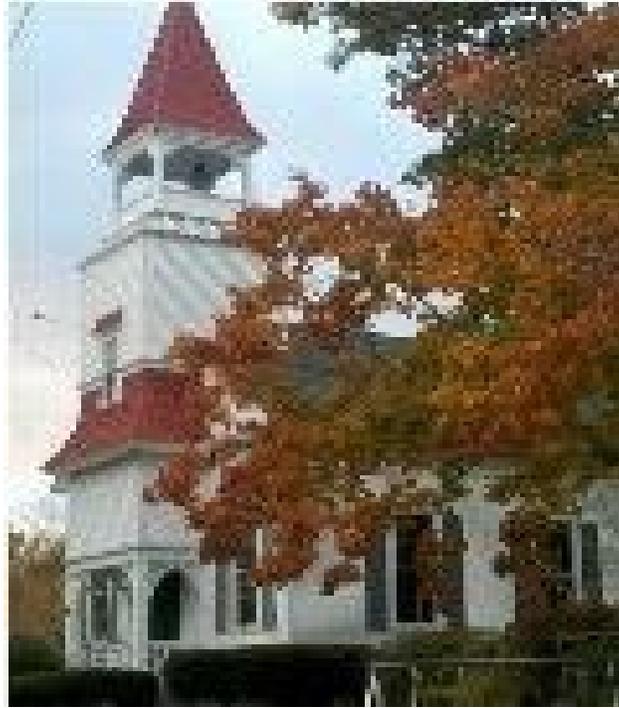


Annual Report 2019



East Freetown Congregational Christian Church

Annual Meeting, January 18, 2020

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Agenda for the EFCCC Annual Meeting
January 18, 2020, 7:00 PM

Call to Order

*Prayer - **Pastor Don Bliss***

Vote for Asst. Moderator to Moderate This Evening's Meeting

*Reading of the Minutes - **Ashley M. Emery**, Clerk.*

*Treasurer's Report - **Janet Bullock**, Treasurer*

Reports Received, to be accepted

Old Business -

- Men's fellowship breakfast restarting
- Motion made and accepted for the church to be peanut free
- Volunteers for the Crèche

New Business –

- Election of Nominees
- 2020 Budget
- Calendar items

Adjourn

Report of the Pastor – 2019

2019 was a busy and productive year. Here is a summary of my pastoral activity:

Made myself available to many members and friends in various kinds of crises and loss. Brought a message of reconciliation to “unchurched” members of the community, and to many who have strayed from the congregation. Served Holy Communion to those who were physically unable to attend services. Visited many members and friends in hospitals, funeral homes, nursing homes, public places, private homes, and rehab programs, and also by phone, social media, and text. Maintained the church’s Facebook page as an outreach tool.

Prepared and preached 39 sermons, drawing 9 sermons from the Hebrew Testament, 15 sermons from the Epistles, and 15 sermons from the Gospels (*mainly from Luke.*) [*The Sundays I did not preach locally were January 13 (Pulpit Swap); April 14 (Palm Sunday Passion Reading); May 5 (Pastor Wilbins Maginet); May 12 (Mother’s Day/Teen Challenge); June 9 (Celebration Sunday); June 30 (vacation); July 7 (bereavement); July 14 (vacation); September 1 (vacation); September 29 (Hymn Sing); October 20 (Mission in Bonbon); December 22 (Christmas Pageant); and December 29 (Lessons & Carols).*] Prepared the PowerPoint for all 52 Sundays in 2019.

Performed 13 Baptisms and Rededications:

1/20 Meadow L. Lapre, 3m; 2/3 Kyra L. Harrington, 6m; 5/19 Carol Rivera, A; 5/19 Yu, Zhi Qi, 18; 5/19 Adler Bergeron, 18; 5/19 Donna Dufresne, A; 5/19 Samuel R. Brown, 8 7/5 Serenity E. River, SB; 7/28 Evelyn E.R. Westgate, 4; 7/28 Landon R. Westgate, 6; 10/20 Yrma Germaine, 49; 10/20 Danes Jeudy, 71; 11/10 Bryce M. Teixeira, 6w.

Officiated 24 weddings, including pre-marital preparation and legal filing:

1/19 Lisa A. Cunha, 47 to Robert M. Leonardo, 53; 3/19 Brandi N. Ekwegh, 45, to Saturday Iria, 50; 5/4 Shaugnessy F. Rogers, 31 to Ifelolorun Aiyelari, 30; 5/11 Melissa L. Kosut, 29 to Samuel R. Fowler, 30; 6/1 Victoria M. Pask, 23 to Ian M. Blackmar, 26 6/17 Sheila M. Abellana, 48 to Carlos Beloli, 54; 6/30 Sandra G. McCahill, 34, to Erik E. Bartlett, 34; 7/22 Michelle M. Gifford, 54 to Richard Tripoli, 62; 8/3 Lindsay M. Hayden, 39 to Kevin M. Runey, 36; 8/10 Pamela L Wager, 51, to Michael S. Skeen, 49; 8/17 Barbara A. McCarty, 50 to Ronald P. Surprenant, 47; 8/17 Teesha M. Williams, 36 to Andrew R. Bendigo, 34; 8/24 Camille V. Forde, 32 to Sven E. Linsmaier, 32; 8/29 Cindy A. Butzier, 61 to John R. Tucker, 68; 9/7 Roberta M. Estrela, 19 to Exequiel Martinez, 22 9/9 Michelle E. Mineo, 31 to Zachary J. Lamb, 34; 9/13 Alison R. Tremaglio, 28 to Connor V. Rasmussen, 30; 9/14 JeanieMarie L. Perrucci, 25, to Michael P. Sullivan, 28; 9/19 Tracy L. Miranda, 38 to Daniel J. Barnor, 33; 9/29 Pamela J. Boch Buzzell, 70 to Peter E. Huntington, 77; 10/10 Kayla M. Rounds, 28 to Robert C. Dimond, 31; 10/19 Yrma Germain, 49 to Jean Remy Samedy, 49; 10/19 Bernadette Germaine, 53 to Louis Velant Denis, 56; 11/25 Marissa Ann Dillon, 33 to Daniel D. Guillette, 34.

Provided bereavement care and performed 14 funerals.

Pauline A. Ashley, 91; Barbara L Barnicoat, 90; Gilbert W. Bliss, 64; Helen V. Boyer, 91; Ernest E. Breau, 72; Gladys M. Brennan, 96; Shirley E. Dugan, 90; Alfred A. Fumo, 69; Ralph E. Gurney, 92; Charles Hodges, 87; Dorothy H. Reynolds, 82; Serenity E. Rivera, SB; Otto K. Solberg, 84; Kristy M. Sylvia, 38. Additionally, I did funeral planning with several individuals, and attended several funerals of colleagues and relatives of members.

Received 6 new members: 4/21 Alden Hurder, *Reaffirmation of Faith*; 4/21 Joyce Hurder, *Reaffirmation of Faith*; 4/21 Thomas Mello, *Affirmation of Faith*; 4/21 Danielle Biszko, *Reaffirmation of Faith*; 9/29 Debi Demoranville, *Affirmation of Faith*; 9/29 Karen Facchiano, *Affirmation of Faith*. Created a new members' video course for prospective members.

Held monthly worship services: at the Atria, in Fairhaven, and at Active Day in New Bedford. Taught weekly Wednesday morning Bible Studies throughout the year on the Old Testament from Psalms through the Minor Prophets. Continued a Contemporary Worship and Bible Study on Wednesday nights featuring: '*The Jesus I Never Knew*' by Philip Yancey; '*Show Us a Miracle*,' the Ecumenical Lenten series; '*Whole Life Worship*' by Mark Greene; '*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*', by Eric Metaxas; '*Plymouth's Pilgrims*', by Peggy Bendroth; '*The Cambridge Platform*', by Don Bliss; '*Monumental*', by Kirk Cameron; and '*O Antiphons*' by Don Bliss.

Led several special services: *Ash Wednesday, Ecumenical Lenten service, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Vigil, Good Friday evening service, Easter Sunrise, Blue Christmas and Christmas Eve*. Organized the annual Christmas Caroling. Distributed Thanksgiving and Christmas Blessings of gift cards and presents to several local families. Helped church members in financial crisis via the Pastor's Emergency Fund. Hosted the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, my gift to the church. Took primary responsibility for the Friday night Mobile Ministries run. Participated in the Anchor Ministry monthly Bible study and luncheon [*through September*.] Supervised the itineration of Rev. Wilbins Maginet's 4-week May visit. Organized and participated in the 8-day mission trip to Bonbon, Haiti. Presided as auctioneer at our most successful Dessert Auction ever. Preached at 2 chapel services of Teen Challenge Rhode Island. Presented at the Bible Study of Friends of the Unborn. Oversaw the use of the hall by outside groups. Wrote 26 newsletter articles for *The Christian Follower*. Designed and facilitated the second Northeast Ministers' Convocation of the NACCC.

Regularly attended EFCCC meetings: *Board of Christian Education, Board of Trustees; Board of Deacons, Executive Board, Mission Committee, and other meetings as necessary*. Organized the Mayflower Ministers' Association Pulpit Exchange again, as I do every year. [*I was in Beverly, while Pastor Joel Boyd of FCC Marshfield was here*.] Served as the Convener of the Mayflower Ministers Association (*until September*). Served as the Vice-Moderator of the Mass. Association of Congregational Christian Churches. Maintained activity in our local ecumenical ministerium, designing the annual Lenten Bible Study series, and other events.

Respectfully Submitted, *Rev. Don Bliss*

The following Rites and Sacraments were celebrated
at the East Freetown Congregational-Christian Church this year:

2019 Clerk's Report

13 Baptisms:

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3 Weddings:

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11/25 Marissa Ann Dillon, 33 to Daniel D. Guillette, 34

14 Funerals:

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Helen V. Boyer, 91
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Alfred A. Fumo, 69
Ralph E. Gurney, 92
Charles Hodges, 87
Dorothy H. Reynolds, 82
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Otto K. Solberg, 84
Kristy M. Sylvia, 38

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9/29 Karen Facchiano, Affirmation of Faith

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley M. Emery, Clerk, 2019

Nominating Committee

Officers of the Church:

Moderator; 1 year term

Sue Harrison

Assistant Moderator; 1 year term

VACANT _____

Clerk; 1 year term

Ashley Emery

Assistant Clerk; 1 year term

Christine Paiva

Treasurer; 1 year term

Janet Bullock

Assistant Treasurer

Donald Gurney

Superintendent of Sunday School; 1 year term

Robert Blodgett

Board of Deacons; 3 year term

Christine Paiva (2021)

Tim Emery (2021) (Chair)

Judy Reese (2022)

Danielle Slight (2022)

Lori Pacheco (2023) (Clerk)

Sally Hathaway (2023)

Board of Trustees; 3 year term

Ernest Henshaw (2021)

Mark Whittaker (2021)

Brad Paiva (2022) (Chair)

VACANT _____ (2022)

Donald Gurney (2023)

Glenn Machado (2023)

Board of Christian Education; 3 year term

Lauren Collins (2023)

Brenda Henshaw (2020)*

Christine Paiva (2021)

Anne Whittaker (2020)*

Lori Bliss (2021)

Executive Board and Committees of the Church:

Executive Board

Donnie Gurney

VACANT _____

VACANT _____

VACANT _____

Missions Committee

Armand Bergeron

Lori Bliss (Chair)

Kathy Curneen

Tim Emery

Nicole Hathaway (Clerk)

Al Hurder

Social Committee

Lori Bliss

Christine Paiva

Judy Reese

Anne Whittaker

Sally Hathaway

Flower Committee

Kari Richard

Sally Hathaway

Nominating Committee

Tim Emery

Ashley Emery

VACANT _____

Historian

Kathy Curneen

Mim Gurney

Donna Silva

Music Committee

Donna Silva

Fund Raising Committee

Tim Emery (Chair)

Christine Paiva

Judy Reese

Anne Whittaker

Ashley Emery

Report of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. Current board members include Brad Paiva, Don Gurney, Mark Whittaker, Glenn Machado and Ernest Henshaw. Brenda Henshaw acts as clerk, on a volunteer basis. Janet Bullock, Treasurer, attends all meetings and presents a monthly financial report for review and acceptance. The Board of Trustees oversees all church properties, permanent and invested funds, and have general oversight of all monies and appropriated funds. The Board is also responsible for the set up and dismantling of the Nativity Scene.

Throughout 2019 upkeep of the buildings included installation of window blinds on the windows in the rocking chair area of the meeting house.

EFCCC was approved as a 501 3(c)(3) charitable organization by the IRS. No annual forms will be required.

Fire extinguishers have been replaced or certified after inspection.

The front door of the church was painted. Many thanks to Frank Dawson.

The buildings were pressure washed, with the help of church volunteers.

An energy audit was performed by Complete Energy Systems. The proposal was approved by the Board of Trustees. Work will be completed in early 2020. The projection is an annual electrical usage savings of \$2098.05. The cost will be financed, interest free, for 18 months with monthly payment of \$45.05.

The Board of trustees continue to work on the revision of Guidelines for the use of Church Facilities.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Henshaw, volunteer clerk.

2019 Board of Trustees Report
of the Permanent Funds of the East Freetown Congregational Christian Church

E.F.C.C.C. MEMORIAL FUNDS A/C #1 Savings Account at Bank of America

DONALD GURNEY BEQUEST

Purchase of Subscription to Upper Room - \$103.50

Balance 12/31/2019 - \$494.55

PASTOR'S EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUND

Emergency Aid given - \$970.00

Balance 12/31/2019 - \$9,994.14

MINISTRY FUND

No funds used this year
Gurney)

Balance 12/31/2019 - \$9,302.39

E.F.C.C.C. MEMORIAL FUND

Donations - \$470.00 (Mem. Ralph

Balance 12/31/2019 - \$15,470.00

Interest 2019 - \$7.16

Balance of this account, including accumulated interest 12/31/2019 - \$35,274.38

E.F.C.C.C MEMORIAL FUNDS A/C #2. Money Market Account at Santander Bank

This account was started July 2018 by merging 8 permanent funds. All monies can be spent by vote of The Board of Trustees.

Chace Fund

Kendrick Fund

Clark Fund

Lawrence Fund

Cunningham Fund

White Fund

Gurney Fund

EFCCC Memorial Fund

Balance 12/31/2018 - \$127,413.75

Interest 2019 - \$903.40

Balance 12/31/2019 - \$128,317.15

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees by Pam Kristofferson

2019 Treasurer's Report

As treasurer, I am responsible for the accounting of the monetary gifts given by members and friends of East Freetown Congregational Christian Church. I am humbled by the generosity of our church, both to the benefit of our ministries and mission.

2019 ended with expenses exceeding income in the amount of \$985. Three factors helped put us in this position.

- The generosity of our members and friends. We also received, in the closing months of 2019, two sizeable donations which helped to narrow the gap.
- Our fundraisers, the chicken barbecue, and for 2019, the dessert auction, were successful in supporting the general fund.
- Lastly, the frugality of our board, committee members and employees. The careful consideration in spending of our limited resources is truly commendable.

Having said that, we need another fundraiser to help offset expenses. Finding a mix of fundraisers, not only to bring in funds, but also bring in people where we can "let our light shine."

The balance of the checking account as of December 31, 2019 was \$10,189.11.

2020 will bring some financial changes to EFCCC. We are changing our local bank from Bank of America to Bristol County Savings Bank. This change will put us with a bank in East Freetown and with local access to manage our funds in a convenient location.

We will also change our financial institution for our permanent funds. Currently these funds are in an account at Santander Bank. We are in the process of investing these funds with the Congregational Investment Trust (CIT). CIT is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization established as an endowment investment option for member churches of the National Association of Congregational Churches. The intention is for EFCCC to take advantage of long-term investment of our funds using a diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds.

I am most thankful to Armand Bergeron for his guidance in my transition into this position. He has been helpful in answering any questions as they arise. I would also like to thank Donald Gurney for his help in assisting with the duties each week. They both have been wonderful to work with. I look forward to the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Bullock
Treasurer

Year End Category Report 2019

Money In **\$68,922.45**

Business Income	\$68,922.45
Building Use	\$3,051.53
Carillon Ringing	\$130.00
Chicken BBQ	\$2,068.00
Cross Lighting	\$130.00
Dessert Auction	\$1,721.00
Fundraiser - Dinner	\$930.00
Fundraiser - Miscellaneous	\$207.00
Plate Offerings	\$60,534.92
Steeple Lighting	\$150.00

Money Out **-\$69,908.29**

Boards & Committees	-\$2,675.18
Board of Christian Education	-\$361.25
Deacons	-\$944.07
Benevolence Fund	-\$506.02
General Expenses	-\$438.05
Flower Committee	-\$500.00
Social Committee	-\$26.95

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Sunday School	-842.91
Church Property & General Expenses	-23,156.19
Application Fee-501C3	-600.00
Copier Expense	-319.03
Electric-Church (Includes Floodlight)	-1,418.46
Electric-Lawrence House	-949.38
Insurance Liability	-4,041.25
Insurance- Workman's Compensation	-319.00
Internet/Communications	-2,146.77
Janitorial Expenses	-3,922.10
Maintenance-Church	-2,255.05
Maintenance-Church (Other)	-2,115.05
Mowing	-140.00
Maintenance-Lawrence House	-1,210.78
Office Expenses	-424.14
Oil-Church	-2,497.10
Oil-Lawrence House	-2,712.89
Paper Products/Supplies	-340.24
Other	-750.00
National Association CCC (Shared Ministries Fund)	-500.00
Pastoral EC/Seminars	-250.00
Salaries	-43,326.92
Church Musician	-6,380.40
Guest Pastor	-675.00
Minister's Annual Salary	-30,888.52
Minister's Heath Reimbursement	-2,750.00

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Paper Products/Supplies	-\$340.24
Other	-\$750.00
National Association CCC (Shared Ministries Fund)	-\$500.00
Pastoral EC/Seminars	-\$250.00
Salaries	-\$43,326.92
Church Musician	-\$6,380.40
Guest Pastor	-\$675.00
Minister's Annual Salary	-\$30,888.52
Minister's Heath Reimbursement	-\$2,750.00
Minister's Monthly Gas Reimbursement	-\$550.00
Minister's Self-Employment Offset	-\$2,083.00

Money In: \$68,922.45

Money Out: -\$69,908.29

Net Total: -\$985.84

EFCCC Proposed Budget 2020

	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL	2020 BUDGET
SUMMARY			
Income	78,979	68922	80443
Expenses	78,979	69908	80443
Differences	0	-986	0
INCOME			
Business Income	78979	68923	80443
Building Use	3000	3052	3400
Carillon Ringing	150	130	200
Chicken BBQ	1329	2068	2500
Cross Lighting	150	130	200
Dessert Auction	1200	1721	2000
Fundraiser Dinner	3000	930	3000
Fundraiser Miscellaneous	3000	207	1500
Plate Offering	67000	60535	67443
Steeple Lighting	150	150	200
EXPENSES			
Boards & Committees	4900	2675	4625
Board of Christian Education	900	361	925
Deacons	1500	944	1500
Benevolence Fund	800	506	800
General Expenses	700	438	700
Flower Committee	500	500	500
Music Committee	200	0	100
Social Committee	400	27	400
Sunday School	1100	843	1100
Sunshine Committee	300	0	100
Church Property & General Expenses	28052	23156	28122

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Application Fee - 501C3	650	600	0
Copier Expenses	800	319	600
Electric - Mass Save	0	0	455
Electric Church Incls Floodlight	1550	1418	1395
Electric Lawrence House	1000	949	900
Insurance Liability	3600	4041	4320
Insurance Workman's Compensation	500	319	500
Internet/Communications	1800	2147	2150
Janitorial Expenses	3650	3922	3900
Maintenance Church	3000	2255	3000
Maintenance Lawrence House	2500	1211	2500
Office Expenses	1500	424	900
Oil Church	3500	2497	3500
Oil Lawrence House	3500	2713	3500
Paper Products/Supplies	500	340	500
Propane Gas	1	0	1
Youth Group	1	0	1
Other	901	750	901
CFTS (Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies)	100	0	100
Delegate to NACCC	1	0	1
National Association CCC (Shared Ministries Fund)	500	500	500
Pastoral EC/Seminars	300	250	300
Salaries	45126	43327	46795
Church Musician	6380	6380	6571
Guest Pastor (for 2020 "& Musician")	900	675	1100
Minister & Spouse Term Life Insurance	1275	0	1275
Minister's Annual Salary	30888	30889	31815
Minister's Health Reimbursement	3000	2750	3000
Minister's Monthly Gas Reimbursement	600	550	600
Minister's Self-Employment Offset	2083	2083	2434

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SUMMARY			
Income	78,979	68922	80443
Expenses	78,979	69908	80443
Differences	0	-986	0

Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons consists of six active members who work to fulfill the duties of the Board according to the By-Laws. Members include Tim Emery (Chair), Sally Hathaway, Christine Paiva, Lori Pacheco (Clerk), Judy Reese, and Danielle Slight (Finance Committee Liaison).

The Deacons assist the Pastor with Sunday service, alternating Sundays between members, arranging a substitute when the Pastor is away. This past year the Deacons themselves provided substitution for the Pastor, holding service from the Pulpit, bringing the Word to the congregation. Thank you, Tim, for preparing and providing the structure to share the Word of God.

During 2019 we assisted the Pastor in the worship services, baptisms, and communion. We welcomed new members with the right hand of fellowship and called on the sick, bereaved and spiritually troubled. We visited those in need, looking for someone to talk to, cry with, or laugh with. A hug, a hand, a prayer.

We meet the first Tuesday each month to discuss the spiritual needs of our congregation and community. Prayers are offered, as well as guidance to those who may feel spiritually lost.

Annually, the Deacons review and update the membership list and keep the contact list updated as needed.

The Deacons' Pantry is managed and organized by Kylie Welsh, keeping inventory organized, up to date, and reviewing stock for needed items. The pantry aids those in need throughout the year. Thank you again to all who bring in items to keep the pantry stocked.

Through the Deacons Benevolence Fund, we assisted individuals and families in need throughout the year.

January 13th, we welcomed guest minister Joel Boyd for the Mayflower Ministries Pulpit swap.

March 20th the Ecumenical Lenten Series was hosted by EFCCC. Rev. Kathy Macedo of the Acushnet-Wesley Church presented "Jesus Shows the Love of God".

For Mother's Day Teen Challenge New England Women's Choir graced EFCCC with their voices of hope, courage and inspiration.

February 10th and December 29th the Deacons hosted a breakfast buffet prior to worship. Thank you to all who came in early to join us.

Written by Jeffrey A. Russell, PhD, ATC: *The two organs vital to your life, your heart and your brain. If you can guard your heart from injury, your circulation works correctly to distribute blood. If you can guard your brain from injury, virtually everything else in your body has a chance to work the way it should. Anatomically, it's true. But, how about spiritually? Paul told the Philippians, on behalf of God, that it's true there, too. Both your heart and your mind have to be guarded (especially in the challenging world in which we live). Just as your physical heart and brain would be in serious condition without their protective structures, you would have a huge problem in your spiritual heart and mind without God's peace protecting them. Paul said that God's peace "goes far beyond anything we can imagine." That's a big piece of peace. But, if it wasn't God's peace, delivered through Jesus, it wouldn't be able to guard your mind and your heart. So, dwell today on Philippians 4:7.*

Ask God to send a big piece of His peace to guard your heart and your mind in this coming year. Should you need any assistance, a spiritual uplift, a person to talk to, someone to pray with, cry with, laugh with, you need a hug or an ear to listen, please seek the hand of a Deacon. May God Bless you and keep you and your loved ones well. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Deacons, Lori Pacheco, Clerk

Board of Christian Education Annual Report, 2019

Sunday Morning nursery has been set-up to accommodate the children too young for Sunday School. Attendance in the nursery has been sporadic. Toys have been donated.

Scholarship recipient Elana Sargent was awarded a scholarship on March 21, 2019

The deadline for new applicants to receive a scholarship was on April 15, 2019.

The only person who applied was Ziqi Yu (Christine). She was notified that she was the recipient of this year's scholarship award and was awarded the scholarship on May 19, 2019.

Brenda Henshaw and Lauren Collins were appointed VBS directors.

VBS was held on August 17th, and the theme was lost sheep.

Brenda Henshaw and Anne Whittaker were added to the Sunday School program as teachers, alternating with Janet Blodgett.

Christian Ed Board continues to meet every 4th Tuesday of the month to evaluate events and activities, discuss Sunday school curriculum, morning and evening Bible studies, Family Life, and the need for a youth group to be formed.

Sincerely,

Anne Whittaker

EFCCC Sunday School 2019 Annual Report

This year is different from the last several years. We have many younger children, younger than the Pre-Kindergarten age. Although, they have a great desire to learn, but for a short amount of time. Our new **child care area is a plus!** When they reach their interest level, they want to go into the play area and have fun. Some days they want to come back out and get re-involved. They love to color and paint. When it is time for their actual class, they are going to be well prepared to really learn.

Our older group has changed as well as our world is getting very high tech. Their level of interest is getting more challenging for teachers. Older student classes are keeping the teachers very busy with lessons that teach the students as well as the teachers themselves. The students like the skits in the lessons, they all participate in them and understand how they relate to the Bible lessons. All the lessons learned are ones they can take with them and apply to everyday living. Lessons from the Bible are timeless!

The Christmas play, bells, and songs we did this year were a blessing. They **asked** to play a song on the bells. In our play,



Jesus Vs Santa the children performed a play which showed Jesus is the real meaning of Christmas. We had children doing skits who can't read yet, though memorized their lines. It was a lot of fun. Happy Birthday Jesus is always their last song. So far, our year is going well, Thank you Jesus!!

God Bless
Robert P. Blodgett Sunday School Superintendent
(802) 522-4688 (cell)

2019 Mission Committee Annual Report

During 2019, the Mission Committee remained hard at work building relationships with our neighbors next door, down the street, and around the world, while helping to meet their spiritual and physical needs. Gifts of your time, talent, and treasure continued to support long-time mission friends, as well as our own ongoing projects.

We started 2019 with a visit to Friends of the Unborn in Quincy. Several folks from the congregation joined Pastor Don to deliver the \$155.00 donation and gifts our church family had given during December, 2018. While there, our group attended a Bible study presented by Rev. Rod Birney, met the residents, toured the home, and learned of volunteer opportunities. Sadly, in July, Pastor Don and Lori had to return to Quincy to offer condolences at the funeral of our friend and founder of Friends of the Unborn, Marilyn Birney. Also, our January/February mission offering provided \$220.00 to our Chace Road Fund, which enabled our volunteers and several family members to complete the rehabilitation of the home this year!

Early in February, our annual “Super Bowl” offering raised \$116.00 for the fund assisting Eddlie Estalus with her dental school expenses. Our February/March mission offering, designated to provide for the underprivileged in our area, supported our meals offered through Mobile Ministries and Anchor Ministries with \$283.00. In addition to this cash amount, we were blessed with food donations from Blount Fine Foods, members of our congregation, and friends and family members. Our Anchor Bible studies and lunches continued through early fall but were experiencing a decline in attendance. We believe the cause of this to be duplication of services, as meals are offered in several other locations at that time. The committee has put this ministry on the back burner, for now, to consider if another time would work out better.

April’s mission offering raised \$917.00 for Teen Challenge RI! Their choir visited on Mothers’ Day to perform several praise songs and share the witness of several members. Teen Challenge alumna, Quianna Zaetz, brought the message, too. We presented them with a check and also supported them through sponsorships and by purchasing their merchandise. This visit has become an annual event for our church! In addition, Pastor Don visited their house in Providence twice in 2019 for chapel and fellowship.

During May, our church once again hosted Pastor Wilbins Maginet, pastor of Eglise Congregation-Chretienne de Bonbon (Ti_Plaine), Haiti. This trip proved to be a very busy and lucrative one for Pastor Wilbins! He preached, enjoyed fellowship, and shared the story of his calling, ministry, church, and country with individuals and congregations from the entire eastern seaboard! At EFCCC, he participated in our immersion baptisms. Our May mission offering provided him with \$765.00 toward the building fund for his church, and he received donations and pledges from many other churches, as well.

Special Touch Ministries was the recipient of our June/July offering of \$670.00. Anne Whittaker and Lois Amaral also returned as caregivers for their Northeast Getaway in August. Then, in August, our church donated \$790.00 to Mobile Ministries to help cover the costs of repairs on the truck and fridge and replacing the stove.

Fall saw us raising money to fund our October mission trip to Haiti. The September/October offering raised \$3,419.80. We also held the Battle of the Bakers, which raised \$500.00. Beyond funds, 6 wedding dresses, tools, a keyboard, dental instruments, a laptop computer, and a set of children’s hand bells were donated by members of our church and others.

In October, Pastor Don, Al Hurder, and Lori Bliss travelled to Haiti for an 8-day mission trip. Through God’s provision, our team, including Eddlie Estalus and Andrine Julien, overcame many challenges (such as a no- show charter plane, riots in the streets, extreme heat and humidity, and meager supplies of fuel, food, and electricity) to build current relationships, forge new ones, and teach and assist in several church- and covenant-building activities.

We purchased tarps and lumber for a temporary roof for the church building and furniture for the church. Al taught and supervised several church members to build pews, a pulpit (a surprise gift for Pastor Wilbins), and a

Communion table. He also shared gifts, played, and danced with the children. Lori, with translation assistance from Eddlie, introduced the children to the hand bells, taught them to play a few songs, and instructed a volunteer from the church in leading the hand bell choir.

Pastor Don and Lori joined Pastor Wilbins and his wife, Meladie, to present a workshop on the marriage covenant, which was attended by people from about a half-dozen local churches. Pastor Don was part of a 3- minister team that married 2 couples in a 4-hour-long wedding! During the 3-hour Sunday service, featuring Andrine as the worship leader, he preached, dedicated 2 children, prayed over 2 women who gave their lives to Jesus, and then, following the service, participated alongside Pastor Wilbins in baptizing 2 people in the Caribbean Sea!

Eddlie was overjoyed and very thankful to receive the laptop and dental tools. We also purchased food for her and her housemates before returning her to her flat in protest-ridden Delmas. We were the first guests of Pastor Claudele and Betty Zephyr at the Methodist Guest House in Jeremie since they were posted there in late September. They and their family went out of their way to make us comfortable, despite a severe lack of resources, and we quickly formed a strong bond with them and their daughters. They even joined Pastor Wilbins, his family, and our team for an afternoon at the beach! While there, we were able to help them buy fuel for their generator and food for our team and their family, and we have remained in contact with them since our return. On our last evening in Jeremie, we were guests, along with members of the Bonbon church, at a delicious dinner prepared and hosted by Meladie, during which we discussed future plans for their church and our partnership with them.

Once again, in November, our monthly mission offering went to The Neediest Families Fund. This year we donated \$370.00 to the fund. Our church showed their amazing generosity again this year to the Fall River Salvation Army's Clothe-a-Child program, too, clothing 40 needy children with outfits, coats, and cold-weather necessities! Thank you, Pat and Kathy Curneen for again coordinating this effort!

As planned, EFCCC took over the Mobile Ministries Friday night run to PAACA on Coggeshall Street. During the warmer months we served an average of 75-80 people each week, and we served 40-50 people in the winter. We can't thank our church family enough for making this ministry possible through your donations of clothing, toiletries, gift cards, Bibles, and food! You've stepped up your hands-on participation over the last few months of 2019, too, providing a regular prep and distribution team of 8-10 people! And we've been able to build so many positive, life-enhancing (for them and us) relationships with our guests! 2019 saw several people we serve at the truck attending worship services, Bible studies, and other church events. Their relationships with us also enabled several people to find housing, employment, medical and mental health services, help in getting and staying sober/straight, and a sense of well-being, self-confidence, and determination to better their lives. All this stems from feeling loved and cared for and about. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

December's mission offering was again for Friends of the Unborn, and we again had an angel tree to collect items from their wish list. This year's donation is the same amount as last year's - \$155.00! We'll also be delivering another carload of angel tree gifts to Friends in January.

Leftover food from dinners, as well as from our Mobile Ministry and Anchor Ministries outreach, was donated throughout the year to the House of Hope shelter in New Bedford. They will also be the recipients of our January mission offering.

Throughout 2019 our family has grown, through the many new relationships fostered by all your faithful giving. Thank you and keep up your good work for the Kingdom!

Respectfully submitted by Lori Bliss, Chairman

Flower Committee 2019

Thank you to those who have supported the Flower Committee with donations throughout the year in memory of loved ones and flowers given from funerals and in celebration of weddings, or sharing flowers with the church.

We received a donation from the Gunnerson family in memory of Charlotte and her husband, and thank them for their continuing support.

People wishing to place flowers in the church should pick up a form from the flower committee box in the Parish house and return it to the box or mail to:

Kari Richard, P.O. Box # 63

East Freetown, MA, 02717

Kari grows a large amount of flowers in her gardens and donates them for Sunday services. Everyone is welcome to bring in their own cut flowers from their gardens or from celebrations and events. Please notify Kari Richard with the week you wish to bring them in.

Telephone 508-763-3159.

I want to thank Lauren Collins, Sally Hathaway, Pastor Don and friends who have helped me and to give away the flower arrangements which were purchased with budget money to someone in the church or a shut-in.

I decorated the church for Palm Sunday with palms, stripped 200 palms for our church and two palm crosses for the doors created by Kari.

45 Easter Plants were donated, cornucopia filled with fresh fruit, was placed for Thanksgiving, and Advent wreath, poinsettias and wreaths were placed for the holiday season. I am also working with the Deacons for Baptism roses, New Member carnations and Mother's Day flowers and palms for Palm Sunday.

Any donation and help is welcome to the flower committee! Please contact Kari Richard @ 508-479-7237. Thank you!

Balance as of 1/01/19 = + \$0.00

01/19	\$44.00	07/19	\$0.00
02/19	\$25.00	08/19	\$0.00
03/19	\$54.00	09/19	\$30.00
04/19	\$30.00	10/19	\$15.00
05/19	\$0.00	11/19	\$60.00
06/19	\$7.00	12/19	\$235.00

Total spent from Budget	- \$ 500.00
Ck # 2086	+ \$ 200.00
Ck # 2223	<u>+ \$ 300.00</u>
Balance as of 12/31/19 =	+ \$ 0.00
Funds used: Church Budget	\$ 500.00
Donations: (in dollar amount)	\$ 660.00

The flower committee placed flowers 32 Sundays with no cost involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kari Richard and Sally Hathaway

Historians Report 2019

This year has been slow going as our teacher, leader, of the historical committee, Mim Gurney, has been unable to guide us on our journey. It's amazing how much we have to learn about our church history.

We have to this point, been able to condense, and reorganize some pictures, newspaper articles and such. We will resume or work as soon as we can, and are looking forward to a productive year.

Respectfully submitted
Historical Committee

Report for Communion Stewards 2019

Luke 22: 19-20 19 “And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” 20 In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

Communion was served on the first Sunday of the month. We have continued to serve white bread for the majority of those who partake in Communion, and also provide a Gluten free option as well.

For World Communion Sunday in October, we continued our tradition of providing “bread from around the world.” This year we served Portuguese sweet bread, Asian naan, Jewish matzo, German pumpernickel, Italian ciabatta, Scandinavian rye, and gluten free bread.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim & Ashley Emery

2019 Social Committee Annual Report

During 2019, the Social Committee kept busy procuring refreshments and volunteers for our weekly Sunday Fellowship Time following worship. In addition, we were responsible for the planning, setup, hosting, and cleanup of the following social events:

- Soup and Sandwich Potluck in January
- Lenten Soup Supper in March
- Easter Breakfast in April
- Bag Luncheon for the Teen Challenge Choir on Mothers’ Day
- Collation following the Gil Bliss memorial service in July
- Collation following the Ralph Gurney funeral in December

Respectfully submitted by Lori Bliss

EFCCC Fundraising Committee Annual Report – 2019

2019 was a successful year for the Fundraising Committee. We held several events this year that raised money for the church. From our 60th Chicken BBQ to our annual Dessert Auction, the Fundraising Committee raised **\$4,926 in 2019**.

If you're looking at year over year, we were up \$2,555 over 2018, which is incredible when you consider our little church in East Freetown.

A big help to this was the Dessert Auction. We generally vote on where the funds from the dessert auction go, and this year it was decided that the funds would go to the General Funds of the church – same place as our other fundraisers. We raised \$1,721 at the Dessert Auction this year.

We also held a Spaghetti Supper, a Ham and Bean Dinner, and a couple of all church breakfasts hosted by the Deacons, which altogether raised a total of \$2,858.

Our little church, the little white church on the corner, held our 60th, yes 60th Chicken BBQ this year!!!!

We had a great turnout, asked God for great weather and He delivered, and had an excellent crew of people help to make this event happen. Not only did we serve 150+ dinners, we also had a silent auction with phenomenal items to bid on, from gift cards to Red Sox vs. Yankees tickets. In all, the 60th Chicken BBQ raised \$2,068 alone! This is one of our more profitable years in the past decade.

We, the Fundraising Committee, thank you for your hard work and dedication. We thank you for the effort and time that you put in this last year, and we appreciate, and look forward to your continued help. It is not without hard work, and most importantly your focus on God and growing His Kingdom, that we continue to be blessed abundantly in our community with our Fundraising efforts

We look forward to another successful year in 2020!

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Emery

Music Report 2019

Let me start out with, if you were ever wondering if God has a sense of humor, I'm here to answer emphatically.....yes! He does!

He woke me up at 1:30am to start working on my annual report. I guess He wanted me to get it in on time for a change.

Having said that, I also need to say this is not your usual report of the musical happenings in the church during the last year.

Instead, the words "thank you" were loud and clear. His message to me was, I needed to say THANK YOU to Him and my church family for giving me the chance to be in His home, and in my case/ classroom.

I'm the type of person who learns best, in a hands-on setting. What better place than in his home/classroom, and in a "front row seat" no less. And like school, I can't skip class without a very good reason.

I'm not a fast learner, so it's good He has patience. Over the past twenty plus years, in that front row seat, I have learned, grace, forgiveness, generosity, selflessness, and love, to name a few. Most importantly I've learned about being a child of God.

Again thank you to God and my church family for the chance to be in that front row seat, in His living classroom!

Respectfully
Church musician
Donna Silva