

Hampshire Colony Clock Tower

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From our Pastor

I started my part-time interim ministry with the church on Sunday, March 15 at the morning worship service. Unfortunately, because of the corona virus, we have been unable to have our morning services as of the writing of this report. I look forward with anticipation when we will be able to have our morning worship service again.

In the meantime, I have been calling our people on the telephone and enjoying my conversations with them. I have mailed pastoral letters to individuals whom I have not been able to reach by phone. I look forward to the day when I am able to visit with our people in their homes.

As a result, I have come to the following conclusions about our congregation.

We have 28 individuals whom I feel are active in the church.

We have 5 individuals whom I feel are semi active.

We have 12 individuals who are inactive

The average age of our congregation is 77 years old.

I would like to see us begin our worship services with an average of 25 individuals in attendance. I would like to see us set a goal of 30 individuals in attendance by September 1.

I am working with Todd Sanders on our ads in the Bureau County Republican. The paper has a circulation of 3,500 copies.

I thank you for your fine support in the life and ministry of the church and look forward to effective ministry together.

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 25 Millie Ellis 100th Birthday -
Wednesday, October 7 Chicken & Biscuit Dinner – Carry Out only



From our Treasurer

Hampshire Colony Congregational Church (HCCC) ended 11 months of its fiscal year on May 31, 2020. HCCC had total Liabilities and Equity of \$105,842.50 which is \$41.28 more than June 30, 2019 (\$ 105,383.78). The cash balance was \$22,117.06 representing the four bank accounts (I.e. Making It Program, Checking, Money Market and Memorial Fund) combined. The investment balance was \$83,725 representing four accounts (Columbia, Norris Trust, JP Morgan and S.P. Clark Trust) and had no change from the previous year balance. All investment accounts are restrictive and held through Chris Keifer at Edward Jones, Princeton. The balance sheet does not represent the church and parsonage building assets or its surrounding property.

As of May 31, 2020, HCCC received \$64,677 in gross revenues along with \$2,301 from investment income for total revenues for the year of \$66,978 and experienced a total in gross expenses of \$64,439, leaving a positive net income of \$2,539 for the fiscal year/adjustment based on 11 months. In March 2020, COVID 19 hit and the church stopped its services on March 15 and did not re-open services until May 31. The Church was fortunate to have members' financial support during the temporary closing of services; and at the same time, the Church had few expenses – only utilities. The Church did not pay a pastor since Pastor Barnes left the end of March and did not have organist or cleaning fees. Pastor Johnson accepted a half-time contractual fee for both March, April and part of May. The church did not have any fund raisers nor a capital drive. Investments were done 1Q 2020 but returned late May. There were no unusual expenses and mainly repairs on the church and parsonage boiler and church roof.



Deacon Ministry

From Our Diaconate

We will be continuing with communion the first Sunday of each month. Due to the COVID-19 concerns, we will not be circulating and serving communion to each member, but will be using individual, sealed, self-serve containers with the wafer and juice therein. The containers will be available upon entering the church and will be located on the small table by the bulletins. We will continue to use this method through the end of 2020.



Hampshire Circle

When looking for articles for our new website Pat Schou came across an article written by Myrtle "Pete" Zink on the origination of the Hampshire Circle.

The first meeting of Hampshire Circle was held at the home of Madeline Bachman on January 29, 1937. Madeline and Violetta Wilson had felt for some time the need for an organization for the younger women of the church. After a covered dish dinner, the group decided to form a circle. Miss Graham was called and agreed to be the sponsor. There were 18 girls present and it was decided to have 3 girls serve as hostesses taking turns presiding over the meetings.

Original Members:

Violetta Wilson
Eleanor Murphy
Virginia Sharp
Myrtle Pierson
Eleanor Hoover
Phoebe Kullmer
Gerda Jensen
Helen Louise Hewitt
Sally Wolf

Ruth Kuhn
Madeline Bachman
Esther Harris
Drucilla Wagner
Alice Hock
Alta Tonkinson
Virginia Alpaugh
Evelyn Hudson
Phyllis Hewitt

On March 17, 1938, the Circle met at the home of Evelyn Hudson and decided to re-organize the group with two co-chairmen: Phoebe Kullmer and Alice Hock, Secretary: Gerda Jensen, Treasurer: Virginia Sharp. These officers with Miss Graham served as an advisory board and a Ways and Means Committee to serve for 3 months. The name of Hampshire Circle was chosen upon the combined suggestions of Myrtle Pierson and Madeline Bachman. Membership was not to exceed 28 members.