the celebration of our church's 150th birthday in 2020. On May 15, 1870, a group of ten English-speaking Christians met with Rev. J.W. Kidder and Colonel Charles Mathewson to organize "First Congregational Church". This Spring an action team will form to plan ways to make this anniversary special.

It takes time and forethought to plan a 150th anniversary. In January 2018, a small group of quilters invited the whole congregation to be part of the 150th anniversary quilt. They invited friends and members to select a scripture-based quilt block on behalf of their families. By late summer they had all the blocks needed. The quilt now hangs in the narthex on permanent display. This beautiful artwork with layers of meaning, also fixes our attention on the upcoming anniversary. I rejoice and celebrate all that God has done, and continues to do, in and through First Congregational United Church of Christ. Peace, *Pastor Jackie*.

Clerk's Record April 1, 2018 -March 31, 2019

Birth/Baptism

Confirmands

Marriages

Additions

Transfer Out

Death

Doug Dudley, Died December 22, 2018, funeral held First Congregational UCC December 27, 2018

Membership report

Members as of April 1, 2018	146
Transfer In	0
Transfer Out	0
Removed by request	0
Death	<u>1</u>
Members as of March 31, 2019	145

April 2018—March 2019—Church History

APRIL—1st—Holy Communion. Easter Sunday. Lilies donated by several members. No Fellowship Hour. Quilt blocks are being picked out by the congregation members to be made and quilted into a quilt for the 150th Anniversary of the church in 2020. **8th** — Pastor Jackie & Youth (Kennedy & Skylar Indra, Reese Uzzell, Cole Lee, Adam and Henry Gamerl) & Darlene Korthals visit Vet's Home, later eating pizza at church provided by Dorothy Hull & Mike Synovec. Pastor Jackie talks about taking a sabbatical in June, July & August of 2019. A Clergy Renewal Lilly Grant is being applied for, so we can retain a full time minister while she is gone. **11th** — Book Club meets @ 10 AM. Children's Book read was Love and theme is love. **15th** — The annual meeting followed services with the annual report, budget presentation, and election & installation of Council Officers— Ben Uzzell, Moderator; Erik Gamerl, Past Moderator; Stan Staab, Vice Moderator; Lori Williams, Treasurer; and Dorothy Hull, Clerk. Free Spring Concert @ Lifelong Learning Center @ 2 PM. **20th-21st**— Pastor Jackie attends Meeting at Sioux Falls First Congregational UCC. Pastor Jackie is the Chair of Church & Ministry Committee of the Living Waters Association of the Nebraska Conference of the UCC. **22nd** — Jesus the Cornerstone; **29th** — Soil & Water Stewardship Sunday.

MAY— 6th — Holy Communion. Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Honored the following teachers: Darlene Korthals, Bonnie Kroeger, Mike Synovec, Stan Staab, Tom McConnell, Vicki Staab, Susan Allyn, & members of Adult Bible Study. **9th** — Book Club meets at 10 AM. Book read was Many Diversity of Life on Earth and theme was citizenship & responsibility. **13th** — Mother's Day—Carnations were given to all nurturing women; Pastor Jackie talks about ALICE—Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Confront, Evacuate. Last Sunday of Sunday School. **14th-June 1st**— Sue Allyn on vacation. Volunteers Vicki Staab, Dorothy Hull, Stacie Uzzell & Terry Hamilton fill in at the office. **20th** — Celebration of graduate, Kellen Rossman from NHS; Megan Williams from NECC. **27th**— Memorial Day Weekend. No regular Fellowship Hour. **May 31st-June 2nd** —Clean up of the church grounds. Volunteers were Gene & Darlene Korthals, Ben, Stacie, Reese & Grace Uzzell, Cole Lee, Dorothy Hull, Susan Surber, Garrett Korthals, Verletta Olson & Jane Uzzell. Areas worked on were south & north gardens, back parking lot, removal of tree stumps and layers of rock.

JUNE — 3rd — Holy Communion. Girl Scout Sunday; Girl Scout Cookies served during Fellowship Hour, compliments of Girl Scouts. 8th & 9th — Ben & Steve Uzzell & Pastor Jackie attend annual gathering in Ogallala, NE. 10th — Pastor Jackie gone. Message “A House Divided” read by Randy Neuharth. 11th-13th — Vacation Bible School at 1st Presbyterian. Our church serves supper on the 11th. Volunteers helping this year were: Kennedy Indra, Adam & Henry Gam-erl, Cole & Paige Lee, Chloe Strong, Karen Allyn, Barb Koenig, Kay Neuharth, Candice & Darlene Korthals and Pastor Jackie. 13th — Book Club Meets at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. Book read was Empty Pot and theme was honesty. 14th — Pastor Jackie and the youth (Reese & Grace Uzzell, Kennedy & Skylar Indra, Kailee & Micah Feenstra), along with Verletta Olson visit the fire house, come back to the church and do art, have pizza and ice cream thanks to Mike Synovec. 17th — Father’s Day. A cake was served for all nurturing men. 18th-22nd; 25th - 29th — Volunteers staff the Food pantry with workers and donations. 22nd — Second Annual Project Homeless Connect Norfolk @ Norfolk Senior High. 25th — July 8th — Pastor Jackie on vacation. Chaplain Gordon Braun, for ASERA Care will be the guest speaker.

JULY — 1st — Holy Communion. Chaplain Gordon Braun was guest speaker. 8th — Chaplain Gordon Braun was guest speaker. 11th — No Book Club, Vacation. 16th -25th — Sue Allyn in Lincoln.

AUGUST — 1st — Holy Communion. Stuff the Bus with school supplies again this year. 8th — Book Club meets @ 10 AM. Books read were Zoey & Sasssafras, Dragons & Marshmallows & Curious George and theme was creativity. Pastor Jackie taught print making. 12th — The Yellow potted flowers are in memory of Nick Kroeger given by grandparents, Gene and Bonnie Kroeger. “Three years ago we lost you to God and we still miss you”. 13th-19th — Pastor Jackie on vacation. 16th — Norfolk Public Schools begin. 19th — Chaplain Gordon Braun was guest preacher. 25th — Pastor Jackie, Kennedy & Skylar Indra, Dorothy Hull and Terry Hamilton visit the Vet’s Home for Ice Cream Social. Enjoyed visiting with residents. 26th — Volunteers gather to remove rocks and prepare plantings in the garden by the front doors. Helping were: Gene & Bonnie Kroeger, Verletta Olson, Stan Staab, Scott Williams, Tom & Sue Surber, Steve & Jane Uzzell, Ben Uzzell, & Cole Lee. Sue Surber provided brownies afterwards.

SEPTEMBER —2nd — Holy Communion. 9th — Rally Day. Back in Sanctuary. Children worked on painting “blessing” rocks this morning during Sunday School. Recognize teachers for the 2018-2019 year: Darlene Korthals, Bonnie Kroeger, Vicki & Stan Staab, Susan Allyn, Mike Synovec, Tom McConnell, Steve & Jane Uzzell. 150th Anniversary Quilt will be on its way soon to be machine quilted. A quilt block will be posted on Face book each week along with a Scripture verse and a question to ponder. 11th — Lifeline Screening 9:30-5. 12th — Book Club met @ 10 AM. Book read was Malala’s Magic Pencil & the Red Pencil and theme was courage. 16th — Pastor Jackie shared with the congregation, at fellowship time a request for humanitarian aid from Pastor Brian Loy of First UMC in O’Neill as they serve 60 families affected by the ICE raids in O’Neill in August. We were contacted by Bob Davis from Countryside UCC, in Omaha. Bob grew up in our church. Other churches are also being contacted to help in supporting the food pantry in O’Neill. Barb Koenig’s nephew, Alex Scott Wolf is ordained today at the New England Congregational United Church of Christ in Stanton, NE. 23rd — The movie “Suicide-the Ripple Effect” plays at the Cox Center. 30th — Potluck lunch held to benefit Scholarship Fund. Recipients were asked to attend or send information about their lives. Many current recipients were there to talk about their college experience and family members talked about what the scholarship had done for their children or grandchildren who could not attend. Several letters were read from recipients. Amount raised was \$1625 which will pay for the second semester scholarships given this year. Known scholarship recipients are Kellen Rossman, McKenna Waterbury, Garrett Tennant, Laura & Molly Guenther, Garrett & Candice Korthals, Alex Kurtenbach, Janell (Uzzell) Feenstra & Emily (Uzzell) Cropper, Kristal (Jessen) Hanna, McCabe Ames, Tim & Kelly McConnell, Mike Kroeger, Jennifer Thietje, Aaron Truex, Sandy (Strate) Ernst, Melissa (Kroeger) Kirchner, Michelle Thrasher, Danielle Clausen, Aaron Ernst, Mandy Moran, Michelle (Kroeger) Indra, Katie and Tom Luellen, Terry Gesell, Nate Kroeger and Paige Uzzell.

OCTOBER—5th — Card Club group meets. 7th— Holy Communion. Neighbors In Need offering today to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. Church Directory draft is ready to be checked by members. 10th— Book Club met @ 10 AM. Book read was Wishtree & We’re All Wonders and theme is respect &

inclusion. **12th**— Card Club group meets. **14th**— Update from O’Neill First United Methodist Church during Fellowship time on the families that were affected by recent ICE raids given by Pastor Jackie. Youth and adults enjoyed Ice Cream Social with the neighbors at the Skyline Apartments, serving 22 people. They have undergone remodeling for over a year. Some of the people we visited with lived in the apartment building for over 23 years and some just moved in October 1st. **16th**—The Norfolk Rotary sponsored a forum at Northeast Community College on human trafficking. Many people from the congregation attended. **18th**— Steve & Jane Uzzell delivered 24 warm winter coats to First United Methodist Church in O’Neill. Orphan Grain Train donated most of the coats. A few were purchased at the Salvation Army thrift store by an anonymous donor. **21st**— Children’s Sabbath. Rita Woodard gives flowers in honor of all children in our lives. Free Fall Concert today at 2 PM at Lifelong Learning Center. List of Needs are available in the narthex for the First UMC-O’Neill food pantry. **25th** — Pastor Jackie hosts Norfolk Area Ministerial at our church. **27th**—Annual Fall Gathering at Trinity UMC/UCC in West Point with Pastor Jackie, Steve Uzzell, David Thompson, Verletta Olson, and Ben Uzzell attending. Ecclesiastical Council for Pastor Coral Eberly Parmenter was held in the afternoon. **28th**— Heritage Sunday. Those attending were: Doug Dudley, (77 years); Merle Rix, (70 years); Ruth Brown, (69 years); Bonnie Dewell, (66 years); Ginge Dudley, (62 years); Alta Mae Crandall, (61 years); Jeff Burkink and Evonne Burkink, (57 years). Last Sunday to order poinsettias from Shamrock Nursery. New Church Directory ready to pick up. **29th**— Laura Nel Carlisle of the Meadows was presented a red, white and blue quilt by Nancy Brown to honor her for her service during World War II. At the age of 23 she served in the Navy on Samar Island, Philippines. Nancy Brown sewed the quilt along with other quilting members. Laura Nel Carlisle was the first woman to receive one. They have presented 9 quilts this year. Those attending from First Congregational Church were Laura Nel Carlisle, Nancy Brown, Bonnie Dewell, Evonne Burkink, Ruth Brown, Dorothy Fryer, and Pastor Jackie. The 150th Anniversary Quilt is done and was hung in the narthex.

NOVEMBER— 4th— Holy Communion. Remembrance Sunday. We remembered Julia Webster and David W. Wells whom Pastor Jackie presided at their funeral services. Youth and adults baked cookies and took to the fire & police stations. They

also made cards for our college students. Those helping out were: Skylar & Kennedy Indra, Cole Lee, Reese Uzzell, Micah and Kailee Feenstra, Henry Gamerl, Verletta Olson, Katie Gamerl, and Pastor Jackie. **11th**— Our custodian resigns. National Organ Donor Sunday. Salvation Army is again collecting new pajamas for the pajama project. **14th**— Pastor Jackie is on vacation through the 19th. Book Club met. Book read was *When I was Young in the Mountains and Coat of Many Colors* and it was about gratitude. **18th**— Chaplain Gordon Braun was our guest preacher. **20th**— Alta Crandall celebrates her 90th birthday. Everyone is encouraged to send her a birthday card. **21st**— Thanksgiving Eve service. First Presbyterian and Trinity Episcopal joined our congregation at 6:30. **22nd**— Steve & Jane Uzzell hosted Thanksgiving Dinner at the church for anyone wanting to join them. Ham & Turkey was provided. About 25 people attended. Ed Lindsay's birthday was also celebrated. **25th**— Healing Service lead by Steve Uzzell, Licensed Lay Minister. Hanging of the Greens. Everyone helps decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. Soup and sandwiches were served afterwards. One of the Rocks painted by the children on Rally Sunday was found near Lied, NE and another "Love" rock made its way to Houston, TX.

DECEMBER— 2nd— 1st Sunday of Advent. "Peace". Church cancelled due to snow storm. 200th anniversary of the debut of Silent Night, Holy Night. Our church will celebrate the carol's message over the entire season of Advent. **8th**— Ordination Service at 1:30 for Coral Eberly Parmenter at Wisner, NE. She was one of our former interim pastors. Christmas program practice at 10 AM with full dress rehearsal. **9th**— 2nd Sunday of Advent. "Joy". Christmas Program "The Innkeeper's Rap". Participants were Cole Lee, Erik, Henry & Adam Gamerl, Kennedy & Skylar Indra, Reese & Grace Uzzell, Tucker & Toby Bennett, Taylor Rossman, Josh, Kylie & Micah Feenstra, and Gene Kroeger. Church dinner was held. Poinsettias grace the altar the month of December in honor and remembrance of many. **12th**— Book Club meets. Book read was *Wonder* and theme is kindness. **16th**— 3rd Sunday of Advent. "Love". **23rd**— 4th Sunday of Advent "Hope". The Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund will be dedicated today. No Sunday School. **24th**— Christmas Eve service at 5:30. Holy Communion. **27th**— Funeral Service was held for "Doug" Darrel Douglas Dudley. Pastor Jackie Perry presides. Reception held in Fellowship Hall, with cake, hot chocolate, and coffee. Snow and ice on the roads and drastically cold out.

28th— Pastor Jackie will be on vacation until January 4th. **30th**— Chaplain Gordon Braun guest preacher. No Sunday School. Soup served by the Uzzells during Fellowship time for a Pre New Years Eve celebration. Steve Reinke entertained everyone by playing Christmas songs.

JANUARY— 6th — Holy Communion. Undecorating the church—sandwiches and cake served following putting the Christmas decorations away. Moving back to Fellowship Hall for next Sunday. Flower calendar and hosting Fellowship hour signup sheets are posted. **9th**— Book Club Meets. Book read was *Because of Winn-Dixie*, and it is about courage. Lunch is provided by members. **13th**— Worship back in Fellowship Hall; Installation of Alex Wolf at Northwest Hills, Omaha, NE. Alex is Barb Koenig's nephew. **15th** — Help wanted ad for new custodian begins. **20th** — Pastor Jackie starts a 6 week sermon series on Drawn In: Living the creative life with God. 1st Sunday—Drawing; 2nd Sunday—Hovering; 3rd Sunday—Risk; 4th Sunday—Listening; 5th Sunday—Reintegrating; 6th Sunday—Resting. Each Sunday we filled in one portion of the star (since we were in Epiphany season) with a different color mosaic. This served as a symbol of our communal creativity and community through the worship experience. \$205 has been given towards the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator. **27th** — Youth serve an Ice Cream Social to residents at Skyline Apartments. Those serving were: Henry & Adam Gamerl, Skylar & Kennedy Indra, Kylie & Micah Feenstra, Cole Uzzell and friend Brandon along with leaders, Darlene Korthals and Pastor Jackie. Later, all attended the movie “The Green Book” at Norfolk 7. Soup R’ Arts was held at the Lifelong Learning Center. Touch of Brass played at the Cox Activities Center at 2 PM with free Admission.

February— 3rd— Holy Communion. Dorothy Hull talks about her experience at the animal shelter. There is a list of needed items printed in the newsletter. The youth will visit the animal shelter later in the month. **10th**— Kay Neuharth reads a poem she composed about the animal shelter. Congregation helps in making Valentines for the eleven shut ins. Winter Concert today at 2 pm at Lifelong Learning Center with free admission. \$255 has been raised toward the purchase of an automatic external defibrillator. **13th**— Book Club Meets. Books read were *Dolphins at Daybreak* and *The Blue Whale*. Lunch is brought in by the members and relates to a picnic. **17th**— Bonnie Dewell furnishes a Birthday cake for her 90th birthday. **24th** —

Dedication of our donations to the animal shelter. Youth and adults visit the animal shelter from 2-4 pm. Youth attending were: Adam Gamerl, Reese & Cole Uzzell, Kennedy & Skylar Indra, along with adults, Erik Gamerl, Darlene Korthals, Dorothy Hull, Charlene Fosdick and Pastor Jackie. \$355 has been raised toward an AED. Mike Synovec celebrates his 75th birthday by supplying birthday treats. **25th-March 4th** — Pastor Jackie on vacation, also attending 'Immigration Matters: Joined Together, Finding Solutions' at AMES UCC and at Iowa State University March 1st-3rd.

March 3rd – Holy Communion. Chaplain Gordon Braun guest preacher. Stewardship Month Kick Off 2019 with theme, "What Shall We Bring?" **6th** — Skyline Apartments Ribbon-Cutting ceremony—renovations completed. Joint Ash Wednesday Worship Service at Trinity Episcopal Church @ 5:30 pm, with First Presbyterian and First Congregational. **10th** — Worship Service. **13th** — Book Club meets. Books read were

A taste of Blackberries and unBEElievables . Honey recipes were used in food, which members brought in for lunch. Henry (Hank) Scott talks to the group about bees, how he got interested, how the bees make their honey, how he harvests it and how others can help save the bees. He also brought honey for sale. **14th** –A third of Norfolk is evacuated for possible flooding. **17th** — St. Patrick's Day. In letters to the congregation for stewardship month, Adam Gamerl, Cole Uzzell and Terry Hamilton have expressed "What does the church mean to me at my age?" **24th** — Stewardship dedication of Pledge cards and 'Time & Talent Sheets' for coming year. **31st** — Breakfast Potluck with 35 in attendance. New Custodian Chris Storm, is introduced to the congregation.

Bonnie Kroeger
Church Historian

Cradle Roll Report for 2018

The Cradle Roll as of January 1, 2019 has 9 children, age 5 and under on its enrollment chart. There were no births in 2018. Enrollment cards are mailed out to all the children on their births, and their name is added to the bootie chart. All children of members of our congregation are mailed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, birthday cards, but those that are not members, but only relatives, or grandchildren of our members are only sent enrollment cards.

Our Cradle Roll Bootie Chart, which was started in 1982, hangs in the Church Office. Each time an addition is made to the Cradle Roll, a new pink or blue bootie is added to the chart with the child's name and birth date.

Bonnie Kroeger

Cradle Roll Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY TEAM

April 2018-March 2019

The Faith Development Ministry Team of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Norfolk, Nebraska, has set aside the first Sunday of every month following regular church services for the regular meeting time. We meet in the Unity Room. Members include: Katie Gamerl, Barb Koenig (Council Representative), Darlene Korthals (Presiding Chair), Kay Neuharth (Secretary), Stacie Uzzell, and Pastor Jackie.

Each year brings changes and challenges as we continue to provide educational opportunities for all groups. We offer Sunday School classes to Pre-K, youth, and adults. All meet at 9:00 am prior to the 10:15 am church services. An adult book club meets monthly on the second Wednesday. Books featuring a selected theme are read and discussed followed by a noon meal.

Pastor Jackie and various volunteers have provided opportunities for the youth of our church. Youth have participated in fundraising projects, church services, collected supplies and volunteered at the Animal Shelter, provided social events at the Vet's Home and Skyline Apartments, baked cookies and caroled at Christmastime, participated in an Art Contest, helped with VBS and the Easter Egg Hunt. The Youth Lock-in was held in January which included an ice cream social at Skyline Apartments, then to church for pizza and a movie.

Regular events have occurred this church year. The *Tenth Annual Easter Egg Hunt* was held in conjunction with Trinity Episcopal and First Presbyterian on March 24, 2018. *Teacher Appreciation Day Brunch* was held on May 6, 2018, with a continental breakfast provided for teachers/substitutes. *Vacation Bible School* was held June 11-13 from 5:30-8:00 pm at First Presbyterian with various church members volunteering their services. *Rally Day* was held on September 9, 2018, with the traditional cupcakes and balloons. A special rock project in which rocks were painted by youth/adults with special messages/church contact information was completed. Finished rocks were placed throughout the community as a way to spread God's love and encouragement.

Special events also occurred this year. *Lenten and Easter Services* were held. Kellen Rossman was recognized and honored as a *High School graduate* on April 22, 2018. We were invited to join First Presbyterian on October 31, 2018, from 6:30-8:30 pm for their first *Trunk or Treat*. Youth and adults participated in the annual *Christmas* program entitled, "The Innkeeper's Rap," with the church dinner and sing-along following.

Upcoming events include: *The Eleventh Annual Easter Egg Hunt* on April 13 (rain/snow date April 20), *Palm Sunday* on April 14 with youth participation, *Teacher Appreciation Breakfast* on May 5, last day of Sunday School on May 12, and *Graduation recognition* on May 19, 2019.

Annual report for Worship Ministry 2018

May 2018-April 2019

May 5 Teacher Appreciation Sunday

May 10-Boundary Training for Tri-Conference Ministry

May 20 Carnations presented to women for Mother's Day Graduation for Kellen Rossman

Sept 30 potluck to honor scholarship recipients

Oct 7 World Communion Sunday with pita bread

Oct 28 Heritage Sunday red carnations for 50+ year members

Nov 4 Remembrance Sunday

Nov 21 Thanksgiving Eve service with Trinity Episcopal and First Presbyterian

Nov 25 Hanging of the Greens followed by soup supper

Dec 9 Christmas program, dinner and Mr and Mrs. Santa Claus

Dec 24 Christmas Eve service with candlelight

Dec. 27 Doug Dudley funeral

Jan 6 undecorate church and move to Fellowship Hall for services

Feb 6 begin a month of animal shelter awareness

March 24 Stewardship celebrated with time and talent and pledges dedicated

March 31 breakfast potluck One Great Hour of Sharing dedicated

April 7 Ben and Dee Anderson Disabilities awareness

April 13 Easter Egg hunt

April 21 Easter service

April 28 conservation Sunday especially observed after this year's flooding

Dorothy Hull, secretary

Transformation 2018-2019

Our church participates in donating funds for 5 for 5 of the United Church of Christ. We contributed this year to:

OCWM	\$ 4,499.00	(This is collected weekly)
Strengthen the Church	\$ 181.00	
Neighbors in Need	\$ 435.00	
Christmas Fund	\$ 215.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ <u>1,157.00</u>	(Both 2018 and 2019)
	\$ 6,487.00	

Members worked for two weeks in June and supported the Community Food Pantry with \$100. Other charitable funds are the O'Neill immigrant folks \$1,240, Thanksgiving service \$217 to Good Neighbors, Pastor's discretionary \$300.

During February we collected items for the Animal Shelter and the youth worked there at the end of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Surber

Youth Fund

Beginning balance 2-28-2018	\$ 2,630.54
Skyline socials	- 63.34
Movie	- 105.00
New checks	- 40.10
Interest	<u>6.98</u>
Balance on 3-31-2019	\$ 2,429.08

Gift Cards

Beginning balance 2-28-18	\$ 81.25
Deposits	<u>\$ 13,450.40</u>
	\$ 13,531.65
Hy-Vee purchases	\$ - 9,312.00
Lou's purchases	\$ - 4,074.00
Fees	<u>\$ - 24.00</u>
Balance on 3-31-19	\$ 121.65

Cards on hand 4-15-19

Hy-Vee	\$ 375
Lou's	\$ 775
Checks to be deposited	\$ 1,100

Kitchen Fund

Beginning balance on 2-28-18	\$ 318.94
Deposits	\$ 211.36
Interest	<u> .72</u>
	\$ 531.02
First Congregational	\$ 28.89
Calvin Allyn	77.45
Suzan Podliska	<u>87.97</u>
Balance on 3-31-19	\$ 336.71
Cash on hand 3-31-19	\$ 46.00
Cash payouts for kitchen supplies	\$ 200.16

Scholarship Fund

Beginning balance on 2-23-18	\$ 6,642.49
Gain	172.76
Scholarships paid out	<u>3,500.00</u>
Balance on 3-31-19	\$ 3,315.25

Restricted Endowment Fund

Beginning balance on 2-28-18	\$ 94,699.68
Increase	<u>\$ 5,120.74</u>
Balance on 3-31-19	\$ 99,820.42

Madison County Bank

Beginning balance on 3-08-18	\$ 14,035.29
Deposit	\$ 15,000.00
Interest	<u> 195.74</u>
Balance on 4-08-19	\$ 29,231.03

MEMORIAL FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2018

BALANCE AS OF 12-31-2017

EV Bank
\$5,390.95

Ed Jones
\$2,930.86

RECEIPTS:

Robert Woodard	\$55.00
Robert Sanders	\$200.00
Russ Moody	\$100.00
Alan Winder	\$150.00
Larry Cobb	\$150.00
Rev Byron Buffalo	\$200.00
Margaret Pollack	\$500.00
\$	1,355.00

\$1,355.00

Interest

18.25

Market Change +/-

\$ 43.13

Received ff Edward Jones &
Account Closed

\$2,970.99
\$735.19

\$ (2,970.99)
\$0.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Cokesbury/10 lg print B bles	\$279.90
Eakas/10 chairs /Unity room & & new Office chair	\$3,684.45
Earl May/Landscaping	\$329.98
Gen func/Music & DVDs	\$160.90
\$	4,455.23

\$ (4,455.23)

\$5,279.98

TOTAL ASSETS AS OF 12-31-2018

\$ 5,279.98

Ordinary Income/Expense

400.000 Ourselves-Pledges	
400.001 Ourselves Current	118,879.00
400.000 Ourselves-Pledges - Other	<u>9,537.00</u>
Total 400.000 Ourselves-Pledges	128,416.00
401.000 Other Income	
401.001 Loose Offerings	2,529.95
401.002 Rent of church space	1,645.00
401.003 Funeral	150.00
401.007 Interest	59.79
401.008 Miscellaneous	4,232.74
401.009 Study Materials	506.00
401.010 Memorial money	440.80
401.011 Scholarship Money	5,125.00
401.012 church dinners	30.00
401.013 Poinsettias	226.00
401.014 Lilies	<u>144.00</u>
Total 401.000 Other Income	15,089.28
415.000 UCC Benevolence Offer	
415.001 OCWM	4,236.00
415.002 Strengthen the Church	181.00
415.003 OGHS	686.00
415.004 Neighbors in Need	435.00
415.005 Christmas Fund	<u>215.00</u>
Total 415.000 UCC Benevolence Offer	5,753.00
416.000 Other Mission Offerings	
416.001 Food Pantry	100.00
416.003 Transformation Ministry	<u>1,683.00</u>
Total 416.000 Other Mission Offerings	<u>1,783.00</u>
Total Income	151,041.28

Expense

500.000 Pastoral Services	
500.001 Pastor's Salary	32,826.07
500.002 Housing Allowance	13,541.50
500.003 Milage Expense	1,945.75
500.010 Substitute Minister	760.00
500.014 Pension	7,068.86
500.015 UCC Health	11,477.50
500.016 UCC Dental	536.75
500.017 Life/Disability	757.41
Total 500.000 Pastoral Services	68,913.84
510.000 Faith Development	
510.001 Vacation Bible School	156.31
510.002 Resource Materials	264.00
510.003 Supplies & Equipment	56.20
510.010 Faith Development-othe	539.88
Total 510.000 Faith Development	1,016.39
511.000 Worship Ministry	
511.001 Worship Items	756.27
511.002 Organist	2,895.00
511.003 Substitutue Organist	840.00
511.004 Instrument Maintenance	1,175.00
511.006 Worship -Other	99.96
Total 511.000 Worship Ministry	5,766.23
514.000 Church Administration	
514.001 Secretary	13,043.61
514.003 Bulletins & Newsletters	3,628.27
514.004 Administration Supplies	903.41
514.005 Postage	1,538.70
514.007 Conference Expenses	733.65
514.008 Living Waters Assoc. Du	354.00
514.010 Devotionals	375.50
514.013 Technology Expense	4,246.39
514.015 Advertising	1,416.13
Total 514.000 Church Administration	26,239.66
515.000 Church Maintenance	
515.001 Custodian	4,035.76
515.002 Garbage	416.00
515.003 Natural Gas	4,675.90
515.004 Electricity	6,035.15
515.005 Water and Sewer	1,277.73
515.006 Telephone	1,216.10
515.007 Supplies and Equipment	3,448.78
515.008 Groundskeeping	3,726.24
515.009 Church Repairs	1,040.74
515.010 Maintenance--Other	39.00
515.011 Church Insurance	12,399.25
Total 515.000 Church Maintenance	38,310.65

516.000 Charitable Contributions

516.001 OCWM	4,236.00
516.002 One Great Hour Sharing	686.00
516.003 Strengthen the Church	181.00
516.004 Neighbors in Need	435.00
516.005 Christmas Fund	215.00
516.006 Food Pantry	100.00
516.007 Pastoral Discretionary	429.64
516.008 Transformation Ministry	<u>1,757.00</u>

Total 516.000 Charitable Contributions 8,039.64

517.000 Miscellaneous Expenses

517.001 Poinsettias	255.00
517.002 Lilies	130.00
517.003 Christmas Dinner	30.12
517.005 Scholarship payments	3,500.00
517.006 Memorial Expense	160.90
517.009 Miscellaneous	<u>1,636.63</u>

Total 517.000 Miscellaneous Expenses 5,712.65

Bank Service Charges 37.50

Payroll Expenses 1,751.87

Total Expense 155,788.43

Net Ordinary Income -4,747.15

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Proposed budget for 2019

Total number of giving units	27
Money pledged for ourselves 2019	\$ 110,696
Money pledged for OCWM 2019	\$ 11,792

Pastoral Services	\$67,600 (includes a 3% raise)
Faith Development	\$ 750
Worship Ministry	\$ 5,000 (includes \$70 per service for organist)
Church Administration	\$31,400 (includes \$11.54 per hour for secretary and new copy machine)
Church Maintenance	\$39,000 (includes \$10.30 per hour for custodian and \$10.30 per hour for outside work)
Total budget	\$143,750

Nominations for officers

Vice Moderator	Term-3 years	Thomas McConnell
Moderator	Term-2 years	Stan Staab
Past Moderator	Term-1 year	Ben Uzzell
Clerk	Term-1 year	Dorothy Hull
Treasurer	Term-1 year	Lori Williams

Our purpose: *We bind together, to worship God and discern God's will*

Annual Meeting, May 5, 2019

Commissioning of Officers

Introduction

Installation & Covenant

People:

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Declaration

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ...you are installed.

People: Thanks be to God.