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# **2019 Annual Report**

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## **Report from the Pastor - Matthew Wigton**

In New England every March the tradition continues, the jubilant masses rejoicing at the sight of the first flower breaking forth from the frozen ground. In premature celebration some declare Spring's return while others dawn a pair of shorts and walk the dog. The day's gaiety comes to an end when the weather forecast predicts that the next day will bring forth three feet of snow and no school for the children. The seductive folly of New England's early Springs is vindicated

by the glorious days of Summer and Autumn on the Massachusetts Bay.

We look forward to the flower's sprout because it gives hope that Summer is coming. The story of the Hebrew people in the Old Testament is in short the story of a people caught in a very, very long winter. There are brief pockets of warmth and joy, but these are overshadowed by vast periods of longing and waiting for things to be made right and the ancient promise fulfilled. Much like the way the first flower or returning birds (or Floridians returning to Rockport) herald the anticipated season, the gospels record the way that Jesus came as a sign of the inauguration of the Kingdom of God. These signs are meant to underscore Jesus' claims of deity but also demonstrate the purpose and mission of the Kingdom of God.



Throughout much of 2019 our Sunday sermons came out of the gospel of John. The nature of these signs create the framework of the gospel, written so that we might believe that Jeus is savior and Lord - starting with the miracle at the wedding in Cana and concluding with the post-resurrection catch of fish. While these signs gives us great hope and reason to take seriously the claims of Christ, they also serve to teach us what it means to be a follower of Christ. Today as disciples of Jesus we are promised the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who works through the church to continue the mission of Jesus for the glory of God the Father. The Triune God then, enables the church to be a sign to the world of his Kingdom and Power. Throughout 2019 we partnered together to present a winsome picture of the good news of the Kingdom of God in a myriad of ways or signs.

Some of these included: VBS, Family Promise North Shore of Boston, our community praise night, community movie nights, Choir and Praise Band, visitations of homebound and

convalescent, Spiritual Formation Group, Bible Study, Youth Group, Prayer Group, Child dedications, baptisms, special services, fellowship meals, missions support, funeral services, regular worship and more!



Thank you for your partnership in our mission. We live in a day and region of great spiritual confusion and darkness. While the challenges around us are deep and real, the good news is that the Triune God has triumphed over the darkness and his Kingdom will prevail. The local church is his agent for incarnating the gospel message in communities all around the world. It is an exciting thing to be part of this mission. As we enter a new decade together let us continue to draw near to Christ and the scriptures as our foundation and

guide. The light has come and Summer is coming. Onward,

Matthew C. Wigton

## **Report from the Deacons**

Before reflecting on the past year, we clarify the 2020 pastor salary budget proposal, which presents a higher increase than has been typical in the past few years. Why?

Raising a young growing family in Rockport is costly. On top of the typically high east coast costs, there are the ever-present student loans to pay. Our ministry family has been under increasing financial stress!

The previous year's salary increases followed recommendations published by TABCOM (The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts). Our concern is this guideline is not specific enough to take into account the cost of living in this town and this part of Massachusetts. This year, in addition to that guide, we also utilized a pastor compensation guide published by MMBB (The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board).

The result of our discussion is a recommended 2020 salary of \$63,558.00. This new amount came about by adding a 3% cost of living increase to the current 2019 salary for a new base. Next, the committee is proposing a one-time market adjustment amount of \$10,000. This amount is \$1,000.00 per year of service merit/market adjustment to get the cash salary to a more reasonable figure for Rockport. This adjustment effort also had in mind three years when the pastor's salary remained stagnant (2010 - 2012). For those new to our budget process, please be aware that an increase in the pastor's cash salary increases both the "Pension" and "FICA Allowance" budget line items.

The Wigton family has served here faithfully for over ten years, and they are committed to this ministry. We believe it is our biblical obligation (1 Timothy 5:17-18) to ensure financial stress is not taking their focus off of the ministries' needs.

#### 2019 Review

The past year had several unexpected turns as God has worked out his plan for Rockport Baptist Church. We began the year with the addition of Lauri Haugen as Youth and Family Minister, and our youth group and outreach benefited by her vision and hard work. Yet God had other plans for the Haugen family, and He moved them this past summer to a ministry opportunity in California. It was a mixed blessing seeing the Haugens leave Rockport. Our loss is gain for Tom's new church. The youth group has not suffered any setback thanks to the addition of the Kelly family and Paul Kelly's willingness to take on the leadership role for the youth group. Thank you, Kelly's! Our prayer for 2020 is continued growth and an additional person to commit to helping in this vital effort alongside Paul.

Our administrative needs are in steady hands with the team of Maureen Small and Katie Favaloro. Their efforts have been a blessing to keep the office in order and free valuable time up for Matt

Early in the year, we benefited from the work of Christian Faux. Please continue to remember Christian in prayer. He continues to recover from his health setback and the financial fallout from such a severe trial.

Critical for 2020 and beyond is our mission outreach. The deacons are excited to present a new opportunity to come alongside the Johnson family and share in and help support their efforts to minister in Canada to the displaced Nigerian community in and around Toronto. Other highlights from this past year were:

- May baptisms
- New members
- Successful 2019 VBS
- Dedication for Addison Wigton
- Visitation efforts are going well thanks to many dedicated volunteers
- Fellowship cookouts and lunches went well this year, and we plan on a similar schedule in 2020
- Experiment with the service time in the summer

We are thankful for how God is working in children's church and VBS! Our thanks to the many volunteers who use their talent and time to these critical ministries.

As we look forward, we pray that each one of us considers how we can serve in the church to enable its mission to teach and preach the Word of God and share the salvation message found in Jesus. We have needs on boards, children's church, music, and general all-around labor to help clean and maintain the church.

Respectfully
Board of Deacons

## **Report from the Board of Stewards**

The Stewards were busy this year as we managed several projects to address unsafe/dangerous conditions and structural upgrades needed for both the church and parsonage properties. We are grateful for the skilled craftsmen who did this work. We also made significant progress with our ongoing goal of improving access and use of the church's indoor and outdoor spaces and want to thank our church staff and all the volunteers who faithfully gave their time and energy to cleaning, organizing, repairing, and beautifying the church building and grounds. Capital projects and repairs/maintenance tasks completed in 2019 include:

#### **Church Capital Projects**

- Rebuilt basement staircase.
- Replaced oil tank and removed 2 obsolete oil tanks and 2 obsolete water tanks.
- Removal of asbestos covered ductwork in basement.
- Rebuilt fire escape stairs and reinforced risers.
- Replaced rotted siding, wood gutters, and roof above kitchen windows on the west and southwest sides.
- Painted exterior siding repairs and fire escape stairs.
- Upgraded electrical systems: Removed hazardous knob & tube wiring in Sanctuary, Narthex,
  Fellowship Hall, parlor, kitchen back hall and installed new wiring in those locations. Installed
  new recessed LED lights in Sanctuary ceiling and replaced existing recessed lights with new
  wafer style led lights. Installed new LED motion sensor lights in the back hall. Installed LED
  light fixtures in Narthex, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and Parlor. Repaired outside electrical
  conduit to Wayside Pulpit. Installed new LED recessed lights over Church front door entrance
  and Fellowship Hall entrance.

#### **Church Repairs/Maintenance Tasks**

- Replaced malfunctioning sump pumps, main water shut off, repaired leak in kitchen heat line, capped off deadlines.
- Repaired handicap lift and passed state inspection.
- Installed deadbolt on back door and removed snow blowers.
- Church indoor clean-up day included basement clean up and debris removal.
- Cleaned Wayside Pulpit, updated message and replaced lettering.
- Carpets cleaned in narthex, sanctuary and parlor.
- Fire system tests and inspections completed.
- Furnace cleaned and serviced.
- Scheduled church outdoor clean-up day.

- Additional grounds work involved removal of large tree and branch pruning, removal of 4 Yew bushes, edging and mulching church entry.
- Painted office, second floor hallway and sunday school room.
- Removal and donation of wooden children's chairs stored in sanctuary attic.
- Cleared out sanctuary back hall, office and storage closets.
- Repaired damaged right front door and refinished inside of both doors.

#### **Parsonage Capital Projects**

- Rebuilt and shingled rear side and corners of garage.
- Build new basement bulkhead door.
- Installed new gutters & downspouts on parsonage and garage.
- Painted parsonage and garage outside trim.

#### Parsonage Repairs/Maintenance Tasks

- Purchase and installation of replacement light fixtures
- Painted downstairs foyer, stairway, living and dining room walls and trim
- Test and removal of vermiculite (asbestos) in basement
- Purchase and installation kitchen drawer slides

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Tutein, Chair, Board of Stewards

## **Report from the Administrative Assistant**

I was hired as the Administrative Assistant at FBC January 15, 2019. This position has evolved over the course of the past year. My work schedule required 10 to 15 hours a week (typically 5 hours each day on Thursday, Friday & Saturday). I spent the first month learning the ropes and taking over some of the weekly and monthly tasks that Matt usually performed. These tasks include answering phones, greeting visitors, filing documents, creating the weekly Email, coordinating & scheduling the clean teams, and reconciling the monthly debit card. At the same time, I began the process of cleaning, organizing, and coordinating the Church office space (supplies, files, bulletin boards, volunteer schedules, work spaces etc.), as well as other church spaces (kitchen, other storage areas).

From February through May I worked on the following major projects:

#### • Automating the weekly email.

At the suggestion of Lauri Haugen, I started using MailChimp, a free online mailing system, to format and update the weekly email, add new recipients, and send out the church news each week. In the future, we'll be able to use this software, not only to send out the weekly email, but to send other mass electronic mailings, such as letters to the congregation, etc.

# • Coordinating the move of the church's manual payroll to a new automated payroll process/company.

Matt and I met with Rob Audano (a local Rockport CPA) and he recommended that we move to an automated payroll system to make sure the church is in compliance with IRS guidelines. He recommended using PAYCHEX, a payroll service company for smaller organizations. Working with members of the Board of Stewards, the church's payroll is now automatically processed every two weeks. Andy Brown calls in the hours, payroll taxes are automatically deducted, and the employee's pay is now direct deposited into the employee's bank account.

#### • Creating a new Sunday bulletin design.

With the help of Lauri Haugen, we used Microsoft Word to design a standard format for the weekly bulletin. This new format includes a bulletin cover and order of worship insert.

Some additional tasks I performed as the Administrative Assistant included taking the minutes at the Board of Steward's monthly meetings, coordinating and running the "inside church work day", helping Matt with funeral & memorial services held at the church, creating and hanging various flyers for different church events, and updating the signage posted around the church.

From mid-May to mid-August, I worked only 5 hours a week, which was mostly spent on creating and producing the weekly email & Sunday bulletin. Katie Favaloro (the Administrative Intern) filled in the additional hours and performed many of the other tasks during this time

period. In August, when I returned to a 3-day work schedule (Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday), I continued to work on the tasks outlined above, as well as:

- Covering for childcare during the Wednesday morning Bible Study
- Cleaning out, organizing, and managing the church storage areas behind the Sanctuary
- Maintaining the Church's website
- Helping the Board of Stewards with various tasks where needed
- Putting together visitor bags, as needed
- Completing and submitting an application for grant money to cover the electrical work that was done at the church (for which we've been accepted as a candidate for receiving the grant).
- Working on various fix-it tasks at the church. (hanging towel racks pulled off the bathroom walls, securing loose cup holders on the back of the pews, reattaching the push handle on the handicap entrance door which had pulled loose, removing an unnecessary door in the upstairs hallway to Children's Church, rehanging a fire extinguisher bracket that was pulling off the wall.In 2020, as I take on more of the administrative tasks of the church, I see the position evolving into at least 15 hours a week, and possibly more when needed.

My to do list for 2020 will include tackling the following:

- Moving valuable church documents (deed info, blueprints, photos of the church assets, etc.) to a lock box at Institution for Savings Bank
- Creating an electronic database of church attendees and church member information
- Moving documents to google docs server
- Cleaning and organizing the church storage areas in the Narthex and old Pastor's office behind the Sanctuary
- Reviewing, organizing, and updating the contents of our visitor welcome bags
- Assisting the Board of Stewards (as needed) with the construction project of the church bathrooms
- Assisting the Board of Stewards with researching and implementing Office Management software
- Assisting the Board of Stewards with bringing more of the church financial information in house

Respectfully Submitted by Administrative Assistant Maureen Small

## **Report from the Administrative Intern**

You never know what kinds of things will be thrown at you at the Rockport Baptist Church, except the fate of folding pamphlets and making flyers of course. Those are the two things I could almost assume I would be doing every time my foot walked through the office door.

On a more serious note, this past year was very challenging because I was coaching a softball team on the weekends during the summer and felt a little lost and disconnected without my church family on Sunday mornings. Unfortunately, I was asked to coach this team again this coming summer, but am hoping to make more of an appearance in the office and at VBS than last summer. I also endured an unexpected sickness that no one would have ever guessed, kidney stones, that sent me even further back away from everyone. As a result, I was nowhere near ready to go back to college and it sent me into a downward spiral. I was fortunate to have very understanding people surrounding me that loved and supported me throughout the process. I would be totally lost without these people which I expressed during the Thanksgiving Eve service where I actually sobbed because I was so happy to be surrounded by such a loving community.





I am also very thankful that Maureen Small has come to fill the role as Administrative Assistant which I had previously been filling in for last year. She has been a huge asset to the office and has made some great changes and such a big difference. While we do some of the same roles, she has been there for me when I couldn't be which that itself has been the most important. After struggling this past semester, everything finally started to work out and I am now on a better path. I will be graduating in May 2020 and I will hopefully be attending Merrimack College next fall, pending my acceptance, so I can spend my weekdays and weekends here at the church during the coming year. I hope

everyone is ready! I am beyond excited to be able to be at the church more because of the various learning opportunities, amazing people I have met, and knowing I am making such a difference within the church.

Some of the wild adventures this year have been meeting with Bruce Tarr, running New Year's Eve, Training Maureen in the office, Picking up a giant cardboard car and parading it through town, breaking in to the Shelton's unlocked house and eating lunch, showing the men how to use an extension ladder, finding out how to go incognito in to Market Basket, being coerced into coming home to supervise the rowdy FBC Harvest Fest booth, and much more.

There is no one word that can describe my role as the Administrative Intern. There are so many activities that all add up to make my role even possible. This year I was able to step back from my gardening role thanks to 'The Sisters' but then took on a new role as head vacuumer. In a letter I recently received, it said, "Thanks for your willingness to vacuum" which I personally thought it was funny because I would rather vacuum than clean the bathrooms or trim the hedges. It's the small things that I am assigned (mostly that other people don't want to do) that make up the entire role as Administrative Intern. When people ask what I do at the church, the better question really is what don't I do here!

Katie Favaloro Administrative Intern First Baptist Church of Rockport

## **Church Word Search**

ANNUAL REPORT	DEACONS	NURSERY	ROCKPORT BAPTIST
BIBLE	FELLOWSHIP	ORGAN	SERMON
BULLETIN	GARDEN	PASTOR	SPIRITUAL
FORMATION	CHILDREN'S CHUI	RCH	HYMN
PEW	STEWARDS		
CHOIR	JONAH	PRAISE BAND	SUNDAY
CLEAN TEAM	MUSIC	PRESCHOOL	VBS
CONCRETE AND CRANES	S NARTHEX	PULPIT	YOUTH GROUP
Find the 7 other words in the	word search with the	se hints:	
1. Everyone loves the _	(food) fron	n	_•
2. Katie's dogs name.			
3. The infamous	, Karen & Cher	yl.	

4. Matt's least favorite vegetable & favorite drink.

5. One of the cleaning tasks in the church.

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## **Report from the Youth Group**

First Baptist Church of Rockport Youth Ministry seeks to nurture students' relationship with Christ, connect and engage students in the life of the body of Christ (local church), and challenge students to live out their faith in their communities and beyond. The following mission values drove everything we did among youth in 2019 (adapted from Sharon Ketcham, *Reciprocal Faith* and Chap Clark, *Adoptive Church*):

- 1. Memory Be a community who celebrates God's faithfulness by telling the stories of our Biblical and Christian heritage and sharing God's present work both locally and across the globe. Stories remind us who we are and awaken who God is calling us to be.
- 2. Mutuality "We're all in this together!" Youth ministry should not be a closed system that exists somewhere outside the adult congregation if we want to build an environment where students truly belong and experience the transformational grace of Christ. "Valuing mutuality is embracing our interdependence...We share the responsibility for one another's faith..." (Sharon Ketcham).
- 3. Contribution "The church is not a service provider but a people of all ages belonging to God" (Chap Clark). We must view teenagers as indispensable to our church body and anticipate the Holy Spirit's work in their lives. Plus, we must also provide space for students to use their unique gifts. "God created young people to contribute to God's redemptive purposes among us."
- 4. Maturity Iron sharpens iron within the community "until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Eph 4:13). In community, the Holy Spirit gives us opportunities to practice forgiveness and produce good fruit that leads to reconciliation



with one another and greater love for God and our neighbor.

In January of 2019, FBC of Rockport Youth Group launched a separate middle school program on Friday nights in order to reach out to a new group of middle school students. We had on average 8-12 middle school youth studying the "signs" in the book of John. There may have been some crazy games, large quantities of Oreos consumed, and flashlight sardines, too. Several of these students were new to youth group and to bible study.

We continued our Wednesday night programming for high school students. We had on average 2-6 high school youth attending Wednesday night programs. The high school students also participated in a study on the signs in John. Just as the author of John wrote, our goal was for students to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and have life in his name!

In the Summer of 2019, our programming returned to Wednesday nights for both middle and high school youth. We also hosted monthly summer outreach events with an open invitation to families of youth and members of the church: Games is Harvey Park, Outdoor Movie Nights, and Praise and Pie. Plus, the annual Waterpark day was a splashing success! We launched an early morning study called Bibles at the Brew. Four middle school students committed to a study in the book of Mark during the month of June while consuming large quantities of donuts at Brother's Brew.

One of the ways youth contribute to the life of the church is through their service. Several of our high school students served during VBS, this summer. They organized sound, led worship, decorated the church, facilitated small groups, planned field games, and modeled Christ to our pre-school, elementary, and middle school age kids. Several youth also continue to serve in our Sunday morning Sunday school program and help lead worship. Other areas of service included



church clean up days and the painting and outfitting of a new classroom upstairs.

VBS for middle school was a crazy, fun week with programming designed just for middle school age students. Our mornings focused on worship, bible study, team building games, and some big off-campus events such as a photo scavenger hunt and beach day. We had 15 enthusiastic middle schoolers with us for the week of VBS.

In addition to the programming details, the youth leadership team (Mark Small, Karen Parker, Christian Faux, Katie Favaloro, and Paul Kelly) supported youth and their families through prayer, counseling, mentoring, discipleship resources, and a monthly newsletter. Each of these amazing leaders shared the love of Christ in unique ways among our youth here in Rockport. At the end of July, I handed over the youth ministry program to the very capable and winsome Paul Kelly. I am so grateful for our time at FBC of Rockport and for the privilege God gave me to

work with these amazing middle and high school students! May you continue to nurture students' relationship with Christ, connect and engage students in the life of the body of Christ, and challenge students to live out their faith in their communities and beyond. I am praying for you!

With Joy, Lauri Haugen

The Rockport Baptist Youth Group began the fall of 2019 with weekly meetings that combined middle school and high school students into one group for both games and Bible study. We averaged about ten attendees each week, three high school students and seven middle school students. The leaders were Karen Parker and I.

Most of the students have very little background in the teachings and stories of the Bible, so I decided on a study based in catechism, supplemented by old and new testament stories. Following the recently published New City Catechism, we worked through ten questions in group discussions and personal journal entries. It was my great privilege to read scriptures, think about God and his law and to pray together with this energetic and engaged group of students.

My goals for the new year are to continue building unity in Christ among the students, committing themselves to each other and to knowing God. I would also like to see more upperclassmen join the group, and as they do we will add more leadership support.

Thank you all for allowing me to minister to the young people of Rockport through your commitment to the spread of the gospel of Jesus in a new generation of young people in this town.

In Christ, Paul Kelly

## **Report from Elementary Children's Church & Nursery**

2019 was a significant year in the life of Children's Church, we saw an increase in enrollment in all 3 classrooms! The nursery currently serves 3 children, the preschool between 6-8 on a weekly basis (up from just 2 in 2018) the elementary class serves 7 children on a consistent basis. We were also blessed to increase the number of adult volunteers helping in all 3 classrooms to 20 individuals. Clara Knowles and Trinity Elder serve as youth volunteers and are an invaluable resource! It is exciting to report that 3 families who have joined us this school year are a result of our VBS programming over the summer.



In the nursery we have focused on updating and maintaining a safe space, and toys that are safe, engaging and easy to keep clean! A tired glider was replaced with a sturdier and more traditional rocker and the nursery was gifted a brand-new kitchen set, and appropriate climbing toys! In 2020 we hope to continue to update the space and add a bookshelf, books, puzzles and art supplies for the children as they graduate from infancy to toddlerhood

We continue to utilize The Gospel Project Curriculum in the elementary room, and it proves to be robust in content and age appropriate. The children have been working their way through the Old Testament and began 2019 in the Book of Genesis. They have enjoyed the stories and are beginning to make connections with Old Testament lessons and Jesus' life and death on the cross. A goal for 2020 is to further increase adult participation in children's church and add a 4<sup>th</sup> classroom so that upper elementary and lower elementary students may be taught at their level. Currently all elementary students k-5 are together.

In June the children were involved in Children's Sunday and each grade level participated in the service as greeters, ushers, through prayer and music. It was a terrific ending to the "academic year" and it was encouraging to see the interactions and enthusiasm across the generations. We look forward to making this an annual activity.



In December the children participated in a Christmas Pageant translated from the Jesus Storybook Bible. We had 17 children involved and these included regular attendees, friends, extended family and 3 middle school aged youth! So many kids were involved we needed to order extra costumes! A goal for 2020 is to add even more children and adopt a fresh script!

## **Report from Preschool Children's Church**

We welcome each other in Christ with a smile or a song, a prayer or a candle. Children hear Bible stories through small figures or props as Solomon builds a temple, King Josiah follows God's ways, and the angels announce the big news. We began the year with lessons based on "The Beginner's Bible" and in the Fall taught a new curriculum, "Shine: Living in God's Light," as more children joined us, tripling our group from 2 to 6!

Children learn a monthly memory verse:

"When you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you." Jeremiah 29:12

Children sing a song:
(tune: Twinkle, twinkle)
God is with us everywhere
and we know God always cares.
In a boat or on the land,
we are always in God's hands.
God is with us everywhere
and we know God always cares.



Children draw a response to the Bible story followed by a project such as building a temple with blocks, a card thanking Pastor Matt for "praying" and "taking care of the church," creating an advent wreath, painting the bright light of the angels or finding hidden stars, a reminder of the Bethlehem Star.

Thanks to teachers Marjorie, Jane, Katie, Jenn, Christian and Meaghan, and assistants Emma, Clara and Trinity. Each conveys the love of Christ in interactions with the kids.

Many thanks to Pastor Matt and Meaghan Shelton leadership and encouragement.

Janet French



for their

### **Report from VBS 2019**

A *Wild* time was had by all who joined us for Lifeway's **In the Wild** VBS experience from July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It was First Baptist Church's 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive VBS offered to the children of Cape Ann.

It was a transitional year for the summer programming and while there were changes in leadership roles it was seamless. Matt Wigton became consultant and mentor to Meaghan Shelton who took on the directorship. Margaret Williams retired from her position as arts and crafts director while Cheryl Petras stepped in. Kris Carlson became "registrar emeritus" and Anthony Shelton filled that position. Jane Tutein retired from snack management and David

Pierson took on that role. A nursery program was opened under the coordination of Jennifer Macleod and offered a spot for the youngest members of VBS staff to hear the Word and play together. Janet French took over the role of preschool leadership and began to fine tune the scheduling and programming for our 3-5 year old participants. Lauri Haugen and Paul Kelly lead our middle school group in Bible Study and several off-campus adventures. John French coordinated our mission moments and fundraising efforts. Amy Clayton served as photographer.



Katie Favoloro was, once again, working diligently behind the scenes managing clerical tasks and scheduling extra programming. A special thank you to each and every person who held these positions over the years and graciously offered your help and expertise to those who took over for you. A big thank you to all who stepped in and made it all work with humor and grace!!



We had a record number of participants signed up at whopping 83 and our highest attended day was Monday with 74 children. 52 Members and friends of the church volunteered their time as lead teachers, assistant teachers, snack coordinator, music director, arts and crafts teachers, recreation and games facilitators, photographer and housekeeping rolls. The children could not have been in better, more loving hands. The quality of the teaching was amazing, and children were engaged with the Gospel each and every day! Thank you to all the teachers who gave selflessly!

The church building was transformed into an exciting wilderness themed location and every inch of space was utilized. Several volunteers began the work of creating decorations in early June at and worked weekly until we set up for VBS. The North Shore Community Baptist Church of

Beverly Farms loaned us some of the larger foam animals that were on display in the narthex and sanctuary. Mary Maclomson and her team created a life size Jeep with the memory verse affixed to it to be rolled around the building during the week! Thanks to Lauri Haugen and Maureen Small and their efforts a space formerly used for storage became home to our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade group was so large a classroom was set up in the back of the sanctuary. David was able to set up shop and serve snack "tailgate" style under a tent in the parking lot, crafts continued in Ventres Chapel and Harvey Park was once again our location for all things fun and games!

Registration and attendance were completely web based this year. It proved to be an invaluable tool as parents were able to sign up online throughout the year. We had a good idea of numbers 2 weeks ahead of VBS. This information allowed us to rework age groups and create a much-needed space for the large 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. We were also able to more accurately prepare for crafts and snacks. Each morning as children arrived, they were checked in electronically and able to head right into the sanctuary and start the day.



During the week we engaged in some favorite activities from the past including the bouncy house, and tug of war. Due to the stringent water ban we opted to replace the dunk tank and water balloons with new activities including a scavenger hunt and a visit from Curious Creatures where the children were able to learn about and interact with some truly wild animals. In addition to the daily crafts Cheryl had each child participate in creating a beautiful mural that depicted the "Encounter on the Water." The mural is now on display in the children's church.

On Friday evening the church was packed for our closing ceremony. The closing ceremony was not immune to change, and it became a student lead activity. Each group shared either music, favorite memories or a skit depicting one of the 5 Gospel stories that they had heard during the week. Cheryl presented the mural and Matt and Meaghan announced, "Concrete and Cranes" the

theme for 2020! The children and families enjoyed a slideshow sharing many of the highlights of our week. Following the closing ceremony Harvey Park and the Baptist Green were filled with families mingling and enjoying an ice cream social. It was a perfect ending to a wonderful week!

Following VBS in July and August the church sponsored movie nights in the park. Being able to invite VBS participants back for fun and informal events proved to be a valuable use of time and resources. We had a great crowd for both The Return of Mary



Poppins and The Secret Life of Pets 2. Offering VBS and follow up activities is integral to the life and future of the church. Several families have chosen to make First Baptist their home for worship as a result of VBS!

### **Report from the Spiritual Formation Group**

Do you use GPS? Do you eat your vegetables? Do you exercise? If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes!" you are a candidate for the Spiritual Formation Group, which is...

a Christ centered perspective on a deeper understanding of your faith journey (GPS); reflecting on the nitty gritty stuff of life in Christ like forgiveness, encouragement, anger and worry through Bible exploration, prayer and reading; (Eat your vegetables.) reaching out to your neighbors and community through acts of kindness. (Exercise)

The group of 8-9 meets bi weekly at The Frenches or at The Bean & Leaf. For the participants it can be a life changer...it is living out an ordinary day within the framework of transformation....growing bit by bit into a better reflection of Christ.

Our book series this year, The Good and Beautiful Life and The Good and Beautiful Community by James Bryan Smith challenged us to deepen our daily life in Christ as we spend time in individual prayer and reflection, doing our homework of practicing new habits, and knowing how to pray for each other.

We reached out to the community by giving gift baskets to the police department and Jen Fuller at Den Mar. We walked quietly around town and prayed to see Rockport through the eyes of Christ.



We are grateful for each participant, the leadership of John, the hospitality at the Bean and Leaf, and the refreshments provided by Cheryl and Karen.





Grateful for the second year of this new opportunity, Janet French

### **Report from the Music Director**

Thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout 2019. The most thanks go to our Lord who continues to hold me up as I prepare and lead our music ministry. He has sustained me through the challenges and has often made my preparation easier. I have learned over the past few years how important prayer is and I thank Him each time for the wonderfully, talented people He has provided to implement His plan.

The Senior Choir and the Praise Band have both gained new members. It is nice to say, "Welcome" to newcomers, rather than "Goodbye" to people moving away.

In the Senior Choir, we welcomed Debbie Pless in the Fall and then Sarah Kelly in December. There is always room for more members so please, join us. We continue to meet weekly at 5pm on Monday evenings. I truly appreciate the dedication of our choir members.

Last Spring, Wendy Betts was able to come to some rehearsals and coach the singers. She taught us skills that we continue to apply as we sing now.

Jen Fuller has continued to be very generous in sharing her flute playing talents with us this year. Thank you, Jen, for your willingness to accompany the choir when needed.

The Praise Band welcomed Shaina Bingle in the Fall and then Philip Michel in December. We continue to modify and adjust how we do things. If you have any suggestions as to timing or selections, please talk to any of us. At this point we feel that adding 1 new song per month is not overwhelming and leaves us time to sing the more familiar praise songs. Binders continue to be available, at the front, for anyone who wants to follow the notes rather than just the words on the wall. Thank you, Praise Band members, for faithfully sharing your talents with us on a weekly basis. Thank you, also to our techies, Anthony, for preparing all of the power points and Beth & David for running the sound and the slides.

Our Praise & Pie night in August was a success. The group from Lanesville Congregational Praise Band came and brought some of their parishioners with them. Both our Praise Band and theirs shared some wonderful music. The pies afterwards were enjoyed by all. Thank you, bakers.

Our Christmas Eve service was again, a very special night. To continue the growth in our musical groups, our Brass duo became a Trio with Beth joining Ken and Ben, and opened the service. The readings, solos, anthems and carols were all beautifully presented. All who came

were blessed and I believe, felt the love of Christmas.

In closing, I would like to say Thank you, again, for all of your support. As always, I welcome suggestions for a favorite hymn, praise song, carol or any other type of music you would like included in the service. Music is a key part of worship and we will continue to do our best.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Tuck

## **CPSON Nominating Report**

Church Personnel Safety Oversight and Nominating Committee

#### **Board of Stewards**

Stewards	Term Expires
*Jane Tutein	2022
*John French	2021
Margaret Williams	2021

The Pastor, Treasurer and Collector are ex-officio members.

#### **Board of Deacons**

Deacon	Term Expires
*Kristine Carlson	2022
*Nancy Pallazola	2022
David Pierson	2021

The Pastor is an ex-officio member.

#### **Officers (One-Year Terms)**

Office	Term Expires
*Auditor	Millicent Bruce
*Clerk	Millicent Bruce
*Collector	Gail Zeman
*Head Usher	Kristine Carlson
*Moderator	Mary Malcolmson
*Treasurer	Andrea Brown
*Christian Education	Meaghan Shelton

#### **Standing Committee (One-Year Term)**

#### Committee

*Music	.Anthony S	Shelton, 1	Beth	Sturgeon,	Mark Small
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<sup>\*</sup>CPSON..........Janet French

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Pallazola

<sup>\*</sup>Asterisk indicates those who are to be elected January 26, 2020

## **Report from the Church Clerk**

Members reported December 31st, 2018	
	Total Membership87
Membership Changes	
New Members-	Shaina Bingle
Members as of December 31st, 2019	
	Total Membership84
Baptisms:	
William Shelton - May 26th, 2019	
Serena Burgdorf - May 26th, 2019	
Cheryl Petras - May 26th, 2019	
Karen Parker - May 26th, 2019	
Births:	
Addison Wigton - September 10th, 2019	
<b>Dedications:</b>	
Addison Wigton - November 10th, 2019	
<b>Members to Heaven:</b>	
Bea Cotes	
Russel Major	
Karen Jylkka	
William Brown	
Respectfully submitted,	
Millicent Bruce	

## **Report from the USHER/GREETERS**

The responsibility of an usher/greeter is to be the church's "ambassador" as visitors and regular attendees come through our front doors. We want all who come to feel welcome and be at ease. Each usher/greeter may wear an "USHER" button or a "name tag". One usher remains near the back of the church until approximately 10:15 to aid any latecomers and to identify if there is a need for directions to the nursery, bathroom or if someone is in need of help. The other usher stands inside the sanctuary to assist there. The usher/greeters also light the candles in the front of the church, take weekly attendance, (when the one in charge of attendance on a regular basis, isn't available), and collect the offering.

We also encourage ushers to stand outside (when possible) to assist church goers up the stairs or in opening the front door (which may be difficult to open).

#### Rockport Baptist Church has 10 Regular volunteer usher/greeters for 2019:

Millicent Bruce & Nancy Pallazola - 1<sup>st</sup> week Margaret Williams & Kris Carlson - 2<sup>nd</sup> week Karen Parker & Cheryl Petras - 3<sup>rd</sup> week Maureen & Mark Small - 4<sup>th</sup> week Diane & Doug Lynn - 5<sup>th</sup> week

The usher/greeters are encouraged to engage visitors in conversation as they enter, and if they are visiting for the first time, give them a "Visitors Bag" which may include any of the following (depending on materials available - as they may change periodically):

- 1. Church information sheet; and Membership information sheet
- 2. Rockport Baptist Church mug
- 3. A copy of More Than A Carpenter by Josh McDowell
- 4 A bookmark or a ribbon cross
- 5 A letter from the Pastor and his business card

The usher/greeters may also serve during special occasions such as funerals, or concerts, etc. We are always looking for additional usher/greeters. If you feel the Lord's leading to serve Him this way please contact myself or Pastor Wigton.

In Him,

Kristine Carlson, Head Usher

## **Report on Sunday Worship Attendance**

Each Sunday the ushers take attendance of those attending Sunday Morning Worship. Attendance taking began in 2011. The monthly average does not include Christmas Eve or other special services.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jan	54	47	55	58	57	55	50	61	49
Feb	53	52	45	64	37	54	49	56	55
Mar	58	49	61	54	54	62	48	53	52
Apr	70	63	56	63	66	52	63	63	59
May	58	59	61	67	65	66	54	61	67
June	73	71	67	73	56	60	57	60	58
July	66	63	65	78	61	65	61	60	70
Aug	66	64	64	62	57	63	58	59	65
Sept	57	67	72	62	57	61	68	58	69
Oct	59	62	63	62	55	57	71	62	69
Nov	62	65	67	56	65	57	64	61	70
Dec	58	65	61	64	63	53	61	66	75
Avg.	61	61	62	62	57	59	59	60	63

## **Report from the Treasurer**

				2019	2019	2020
		Jan-Dec 18	Jan-Dec 19	Budget	% of Budget	Budget
1 Genera	al Mission Giving					
	Bennett - Missionary Support	1,600.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.0%	2,500.00
	Christian Vet Mission/St. Denis	0.00	1,000.00	1,800.00	55.56%	1,800.00
	Deacon's Fund	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	100.0%	1,200.00
	Family Promise	800.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.0%	1,000.00
	Open Door/ CA Food Bank	800.00	500.00	500.00	100.0%	500.00
	2020 Mission - TBD	0.00				2,000.00
Total 1 C	General Mission Giving	4,400.00	6,200.00	7,000.00	88.57%	9,000.00
Board of	f Deacons					
	Administrative Assistant	800.25	10,357.00	13,000.00	79.67%	13,000.00
	Evangelism/Outreach	102.69	262.07	1,000.00	26.21%	1,000.00
	Fellowship/Hospitality	2,562.44	3,744.12	2,200.00	170.19%	3,000.00
	FICA Allowance	12,283.44	13,728.00	13,728.00	100.0%	15,816.06
	Health Insurance	5,100.00	5,354.30	5,354.28	100.0%	6,000.02
	Judson Dues	142.00	213.00	150.00	142.0%	200.00
	Lay Leadership Development	467.18	747.80	1,000.00	74.78%	1,000.00
	Nursery	600.00	0.00	750.00	0.0%	1,000.00
	Pastor's Salary	44,076.22	52,000.08	52,000.08	100.0%	63,558.04
	Pastoral Apprentice	2,224.53	4,075.02	6,000.00	67.92%	0.00
	Pension	12,845.28	14,340.00	14,340.00	100.0%	14,009.28
	Professional Expense	2,971.20	2,005.36	2,500.00	80.21%	2,500.00
	Pulpit Supply	713.98	1,575.00	700.00	225.0%	700.00
	Worship Materials	922.91	682.44	300.00	227.48%	300.00
Total Bo	ard of Deacons	85,812.12	109,084.19	113,022.36	96.52%	122,083.40

Board of	f Deacons Christian Ed					
	Adult Christian Education	351.96	403.52	700.00	57.65%	500.00
	Children's Sunday School	608.57	975.11	1,000.00	97.51%	1,000.00
	Vacation Bible School	1,511.18	4,000.75	2,000.00	200.04%	1,500.00
	Youth Groups	1,058.97	1,174.89	1,500.00	78.33%	500.00
Total Bo	ard of Deacons Christian Ed	3,530.68	6,554.27	5,200.00	126.04%	3,500.00
Board of	f Stewards					
	Custodian					6,000.00
	Electric, Church	2,843.26	3,924.21	3,000.00	130.81%	3,600.00
	Electric, Parsonage	1,438.48	1,653.54	1,600.00	103.35%	1,600.00
	Fuel Oil, Church	4,173.09	4,799.25	4,000.00	119.98%	4,500.00
	Fuel Oil, Parsonage	1,939.82	1,670.89	2,000.00	83.55%	2,000.00
	Grounds	2,489.10	2,129.21	3,500.00	60.84%	3,000.00
	IT Support	282.50	0.00	500.00	0.0%	500.00
	Miscellaneous	1,079.62	671.38	1,000.00	67.14%	1,000.00
	Office Supplies	4,330.61	3,756.64	3,500.00	107.33%	3,500.00
	Payroll Service		775.18			850.00
	Professional Services		775.00			1,000.00
	Property Insurance	4,615.00	5,405.00	4,700.00	115.0%	5,400.00
	Repair/Maintenance	32,823.31				0.00
	Repair/Maintenance, church	0.00	12,918.79	13,000.00	99.38%	15,000.00
	Repair/Maintenance, parsonage	0.00	3,399.09	5,000.00	67.98%	5,000.00
	Software expenses		124.99			1,000.00
	Staff FICA	734.40	2,645.91	841.50	314.43%	2,550.00
	Supplies	1,976.58	2,257.58	1,750.00	129.01%	2,000.00
	Telephone	2,373.96	2,632.86	2,400.00	109.7%	2,400.00
	Water & Sewer, Church	1,323.21	1,125.12	1,500.00	75.01%	1,500.00
	Water & Sewer, parsonage	2,090.53	1,792.34	2,100.00	85.35%	2,100.00
	Worker's Comp	951.08	900.00	1,000.00	90.0%	1,000.00

Total Board of Stewards  Music Committee	65,464.55	53,356.98	51,391.50	103.83%	65,500.00
Music Director,Organist	9,600.00	9,600.08	11,000.00	87.27%	10,200.06
Music Equipment					1,500.00
Music Expenses, choir, sheet					
music					1,000.00
<b>Professional Development</b>	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%	1,000.00
Sheet Music	17.96	480.75	500.00	96.15%	0.00
Sound Equipment	89.50	573.68	500.00	114.74%	0.00
Substitutes	275.00	455.00	700.00	65.0%	700.00
Worship Facilitator stipend					5,200.00
Total Music Committee	9,982.46	11,109.51	14,700.00	75.58%	19,600.06
Total Expense	169,189.81	186,304.95	191,313.86	97.38%	219,683.46
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Capital Improvements, church		30,824.11	35,000.00	88.07%	40,000.00
Capital Improvements, parsonage		15,532.81	15,000.00	103.55%	30,000.00

Restricted Funding Expenditures for Programs				
	Disbursements	Purpose		
BBSU(Boston Baptist Society Union)	2,000.00	Nursery Attendants		
BBSU(Boston Baptist Society Union)	7,127.23	Administrative Intern		
Youth and Family Pastor	6,831.91	Lauri Haugen		
Youth and Family Pastor	1,558.41	Youth Items		
Vacation Bible School	2,050.00	Portion of expenses		
Total	19567.55			

## **Report from the Treasurer - Restricted Funds**

	Balance	Receipts Di	sbursement	Balance
	1/1/19	& Interest	& Losses	12/31/19
MEMORIAL FUND	1,380.94	407.42		1,788.36
MARKHAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND	5,923.07	515.69	500.00	5,938.76
SENIOR OUTREACH 2016/2017 GRANT	2,588.23			2,588.23
BBSU GRANT 2018	3,489.63	10,000.00	9,127.23	4,362.40
YOUTH & FAMILY PASTOR	12,000.00	0.00	8,390.32	3,609.68

FLOWERS		0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
MUSIC		38.41			38.41
SECOND SUI SUNDAES	NDAY	807.39		51.52	755.87
VACATION I SCHOOL INCLUDING GRANT		2,050.00	3,000.00	2,348.92	2,701.08
LECTURE SE	ERIES	497.28			497.28
YOUTH PRO	GRAMS	0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
RESTRICTED principle may spent, interest Memorial interest	not be goes to	1,600.00			1,600.00
HOBBS	100.00				
GILES	200.00				
COLBY	100.00				
HARRIDEN	371.35				
OTHERS	828.65				
STEWART M FUND princip \$21,000 intere for the music p	le balance st to be used	25,475.02	2,835.77	0.00	28310.79
INVESTMEN	T FUND	671,962.81	180,260.53	57,768.79	794,454.55

## **Report from the Treasurer - Additional Information**

	2019	2018
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES	167,573.06	178,847.13
TOTAL BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS	186,304.95	169,189.81
BUDGET DEFICIT 2019,BALANCE 2018	-18,731.89	9,657.32
MONIES DISBURSED INCL CAPITAL EXPENSES	232,661.87	
NON-BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS from the INVESTMENT FUND		
INVESTMENT		
SERVICES OTHER FEEG AND	2,688.00	
OTHER FEES AND TAXES	1,080.79	
CAPITAL	,	
IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL NON-BUDGET	46,356.92	
DISBURSEMENTS	50,125.71	
DISBURSED FROM		
INVESTMENT FUND	57,768.79	
DISBURSED FROM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS	24,625.03	

<sup>\*</sup> Reflects appreciation or depreciation of holding due to price changes, transactions from Other Activity In or Out and Multi-currency transactions, plus any distribution and income earned during the year.

#### DISBURSEMENTS FROM DESIGNATED MONEY EXCLUDING STEWART MUSIC AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

20917.99

#### **CHURCH ACCOUNTS**

# MASSACHUSETTS AMERICAN BAPTIST INVESTMENT TRUST (MABIT)

IKUSI (MADII)		
Stewart Music Fund	Account # AI 0222	16,408.10
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Investment Fund	Account # Z83-280119	794,454.55
INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS		
Savings	Account # 9211760	21,329.81
Checking	Account # 101194	19,204.70
Debit-card	Account# 0880466347	2,358.47
Payroll	Account# 0880545421	2,946.56

## **Report from the Treasurer - Additional Information**

#### DEACON FUND

1/1/2019	Receipts & Interest	Disbursed	12/31/2019
971.42	1,450.00	465.00	1,956.42

#### **Funds used for:**

Gifts

Discretionary

### MISSION FUND

1/1/2019	Receipts & Interest	Disbursed	12/31/2019
1,855.00	1,932.76	1,782.75	2,005.01

#### **Funds used for:**

World Relief

Respectfully submitted by Treasurer,

Andrea G. Brown, 1/15/2020

## **Report from the Auditor**

I have audited the financial records of The First Baptist Church of Rockport as presented by the Church Treasurer and Collector for the year of 2019. This Audit was conducted for the purpose of overseeing the financial records of the First Baptist Church of Rockport and I attest that there is reasonable assurance that these records are free of material misstatement.

The process consisted of following the receipts of the weekly plate collections and gifts through their deposit and confirmation on the Bank Statements. A random selection of invoices from all twelve months were checked against their corresponding payment records on Bank Statements from the checking account. All was found to be compatible.

Respectfully submitted,
Millicent Bruce
Auditor

## **Report from the Collector**

Our church continued to grow in 2019 programmatically and in outreach to members of the community, especially younger ones. A combination of fluctuating sources of income supported this growth. Gifts come to the church in many forms: regular giving, loose offering, special offerings and gifts, grants and funds from our investments. They may come in the form of a major one-time gift (such as the foundation for our investment account), or in annual gifts. A couple of year-end major gifts made our 2018 total unusually high compared to other years.

The exceptionally robust stock market boosted invested funds including our account in 2019 to its highest level since its inception. The Safford account, our largest investment, finished the year with \$794,455 even though we expended about \$45,000 from it for the first year of our Capital Improvements program (see Stewards' Report).

While regular giving is the backbone of funding to support our church's operating expenses, individual (and family) givers and grantors often wish to support certain specific programs. We book these receipts as "Designated" funds and we track both receipts and expenditures separately. Paying oil bills and buying paper goods may not appear exciting (despite being necessary), but committing funds for youth programs and community outreach might be more appealing.

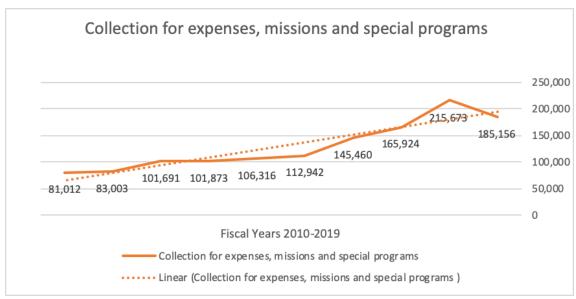
Year	Regular Giving	Designated	Total	% Increase (Decrease)
2019	\$167,573	\$17,583	\$185,156	(14.1%)
2018	\$178,897	\$37,552	\$215,673	30.2%
2017	\$152,342	\$13,212	\$165,554	13.8%
2016	\$115,586	\$29,874	\$145,460	28.7%
2015	\$92,927	\$20,060	\$112,987	6.2%

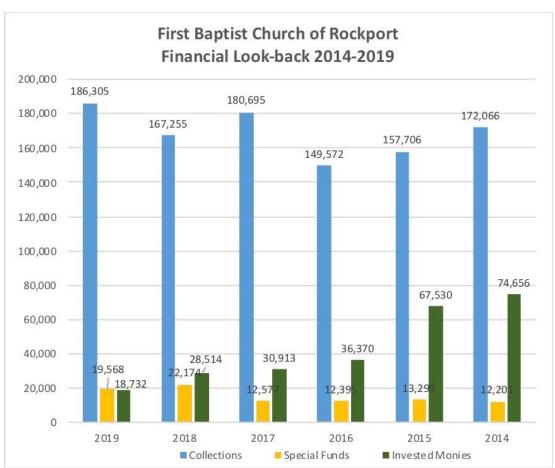
Regardless of the form or source of the gifts, all the resources that support the work of First Baptist Rockport ultimately came from God. We are grateful for His generosity and the faithfulness of His servants.

Respectfully submitted, Gail M. Zeman, Collector

Note: As in the past, the above figures do not include so-call "pass-through" funds that do not directly support the church and its missions.

#### **Data taken from Collector and Treasurer Reports**





## REPORT ON THE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

		Investment Counsel				
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROCK	PORT			I	DECEMBER	31, 2019
		PORTFOLIO SUN	MMARY			
	Total Invested	Market Amount	Value %	Annual Income	Current Yield %	Yield % At Cost
Money Markets	70,021	70,021	9	1,036	1.5	1.5
Common Stocks	274,518	724,434	91	18,303	2.5	6.7
TOTAL PORTFOLIO	344,538	794,455	100 %	19,339	2.4	5.6
		COMMON STOC	K DIVERSIFICATION			
	Total Invested	Market Amount	Value %	Annual Income	Current Yield %	Yield % At Cost
Business Services	35,794	71,999	10	1,311	1.8	3.7
Consumer Products	32,825	108,188	15	2,908	2.7	8.9
Distribution Services	50,494	111,148	15	2,404	2.2	4.8
Diversified	14,111	59,923	8	1,621	2.7	11.5
Health	38,326	108,864	15	2,473	2.3	6.5
Materials	8,452	27,024	4	534	2.0	6.3
Natural Resources	3,163	26,799	4	1,149	4.3	36.3
Retail	7,413	26,677	4	675	2.5	9.1
Technology	56,030	111,146	15	2,487	2.2	4.4
Telecom Services	9,656	23,025	3	923	4.0	9.6
Utilities	18,255	49,640	7	1,820	3.7	10.0
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	274,518	724,434	100 %	18,303	2.5	6.7

Par Value					Current	Indi	cated In	come	Total
of Bonds or No. Shares	Description	Date Purchased	Amount Invested	Mkt Price	Market Value	Rate	Yield Mkt	Yield Cost	Annual Income
MON	EY MARKETS								
67,357	Fidelity Government Cash Reserves		67,357	1	67,357	0.01	1.5	1.5	997
2,663	Fidelity US Treasury Money Market	-	2,663	1	2,663	0.01	1.5	1.5	39
			70,021		70,021			_	1,036
BUSI	NESS SERVICES								
70	Accenture PLC	05/16/17 02/15/19	9,330	211	14,740	2.92	1.4	2.2	204
130	Automatic Data Processing	07/30/91	837	171	22,165	3.64	2.1	56.5	473
40	FactSet Research	09/21/18 02/15/19	9,197	268	10,732	2.88	1.1	1.3	115
40	MSCI Inc.	02/15/19	7,001	258	10,327	2.72	1.1	1.6	109
165	Paychex	02/24/16 02/15/19	9,430	85	14,035	2.48	2.9	4.3	409
			35,794		71,999			-	1,311
CONS	SUMER PRODUCTS								
268	Coca-Cola	01/13/93 05/07/93	2,688	55	14,834	1.60	2.9	16.0	429
43	Kraft Heinz			32	1,382	1.60	5.0	0.0	69
225	Nestle SA (ADR)	04/04/08 01/02/15	13,157	108	24,346	2.32	2.1	4.0	522
100	PepsiCo	07/30/91	1,436	137	13,667	3.82	2.8	26.6	382
225	Procter & Gamble •	11/27/84	1,348	125	28,103	2.98	2.4	49.8	671
450	Unilever N.V	09/13/11 - 03/01/12	14,196	57	25,857	1.86	3.2	5.9	835
			32,825		108,188				2,908

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Par Value of Bonds or			Amount	Mkt	Current Market			Yield	Total Annua
No. Shares	Description	Date Purchased	Invested	Price	Value	Rate	Mkt	Cost	Incom
DIST	RIBUTION SERVICES								
450	Bid Corp Ltd	09/09/16 02/21/18	9,983	24	10,626	0.37	1.6	1.7	163
200	Genuine Parts	09/13/11	10,615	106	21,246	3.05	2.9	5.7	61
150	Norfolk Southern	03/09/11 02/24/16	10,224	194	29,120	3.76	1.9	5.5	56
375	Sysco Corp	05/07/09 11/18/13	10,000	86	32,077	1.80	2.1	6.8	67
100	Union Pacific Corp	07/28/15	9,672	181	18,079	3.88	2.1	4.0	38
			50,494		111,148				2,40
DIVE	RSIFIED								
100	3M Company	07/10/81	1,744	176	17,642	5.76	3.3	33.0	57
260	Emerson Electric	04/04/08 09/13/11	11,191	76	19,828	1.96	2.6	4.6	51
125	Illinois Tool Works	12/07/93	1,176	180	22,454	4.28	2.4	45.5	53
			14,111		59,923				1,62
<b>HEAI</b>	<u>.TH</u>								
313	Abbott Labs	06/07/94 02/24/16	5,510	87	27,187	1.28	1.5	7.3	40
50	AbbVie	06/07/94	370	89	4,427	4.72	5.3	63.7	23
45	Amgen	05/16/17	7,191	241	10,848	6.40	2.7	4.0	28
25	Becton Dickinson	02/21/18	5,555	272	6,799	3.16	1.2	1.4	7
100	Cochlear Ltd	08/02/12	6,840	158	15,797	2.08	1.3	3.0	20
234	Merck	07/10/81	2,486	91	21,282	2.44	2.7	23.0	57
170	Novartis AG	05/07/09 11/26/14	7,476	95	16,097	2.75	2.9	6.3	46
164	Pfizer	10/16/09	2,896	39	6,426	1.36	3.5	7.7	22
			38,326		108,864				2,47

Par Value of Bonds or No. Shares	Description	on Date Purchased	Amount Invested	Mkt Price	Current Market Value	Indi Rate	Yield Mkt	Yield Cost	Total Annual Income
MAT	<u>ERIALS</u>								
115	Air Products	01/19/06 03/01/12	8,452	235	27,024	4.64	2.0	6.3	534
			8,452		27,024				534
NAT	URAL RESOURCES								
150	Chevron Corp	07/10/81	1,973	121	18,077	4.76	3.9	36.2	714
125	Exxon Mobil	09/15/64	1,189	70	8,723	3.48	5.0	36.6	435
			3,163		26,799				1,149
RETA	<u>ML</u>								
135	McDonald's	04/04/08 05/07/09	7,413	198	26,677	5.00 2.5	9.1	675	
			7,413		26,677				675
TECH	INOLOGY								
160	Analog Devices	05/16/17 02/15/19	14,636	119	19,014	2.16	1.8	2.4	346
450	Cisco Systems	09/09/16 02/15/19	17,191	48	21,582	1.40	2.9	3.7	630
60	IBM	07/11/97 05/07/09	4,317	134	8,042	6.48	4.8	9.0	389
370	Intel	12/07/93	1,608	60	22,145	1.26	2.1	29.0	466
200	Microsoft	07/28/15 09/21/18	13,142	158	31,540	2.04	1.3	3.1	408
100	Qualcomm	11/24/09 05/02/14	5,135	88	8,823	2.48	2.8	4.8	248
			56,030		111,146				2,487
TELE	COM SERVICES								
375	Verizon	11/21/86 11/26/10	9,656	61	23,025	2.46	4.0	9.6	923
			9,656		23,025				923

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Par Value of Bonds or No. Shares	Description	Date Purchased	Amount Invested	Mkt Price	Current Market Value	Indi Rate	Cated Inc Yield Mkt	Yield Cost	Total Annual Income
UTIL	ITIES								
250	Atmos Energy	02/02/10	6,863	112	27,965	1.94	1.7	7.1	485
545	Enbridge	04/04/08 03/09/11	11,392	40	21,675	2.45	6.2	11.7	1,335
			18,255		49,640				1,820
	Total Common Stocks:		274,518	_	724,434			_	18,303
	Total Portfolio:		344,538		794,455			_	19,339

We urge you to compare your appraisal with the account statements you receive from your custodian(s).