

# **2014 Annual Report**

**First Baptist Church of Mansfield**

**Annual Meeting - January 25, 2015**



**Ugandan Kids Choir – A Ministry of Childcare Worldwide  
December 21, 2014**

**For WE** *are God's  
servants,*  
working together  
**you** *are God's  
field,*  
God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9

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# AGENDA

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## **First Baptist Church of Mansfield Annual Meeting January 25, 2015**

**Convene Business meeting 12:45**

**Open with prayer – Pastor Ron**

**Announcements**

**REPORTS:**

- Pastor
- Clerk
- Financial Secretary, Report on Pledges, Special Fund Balances, Treasurer, Financial Officer for Missions
- Executive, Deacons, Christian Education, Trustees

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Nominating Committee
- Music Committee
- Financial Examining
- Ushering Committee
- Communications Committee
- Flower Committee
- Missions Committee
- Memorial Gifts Committee
- Pastoral Relations Committee
- Stewardship Committee
- Church Heritage Committee
- Social Committee
- Safe Church Committee

**OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:**

- ABCCONN Delegates
- Northeast Association Delegates
- Windham Area Interfaith Ministry
- Computer and Projector Committee
- Youth Group Report
- Youth Mission Group Report
- Youth Choir Report
- Emma Gardiner Missionary Society
- Ladies Aid Society
- ABCCONN History Committee
- Covenant Soup Kitchen
- Pierce Memorial Baptist Home and Creamery Brook

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion from the Nominating Committee
- Presentation of the 2015 Proposed Budget
- Motion from the Board of Trustees to amend the proposed budget to include a Sabbatical Leave line item to be funded by the income from Lord Abbott Sabbatical Leave Fund.

## **READING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

## PASTOR'S REPORT

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As I write this I can turn my head, look off to the left and see the photo that was taken at my (our) 15th anniversary celebration back in September. It is a great photo, with everyone dressed in orange and orange balloons floating in the back. And in the front there is a big yellow sign that says "We ♥ you Pastor Ron. What a wonderful gift you all gave me this past year. Thank you, thank you and thank you again. I also want to say "I ♥ you, I love you...back.

It has been quite a memorable year for us in other ways as well. I think we have done very well at building bridges together. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to have Margaret Kahn join us in October and share her experiences as a survivor of the holocaust. I think that in order for us to be able to share our faith and faith journeys, it is an important step to be able to listen to others and their stories. As we share stories with one another, our faith and our bonds are not weakened but strengthened.

It was also a good experience to have our Muslim friends join us after church in November to share Noah's pudding once again. In most news stories that we hear there is great division between Christians and Muslims but on that one afternoon in the fellowship hall of FBCM, there was a ray of light when we were able to share what we had in common. Part of what we share is found in the Old Testament stories, and another part was just friendship.

The most recent adventure of our building bridges was the Kids Choir from Uganda. I am so proud of how this church worked so hard together to host these kids. It was a blessing for all involved. Thank you to everyone who participated in so many different ways. Some opened your homes, others purchased food, others donated money which was used in different ways, one of which was to take the kids to the puppet museum at UCONN. I learned afterward that these choir kids had never experienced puppets before. For a few days I had been telling them that we were going to take them to visit a puppet museum, but I didn't realize they had no idea what that was. They did not even know what the word puppet meant. Thanks to donations we were also able to send them off with little Christmas gift bags for each child (pens and notebooks, a hot wheel car for the boys and nail polish for the girls, a ball, a Bible word search book and a tiny stuffed animal). Also thank you to all who helped prepare the meals and clean up afterwards.

I also see the baptisms that we celebrated this past year as building bridges. They were bridges to God and bridges to our community of faith. We baptized 8 people in 2014! That is also another testimony to the working of God's spirit among us! An exciting one at that!

Looking ahead to 2015 I see some other bridges for us to cross. Two of the activities will take us bridge crossing outside of our church. I plan on setting up a joint activity with Temple B'nai Israel in Willimantic. I want us to attend a service there on either a Friday evening or Saturday morning. I have already been talking to Rabi Jeremy Schwartz about this idea and he is also interested. The other thing I want us to do is to join with the Central Baptist Church of Hartford and bring the youth and children of the Karen church (from Myanmar) that meets in their building to Mansfield for a day in the country. I have been working with Pastor John Endler to put this together. Our deacon board is willing to work towards making this happen.

I am also looking forward to our executive committee continuing our work of evaluating how our boards and committees are functioning and seeing if there might be a better way of structuring this aspect of our common ministry.

In the midst of Paul's teaching on spiritual gifts in I Corinthians 13 is verse 12 " Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in the gifts that build up the church.". And to the Thessalonians in I Thessalonians 5 : 11 he reminds them to "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." My church family has been a great encouragement to me. I look forward to what our God has in store for 2015.

Pastor Ron

## CLERK'S REPORT

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### **Minutes taken (appendix 1 of Annual Report):**

#### **Year in Review 2014 Submitted at Annual meeting January 25, 2015**

Minutes were taken at each of the Regular and Special business meetings this past year which were held on:

January 26, 2014 (Annual Meeting),  
April 6, 2014 (Special Business meeting for Membership)  
April 27, 2014 (Regular Spring Meeting)  
October 26, 2014 (Special Business meeting for Membership)  
October 26, 2014 (Regular Fall Meeting)  
December 7, 2014 (Special Business meeting for Membership)

Special business meeting was held on

On April 6, 2014 a special business meeting was called to hear a motion from the board of Deacons to present Virginia Conland-Murdoch for membership by profession of faith.

On October 26, 2014 a special business meeting was called to hear a motion from the board of Deacons to welcome Germaine Mama, Rahem Mama, Raman Mama as members. Motion was seconded and passed.

On December 7, 2014 a special business meeting was called to hear a motion from the board of Deacons to welcome William Rood as a member. Motion was seconded and passed.

#### New Members

- Virginia Conland-Murdoch
- Germaine Mama, Rahim Mama, Raman Mama by Baptism
- William Rood by Baptism

#### Departing members

Loss of Curtis Hoffman on April 8, 2014

Respectfully Submitted

Dana Yanaway  
Clerk

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

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Betsy Albright	Mary Dean	David Kloss	William Rood
Jean Alcorn	Karleen Donato	Keith Knauerhase	Hazel Rubins
Charles Anderson	Ruth Downing	Todd Knauerhase	Lee Salina
Ed Austin	Joy Erickson	Leslie Kurz	Elizabeth Sawyer
Faith Austin	Robert Erickson	Allyson Austin	Caitlyn Setterberg
Laura Austin	Thomas Erickson	Lalumiere	Kim Setterberg
Warren Austin	Angela Espitia	Bill Lannon	Nils Setterberg
Morgan Baker	Edna Farmer	Karen Lannon	Mary Ann Sheehan
Olivia Baker	Angel Figueroa	Ethel Larkin	Ginny Shepardson
Ronald Baker	Samantha Figueroa	Mildred Larkins	Rachel Sherman
Tricia Baker	Susan Figueroa	James Larson	Richard Sherman
Marguerite Barlow	Patric Fihaley	Mee Lee	Ruth Shively
Jan Barry	Sheri Fihaley	Seung Hyun Lee	Thomas Shively
Kendall Barry	Sara Flower	Meredith Lindsey	Linda Smith
Lena Barry	Erin Flynn	Eric Lowe	Richard Smith
Douglas Basset	Nancy Flynn	Germaine	Alice Spencer
Robert Bauer	Ethan Fulton	Rahim	Prescott Spencer
Susan Bauer	Evan Fulton	Raman	Wunderley Stauder
Chris Beaulieu	Stacey Fulton	Martha McCoy	Arthur Stearns
Kristin Beaulieu	Mark Gagne	Meradith McMunn	Kate Stearns
Norma Betchter	Michelle Gagne	Arthur Moore	David Stevens
Carol Bigl	Kristin Gardiner	Barbara Moore	Sandy Zerio Stevens
Judy Bigl	Elizabeth Geissler	Susan Mostowy	Laurie String
Wil Bigl	Kristin Geissler	Virginia Conland-	Cynthia Teed
Amanda Blackburn	Lawrence Geissler Jr.	Murdoch	Eleanor Trainer
Bethany Blackburn	Patty Geissler	Frances Nichols	Cliff Ward
Gail Blackburn	Margery Gerard	Matthew O'Rourke	Jeff Ward
Justin Blackburn	Dottie Rose Gilliam	Jean Ostrander	Lisa Ward
Jennifer Bradshaw	Randy Gilliam	Florence Palmer	Robert Warfield
Peter Bradshaw	Wendy Edwards	Walter Palmer	Karen Watson
Klayton Brewer	Green	Rebecca Austin	Frank Wells
Kristin Brewer	Beverly Hamel	Parton	Colin Whitehead
Shirley Brookes	Charlotte Hebert	Amanda Keane	Emily Whitehead
Bonnie Buscaglia	Elsie Herrick	Pawelski	Kyle Whitehead
Peter Cheng	Ernest Herrick	Karen Peters	Kyra Whitehead
Wendy Cheng	Bill Hocking	Allison Erickson	Laurie Whitehead
Mary Jo Chisler	Elizabeth Hocking	Pettengill	Doug Whittemore
Judy Conland	Karen Hocking	Bill Riesen	Robin Whittemore
Shirley Corcoran	Matthew Hocking	Grace Riesen	Charles Woody
Bertha Cowles	Sarah Hocking	John Riesen	Dana Yanaway
Ellen Crandall	Jon Jay	Billie Jean Robarge	Terry Yanaway
Kenyon Davis	Denise Keane	Tom Robarge	Wanli Zhang
Martha Davis	Mark Kelsey	Ginger Rogalski	Zemei Zhang
Michael Davis	Martha Kinsman	Sandy Ronan	

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - 2014

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Listing by fund to be credited

<u>Fund</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Mission</u>
General - Env.	\$ 97,342.00	Larkin Maint. Fund,-Int.*	\$ 685.28	
Plate	\$ 2,940.95	Beebe Maint. Fund,-Int.*	\$ 5,172.97	
General	\$ 4,200.00	CEEA (Campership)-Gift*	\$ 2,200.00	
Env.	\$ 75.00	Musical Instrument*	\$ 660.00	
Northeast Utilities	\$ 42.64	Sunday School - G*	\$ 247.45	
Southern	\$ 83.30	Youth Mission Trip*	\$ 980.60	
Lord Abbett	\$ 760.81	Supper - Mission. Trip*	\$ 1,055.25	
National Christian Found.	\$ 300.00	Youth Group - Cans*	\$ 25.55	
American Funds - Wash.MIF	\$ 261.26	Youth Group - Car Wash*	\$ 20.00	
American Funds - Growth F	\$ 275.35	Sabbatical Fund	\$ 459.72	
American Funds - Capital	\$ 1,001.17	Sanctuary Maintenance*	\$ 3,653.36	
American Funds - Combined	\$ 3,099.77	Youth Group*	\$ 90.00	
Memorial Gifts Fund*	\$ 30.00	Easter Flowers*	\$ 384.00	
Memorial Investments*	\$ 5.00	Refund - General Account	\$ 321.07	
Memorial Distribution	\$ -25.00	Correction - General	\$ -73.00	
Memorial - General	\$ 50.00	Mission - Env.		\$ 12,737.00
Mem - Harriet Hall	\$ 180.91	AFC*		\$ 615.41
Mem - Eckley Storrs	\$ 68.31	One Great Hour*		\$ 287.83
Mem - Marion Storrs	\$ 68.31	World Mission*		\$ 490.00
Building Use	\$ 700.00	Love Gift - E. Gardiner*		\$ 153.80
Photocopies	\$ 9.25	Love Gift - Plate*		\$ 76.50
WAIM Tag Sale*	\$ 100.00	Sunday School - M*		\$ 65.40
Larkin Maint. Fund,-Gift*	\$ 140.00	Mercy & Rick Barnes Fund*		\$ 550.00
		Correction - Mission		\$ 73.00

\*= Designated fund

	<u>General</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Undesignated	\$ 112,141.82	\$ 12,810.00	\$ 124,951.82
Total Designated	\$ 15,349.46	\$ 2,338.94	\$ 17,688.40
Total Income	\$ 127,491.28	\$ 15,148.94	\$ 142,640.22

Respectfully submitted,  
John Riesen

## REPORT ON PLEDGES FOR 2015

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### Pledges as of January 14, 2015

Year	2015	2014	2013
Number Pledges	26	32	22
General	\$65,152.00	\$77,376.00	\$73,635.96
Mission	\$6,516.00	\$12,634.00	\$7964.00
CEEA (Campership)-Gift	\$1,500.00	\$1,460.00	\$800.040
Sanctuary Maintenance	\$2,012.00	\$2,012.00	\$2,048.00
Music Instrument	\$672.00	\$660.00	\$648.00
<b>Total Pledges for General Fund</b>	<b>\$69,336.00</b>	<b>\$81,508.00</b>	<b>\$77,132.00</b>
<b>Total Pledges for Mission Fund</b>	<b>\$6,516.00</b>	<b>\$12,634.00</b>	<b>\$7964.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PLEDGES</b>	<b>\$75,852.00</b>	<b>\$94,142.00</b>	<b>\$85,096.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
John Riesen

## SPECIAL FUND BALANCES

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### Report on funds able to carry over a balance As of January 1, 2015

Fund	Starting Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Memorial Gifts Fund*	\$853.00	\$30.00	0	\$883.00
Musical Instruments Fund	\$11,019.00	\$660.00	0	\$11,679.00
Sanctuary Maintenance Fund	\$7,234.00	\$3,653.36	0	\$10,887.36
Sabbatical Leave Fund	\$100.00	\$459.72	0	\$100.00
Sound System Fund	\$1,535.90	\$0.00	0	\$1,535.90
Sunday School Offering	\$1,517.93	\$247.45	0	\$1,765.38
Youth Mission Trip Fund	\$395.23	\$2,081.40	\$1,350.00	\$1,126.63
BYF	\$475.00	\$90.00	0	\$565.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,130.06</b>	<b>\$7,221.93</b>	<b>1,350.00</b>	<b>\$28,542.27</b>

\*Does not include money donated to specific memorial funds.

Meradith McMunn, Treasurer  
John Riesen, Financial Secretary

# TREASURER'S 2014 REPORT AND PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET

## First Baptist Church of Mansfield Annual Meeting 2015 Treasurer's Report and Proposed 2015 Program

25 January 2015

	Expenses in 2014	Expenses as % of Program	Approved 2014 Program of Ministry	Proposed 2015 Program of Ministry
Beginning checkbook balance 1 Jan 2014	69,874.71			
Ending checkbook balance	75,655.05			
Combined General & Missions Programs			174,447.00	165,903.00
General Account Expenses	115,940.47	78.7%	147,397.00	145,328.00
A. Pastoral Ministry	77,447.32	85.0%	91,152.00	87,408.00
Pastor's Salary, Housing, & Benefits	74,701.61	85.7%	87,202.00	83,458.00
1. Salary and Housing	53,499.96	100.0%	53,500.00	54,500.00
2. Health Insurance Premiums & Reimbursements	7,521.25	37.6%	20,000.00	15,000.00
3. Retirement (Ministers & Missionaries Benefit Board)	9,269.16	100.0%	9,270.00	9,443.00
4. Social Security Offset	4,411.24	99.5%	4,432.00	4,515.00
Reimbursed Expenses	2,745.71	69.5%	3,950.00	3,950.00
5. Automobile	2,140.40	71.3%	3,000.00	3,000.00
6. Conference	0.00	0.0%	50.00	50.00
7. Continuing Education	456.09	91.2%	500.00	500.00
8. Hospitality	149.22	49.7%	300.00	300.00
9. Professional Memberships	0.00	0.0%	100.00	100.00
B. Church Home	28,199.77	83.7%	33,700.00	35,425.00
1. Church Transportation Service	0.00	0.0%	100.00	100.00
2. Electricity	4,051.61	81.0%	5,000.00	5,500.00
3. Heating Fuel	5,380.17	107.6%	5,000.00	5,500.00
4. Insurance	5,904.06	98.4%	6,000.00	6,500.00
5. Janitor & Supplies	6,639.45	88.5%	7,500.00	7,500.00
6. Maintenance	1,306.51	32.7%	4,000.00	4,000.00
7. Mowing	1,250.00	83.3%	1,500.00	1,500.00
8. Phone & Internet	1,169.97	106.4%	1,100.00	1,300.00
9. Plow Snow	2,069.00	69.0%	3,000.00	3,000.00
10. Trash Removal	429.00	85.8%	500.00	525.00
C. Deacons	620.34	64.0%	970.00	1,100.00
1. Deacons' Supplies	142.84	95.2%	150.00	300.00
2. Pulpit Supply	450.00	60.0%	750.00	750.00
3. Secret Place Devotionals	27.50	39.3%	70.00	50.00
D. Music	5,476.52	80.5%	6,800.00	7,120.00
1. Choir Director	5,166.89	93.9%	5,500.00	5,500.00
2. Church Copyright License Service (CCLI)	—	—	—	170.00
3. Handbells & Instrumental Ensemble	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00
4. Music	0.00	0.0%	200.00	300.00
5. Organist/Pianist Supply	100.00	25.0%	400.00	400.00
6. Piano & Organ Maintenance	90.00	22.5%	400.00	400.00
7. Youth Choir	119.63	39.9%	300.00	350.00

## TREASURER'S 2014 REPORT AND PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET CON'T

E. Christian Education	603.83	12.0%	5,050.00	5,050.00
1. BYF	0.00	0.0%	100.00	100.00
2. Camperships	0.00	0.0%	1,500.00	2,000.00
3. Christian Ed. and Youth Group Supplies & Resources	31.93	8.0%	400.00	400.00
4. Curriculum	99.59	14.2%	700.00	500.00
5. Church Family Events (picnic)	0.00	0.0%	100.00	100.00
6. Leadership Training	0.00	0.0%	50.00	50.00
7. Nursery Attendants	472.31	23.6%	2,000.00	1,700.00
8. Vacation Bible School	0.00	0.0%	200.00	200.00
F. Committees	119.92	17.8%	675.00	675.00
1. Church Heritage	0.00	0.0%	50.00	50.00
2. Communications	0.00	0.0%	175.00	175.00
3. Flowers	36.00	24.0%	150.00	150.00
4. Social	83.92	42.0%	200.00	200.00
5. Stewardship	0.00	0.0%	100.00	100.00
G. Church Office	3,080.77	36.2%	8,500.00	8,000.00
1. Church Secretary	808.97	16.2%	5,000.00	4,500.00
2. Office Equipment	1,472.59	73.6%	2,000.00	2,000.00
3. Office Supplies, Postage & Printing	799.21	53.3%	1,500.00	1,500.00
H. General Services	392.00	71.3%	550.00	550.00
1. Accountant Fees	292.00	73.0%	400.00	400.00
2. Advertising, Newspaper Directory	0.00	0.0%	0.00	—
3. Area Association of Religious Communities (ARC)	0.00	0.0%	0.00	—
4. Convention Expenses	0.00	0.0%	50.00	50.00
5. Northeast Association Dues	100.00	100.0%	100.00	100.00
I. In/Out (not included in total expenses)	4,505.00	n/a	n/a	n/a
1. Easter Flowers (paid with designated contributions)	305.00	n/a	n/a	n/a
2. Camperships (paid from CEEA Fund)	2,850.00	n/a	n/a	n/a
3. Youth Mission Trip (paid with designated contributions)	1,350.00	n/a	n/a	n/a

Respectfully submitted,  
Meradith T. McMunn, Treasurer

## TREASURER'S 2014 REPORT AND PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET CON'T

	See separate Missions Expenses Report	Approved 2014 Missions Program	Proposed 2015 Missions Program
Missions Program Total		27,050.00	20,575.00
<i>American Baptist Missions</i>			
1. ABC United Missions		10,000.00	8,000.00
2. Camp Wightman		1,200.00	1,200.00
3. Emma Gardiner Missionary Society		150.00	175.00
4. Pierce Baptist Home		850.00	850.00
5. Youth Mission Trip		6,500.00	2,000.00
<i>Other Mission Items</i>			
6. Covenant Soup Kitchen		250.00	250.00
7. Heifer Project International		100.00	100.00
8. Holy Family Home & Shelter		250.00	250.00
9. Manna Ministries Suppers		—	—
10. Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM)		1,750.00	1,750.00
<i>Special Offering Goals</i>			
11. America for Christ		1,500.00	1,500.00
12. Love Gift		n/a	n/a
13. One Great Hour of Sharing		1,500.00	1,500.00
14. Retired Ministers & Missionaries		1,500.00	1,500.00
15. World Mission		1,500.00	1,500.00

## FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR MISSIONS

### Mission Contributions and Expense Report

	2014 Contributions	2014 Budget	2014 Expenses
General Mission	\$ 12,737.00	\$ -	\$ -
United Mission	-	10,000.00	8,753.95
Love Gift	230.30	-	230.30
Retired Ministers and Missionaries		1,500.00	
World Mission Offering	490.00	1,500.00	490.00
Camp Wightman	-	1,200.00	1,050.47
Pierce Baptist Home	-	850.00	744.09
America For Christ	615.41	1,500.00	615.41
One Great Hour of Sharing	287.83	1,500.00	287.83
Windham Area Interfaith Ministry	100.00	1,750.00	1,631.94
Heifer Project	-	100.00	87.54
Youth Mission Trip	(A)	6,500.00	(A)
Holy Family Home and Shelter	-	250.00	218.85
Covenant Soup Kitchen	-	250.00	218.85
Emma Gardiner Missionary Society	-	150.00	131.31
Sunday School	65.40	-	95.40 (B)
Mercy & Rick Barnes Fund	550.00	-	550.00
Correction per Financial Secretary	40.00	-	-
	\$ 15,115.94	\$ 27,050.00	15,105.94

A - Youth Mission Trip was paid from fund raising.

B – Includes \$30 collected last year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Karen L. Watson  
 Financial Officer for Missions

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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The members of the Executive Board for 2014 were Ron Baker (Pastor), Jennifer Bradshaw (Deacons), Peter Bradshaw (Christian Education), Nancy Flynn (Trustees) and Terry Yanaway (Moderator). The Board met several times during the year to report on the work of the individual boards and to collaborate across boards. The Board has begun to review examples of different church board and committee structures in an effort to thoughtfully consider changes to our current structure. We will continue to gather information from other churches and ABCONN and will share our progress with the nominating committee and congregation. Please feel free to bring questions, concerns or suggestions to any member of the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Yanaway

## BOARD OF DEACONS

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The Board of Deacons for 2014 were comprised of: Tricia Baker, Bob Erickson (Secretary) Patty Geissler (Treasurer), Bill Hocking, Susan Figueroa, Judy Conland, Pastor Ron Baker (ex-officio) and Jennifer Bradshaw (Chairperson). Bob Erickson will be leaving the Board after fulfilling their terms. We thank him for his hard work and dedication!

The Board has met monthly over the past year. We continue to coordinate communion on the first Sunday of each month. The Board has also had the opportunity to assist in every part of the Sunday service as may be required from time to time. Pulpit supply during the pastor's absence was provided by Rev. Judy Albee, Jason Apicella, Rev. Patrick Seymour, and David and Sandy Stevens. The Youth also conducted the Service on Sunday as well as the Youth Mission trip group presented their experiences during Service. Thank you to those that provided the message and also to the Deacons for coordinating and filling in where needed.

Home communion visits have continued with the pastor serving communion with help from the Deacons, as needed.

Patty Geissler continues to coordinate our fellowship hour on communion Sunday. With assistance from the Deacons, Patty has done an excellent job – thank you Patty!

Lena Barry has continued to serve as our “Card Service” coordinator, also now know as Lena's Card Service. Each month she sends out cards to people within our congregation that we have designated, be it an important event in their lives has taken place (i.e wedding, birth, new job) or just because we want someone to know we are thinking of them. Thank you Lena for your caring soul to be able to provide such a service to God's love.

We were very fortunate to have taken part in several baptisms this year. In June the Baptisms of William Rood, Maggie Watson, Emily Bigl and Henry Bigl took place on a beautiful Sunday during our annual Church Family Picnic at the JN Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford. Family and Friends were on hand to witness this wonderful event. In August, the Baptisms of Germaine Mama, Rahim Mama, Raman and Bibi Mama took place at the Austin's pool. We thank the Austins for the use of their pool as well as their yard for a wonderful celebration afterwards. Congratulations everyone for making this step on your journey with God.

In April we offered the Right Hand of Fellowship to Virginia Conland-Murdoch. In November we offered the Right Hand of Fellowship to Germaine Mama, Rahim Mama and Raman Mama. In December we again offered the Right Hand of Fellowship to William Rood. We welcomed them all as members of our Church – Welcome Ginny, Germaine, Rahim, Raman and William!

This year the fellowship offering has been used to buy grocery/gas cards; support of the WAIM fuel fund; support the WAIM For Kids Only gifts. We also took up a special offering to assist David and Sandy Stevens with the purchase of water filtration devices for their mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The Deacons also sponsored a “Daffodil Days” fundraiser in which a donation was made to the American Cancer Society in honor of those church members, family and friends that we have lost or are battling cancer. It is the support of our generous

congregation that we are able to provide services to support those in our community. Thank you for your continued support!

This year found several Deacon sponsored events. In the Spring, the Deacons held a pot luck fellowship luncheon and invited the new Mansfield Social Services Director, Pat Schneider to meet with our church. This event allowed us to learn about the many services that the town of Mansfield offers to the community and ideas on how we can get involved. We also joined with the Board of Christian Education to host the church family picnic in June which was held at the JN Webster Scout Reservation. This Fall we started a new initiative along with the Pastor of building bridges. In October, Margaret Kahn, a Holocaust survivor shared her story of escaping Nazi Germany on the Kindertransport. In November, we welcomed the Turkish Cultural Club as they shared their tradition of Noah's Pudding with us. December brought the Uganda Children's choir to our church. What wonderful experiences we have had so far! We will be continuing this theme of building bridges into the New Year.

December showcased our annual Advent season with beautiful song, familiar hymns and bible passages. Each Sunday a different Sunday School class was involved in the lighting of the advent wreath. It was capped off with the lighting of the Christ candle on Christmas Eve with a beautiful hymn sung by Olivia Baker during our candle light service.

As we head into 2015, we are looking forward to welcoming new members, coordinating special events and continue to build bridges to the community. A few things are in the works for the Spring. We are considering hosting a Kren family from Hartford for an "afternoon in the country" as well as coordinating a visit to the Synagogue in Willimantic. Details will be forthcoming.

With open hearts and open minds we continue to serve God and our church!

Respectively Submitted,  
Jennifer L. Bradshaw  
Chairperson

## BOARD OF DEACONS TREASURER'S REPORT

### Deacon's Fellowship Fund

January 2014 - December 2014

**Balance**      **Withdrawal**      **Deposit**  
**\$ 419.04**

January			\$206.00	Fellowship Offering
January	<b>\$ 525.04</b>	\$100.00		Pastor's Discretionary
February	<b>\$ 836.19</b>		\$311.15	Fellowship Offering
March		\$200.00		WAIM Fuel Fund-Olivia Baker
March		\$175.00		Woodland Gardens-Daffodils
March			\$176.00	Fellowship Offering
March		\$100.00		Pastor's Discretionary
March	<b>\$ 977.19</b>		\$440.00	Daffodil Donations
April			\$595.00	Fellowship Offering for Dominican Mission
April		\$595.00		Sandra Stevens-Dominican Mission
April		\$100.00		Pastor's Discretionary
April	<b>\$ 577.19</b>	\$300.00		American Cancer Society Donation
May	<b>\$ 749.19</b>		\$172.00	Fellowship Offering
June			\$195.00	Fellowship Offering
June	<b>\$ 844.19</b>	\$100.00		Pastor's Discretionary
July		\$100.00		Pastor's Discretionary
July		\$100.00		Pastor's Discretionary
July	<b>\$ 815.19</b>		\$171.00	Fellowship Offering
August		\$200.00		Pastor's Discretionary for family in need
August	<b>\$ 739.19</b>		\$124.00	Fellowship Offering
September	<b>\$ 996.19</b>		\$257.00	Fellowship Offering
October	<b>\$ 1,170.19</b>		\$174.00	Fellowship Offering
November			\$223.00	Fellowship Offering for WAIM Fuel Fund
November	<b>\$ 1,168.19</b>	\$225.00		Donation - WAIM Fuel Fund
December		\$150.00		WAIM-For Kids Only gifts
December	<b>\$ 1,201.06</b>		\$182.87	Fellowship Offering
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$2,445.00</b>	<b>\$3,227.02</b>	

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Geissler  
Deacon's Fund Treasurer

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Members of the Board Of Christian Ed for 2014 were: Pete Bradshaw (serving as chair), John Reisen (secretary), Joy Erickson, Laura Austin, and Olivia Baker. Ron Baker served ex officio in his role as pastor.

As part of our Christian Education ministry to our congregation, we focused this year on a theme of "Building Bridges." Jesus tells us to love our neighbor, so whenever the opportunity arose that we could work on something that witnessed that ministry, we endeavored to expose the congregation to it. Helped where we could in the Pastor's projects with the Ugandan Children's Choir and the celebration of Ashura with the Muslims from the Turkish center.

We gave small tokens to celebrate mothers on Mothers' Day and fathers on Fathers' Day.

For graduations...3rd Grade Bibles went to Bruce Bradshaw and Brady Anderson. Our 8th Graders were Henry Bigl, Will Rood, Sarah Hines, Josh Charon, and Cheyenne Nichols. Our college grads were Kristin Geissler, Sarah Hocking, Clare Flynn, Laura Flynn.

We had the family picnic at JN Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, CT.

As part of the theme "Building Bridges," we worked with First United Methodist Church of Mansfield church on putting our VBS. We ran a lively program featuring a Builder Ant "Rivet" and Professor Wow!

Six camperships were awarded to campers who attended Camp Wightman.

Rally day started Sunday School for the 2014-2015 school year. Lunch was provided after the service and it again featured the popular "chili cookoff" theme. Sunday School this year features a program for our youngest parishioners lead by Laura Austin and Joy Erickson, a young people's discussion lead by Bob Erickson, a youth program lead by Pastor Ron Baker, and two adult classes: a bible study with Pete Bradshaw and a book club with Tricia Baker.

Advent event was highlighted by Origami folding, cookie decorating, Advent calendar making, snowflake cutting, and setting up the tree and other decorations in the church sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter A. Bradshaw

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The members and officers of the Board of Trustees for 2014 where: Chairman – Nancy Flynn, Secretary – Karen Hocking, Stewardship rep. – Dana Yanaway, Safety Committee rep. – Nancy Flynn, Prescott Spencer, Bob Bauer and Ex-Officio members: Church Treasurer - Meradith McMunn, Church Sexton – Nils Setterberg and Pastor – Ron Baker.

The Trustees have had an eventful and productive year. In January we had several antique items appraised:

- Victorian settee-\$950
- Mantle Clock-\$165
- Walnut Bookcase-\$1,250
- 2-Upholstered Chairs-\$90 each
- 28-cane seat chairs-\$35 each

In March the Town of Mansfield inspected the fire alarm system for the church, thanks to the diligent work by John Riesen and Wil Bigl who troubleshot and repaired our basic alarm system the church passed inspection.

The Spring and Fall Workdays were very productive this year, along with general cleaning damaged cedar trees were removed and replaced with Alberta Spruce trees along the parking lot and a Cherry Dogwood was planted on the southeast corner of the church property. Some much needed painting was done on the front of the shed, the floodlight boxes and the buttresses on the outside of the church. Weather stripping was completed on the glass doors into the Christian Ed building. Over the summer the church bell was checked and annual maintenance was done. The bell is in good shape. The two septic tanks were pumped in late August and a riser was installed over the opening of the north septic tank, there is a No Parking Sign posted in that area.

A parking lot policy was developed for those who use our parking lot on a regular basis but do not attend church. The Facility Reservation Form and Building Use Fees were reviewed and updated this year. Both forms are available on the church web site. The Trustees have contracted with Landek Landscaping to do snow removal this year.

At the recommendation of the Safety Committee the Trustees have removed the damaged plastic playscapes and chain link fencing in the side yard. The chain link fencing is partially down and will be completely removed when weather allows.

The Trustees formed a Sanctuary Lighting sub-committee to look into enhancing the lighting in the sanctuary. We have met with TVL Painters to discuss painting the Sanctuary in early 2016. TVL Painters recommends that we complete all electrical work prior to painting. We are actively pursuing having the chandeliers rewired and additional lighting for the choir loft and the front of the sanctuary.

The Department of Public Health performed a Sanitary Survey of the drinking water at the church in September, this survey is done every 5 years by the State of Connecticut. No significant deficiencies were identified however, two regulatory violations were found, a water sample tap and a water meter must be installed and we will be required to take weekly meter

readings. We are currently working with Banner Water in Tolland Connecticut to address the regulatory violations.

In October the Trustees hired Carol Scott for the position of Church Secretary. Carol has been working closely Ron and has taken over responsibility for the weekly church bulletin. Carol is in the office on Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:00 to noon. If you have items for the bulletin please have them to the church office by 9:00 am Friday mornings. Carol is a hard worker and is a very pleasant person to work with, please remember that she is new to the church and new to our ways, she is doing her best to learn our names and the roles we have in the church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Flynn, chair

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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All Boards and Committees are encouraged to meet as soon as possible after the slate is approved at the January business meeting. Each committee is expected to elect a chairperson at their first meeting and record the person's name on the list posted on the bulletin board in the conference room.

We thank everyone for agreeing to serve in 2015 and wish you a very good and productive year.

Your Nominating Committee,  
Susan Figueroa, Nancy Flynn and Terry Yanaway

# NOMINATING SLATE 2015

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## Boards and Committees 2015

### Officers (1 year terms)

Moderator – Terry Yanaway  
Clerk – Dana Yanaway  
Treasurer – Meradith McMunn  
Assistant Treasurer – Nancy Flynn  
Financial Secretary – John Riesen  
Assistant Financial Secretary – Dana Yanaway  
Financial Officers for Missions – Karen Watson

### Board of Christian Education (3 year terms)

Laura Austin (2015)  
Vacant (2015)  
Pete Bradshaw (2016)\*  
John Riesen (2016)  
Olivia Baker (2017)\*  
Joy Erickson (2017)\*  
Vacant (2017)

### Board of Deacons (3 year terms)

Tricia Baker (2015)  
Judy Conland (2015)  
Patty Geissler (2015)  
Susan Figueroa (2016)  
Bill Hocking (2016)\*  
Jen Bradshaw (2017)\*  
Vacant (2017)  
Sandy Stevens (2017)

### Board of Trustees (3 year terms)

Will Bigl (2015)  
Nancy Flynn (2015)\*  
Bob Bauer (2016)  
Karen Hocking (2016)\*  
Matthew Hocking (2017)  
Dana Yanaway (2017)\*

\*Denotes second full term

**Nominating Committee** (3 year terms) Nancy Flynn (2015), Terry Yanaway (2016), John Riesen (2017)

### Committees and Delegates (1 year terms)

**Music Committee:** Grace Riesen, Pete Bradshaw, Tricia Baker, Melissa Rood

**Financial Examining Committee:** David Stevens, Denise Keane

**Ushering Committee:** Ed Austin, Phil Anderson, Jason Charron, Guy Myette, Bill Hocking, Bob Erickson

**Communications Committee:** Carol Bigl, Nancy Flynn

**Flower Committee:** Charlotte Hebert, Lena Barry, Sue Bauer, Sue Charron

**Missions Committee:** Laura Austin, Karen Watson

**Emma Gardiner Representative:** Grace Riesen

**Memorial Gifts Committee:** Charlotte Hebert, Karen Watson, Judy Bigl

**Pastoral Relations Committee:**

**Stewardship Committee:** Joy Erickson, Karen Watson, (and one representative from each Board)

**Church Heritage Committee:** Bill McMunn, Meradith McMunn

**Social Committee:** Sandy Stevens, Karen Hocking, Jill Stedman-Myette, Alice Spencer, Sue Charron, Ellie Trainor

**Safe Church:** Tricia Baker, Sue Charron, Charlotte Hevert

**Delegates to ABCCONN:** Laura Austin

**Delegates to NE Association:** Meradith McMunn, Bill McMunn

**Delegates to WAIM:** Ron Baker, Nancy Flynn

## MUSIC COMMITTEE

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The Music Committee is proud to have choir directors who bring musical gifts that transform our worship and our faith community. Melissa Rood and Grace Riesen bring great joy to this congregation, as music opens the heart and allows us to experience the love of God in unique and life changing ways. Grace Riesen and Ally Austin minister to us by playing piano (and organ) and we are so thankful for the blessing of these gifts as well. Throughout the year many others have contributed their musical talents through instruments and song, each one ministering as their gifts allow. We are thankful for all.

The music committee is recommending that new hymnals be purchased; a task more daunting than it sounds. We have begun the search but don't have much more to report than that.

We also are working on continuing to supplement our traditional music with more contemporary selections in order to speak the languages that hearts of all ages can understand. We want to be sure that all visitors ("regulars" too) - regardless of age - will find something in our worship and fellowship that ministers to their spiritual needs in a way that is meaningful to them.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tricia Baker

## FINANCIAL EXAMINING COMMITTEE

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Patty Geissler and Denise Keane served as the members of the Financial Examining Committee this year. The committee met on Sunday, February 16, 2014 to examine the financial records of the church for the calendar year 2013. The committee checked to determine that expenditures were authorized, as well as checking the accurateness and completeness of the church's financial records. This examination determined that expenditures were authorized and the financial records were in satisfactory order, accurate and complete.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Geissler and Denise Keane

## USHERING COMMITTEE

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The Ushering Committee met as needed this past year. The committee consisted of Bill Hocking (Chair), Ed Austin, Phil Anderson, Jason Charron, Bob Erickson, and Guy Myette. It is the responsibility of the committee to provide the church with ushers for worship services throughout the year. The ushers prepare the church sanctuary for services by setting the lights, and ventilation, setting the proper hymn numbers on the hymn board, setting the communion table with Bible, candles and brass collection plates (except on Communion Sundays), distribute bulletins, light the candles, and ring the church bell. The committee recruits additional ushers as needed throughout the year. The committee wishes to express a special thanks to all members of our church family who ushered with us this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Hocking, Chairman

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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### **Committee Members:**

Carol Bigl, Susan Figueroa, Nancy Flynn, Charlotte Hebert, Matt Hocking, Bill McMunn

### **Committee Activities:**

- Made ongoing updates to the online church directory
- Created weekly bulletins for Sunday morning worship
- Updated the church bulletin boards
- Photographed events
- Posted to the church facebook page ([facebook.com/firstbaptistmansfieldct](https://facebook.com/firstbaptistmansfieldct))
- Launched a new, easier to update church website ([fbcmansfieldct.com](http://fbcmansfieldct.com))

The Communications Committee has been putting effort into facebook and the website and has opted not to continue with newsletters for the time being. Nancy, Susan and Charlotte were creating and printing the weekly bulletins up until the secretary was hired in October, 2014.

After some discussion, it was determined that the Communications Committee can be scaled down to 2 people. It was important to have 5 members when we needed to gather articles and produce the newsletter but now we believe that 2 members is sufficient.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Bigl (Chair)

## FLOWER COMMITTEE

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Once again the Flower Committee had a good year with many folks helping us to keep flowers or plants in the sanctuary for the morning worship!

This past year something new was done! The Deacons ordered fifty mini daffodils which were in bloom before Easter. The sale of the plants was completed and the sum of \$300 was donated from the church to the American Cancer Society.

Plants were purchased at the Woodward Greenhouses in Chaplin for Easter Sunday. Donations were made by the church family to purchase these lovely arrangements. Again these plants were delivered or given to friends or members of our church family.

Christmas wreaths from Cedar Ledge Tree Farm once again decorated our front doors!

Sue and Bob Bauer kept up the planters in front of the church as well as the lovely plantings around the garden where the Geissler memorial bench is located. Job well done all year!

Your Flower Committee,  
Lena Barry, Sue Bauer, Sue Charron, and Charlotte Hebert

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

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Members of the Mission Committee this year were Grace Riesen, Joy Erickson, and Laura Austin.

In 2014 special offerings were promoted for ABC-USA including America for Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, and World Mission Offering. These offerings helped American Baptists spread the love of God throughout the United States and abroad. In particular the One Great Hour monies helped African ministries deal with the Ebola crisis before the media was aware of the health emergency. Our church hosted the Ugandan Kids Choir in the month of December so the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering was pushed out to January to better focus on our visitors. Mission outreach has always been an important component in living out our faith and continues to be a way to impact the society where we live and around the world.

Submitted by Laura Austin

## MEMORIAL GIFTS COMMITTEE

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The committee sent cards of thanks and appreciation to those who made memorial donations to our church in the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lena Barry and Charlotte Hebert

## PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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The Pastoral Relations Committee for 2014 was comprised of Patty Geissler, Jill Stedman-Myette and Jen Bradshaw. We met periodically throughout the year with the Pastor to discuss topics. Topics discussed were reaching out to our shut-ins, providing rides to those in the congregation that need assistance and also started discussing the potential for a sabbatical in the near future. This discussion is in the beginning stages.

If anyone in the congregation has questions or concerns that you wish to bring to the minister through the Pastoral Relations Committee, please see a committee member.

Respectively Submitted,  
Jen Bradshaw on behalf of the entire committee

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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The Stewardship Committee met in October to plan a theme and schedule for the annual commitment of church members and friends for the support of our church ministry for the coming year. Our Campaign this year was “Fearless Generosity.” This campaign had themed sermons throughout November and a few good presentations. We celebrated stewardship season with a Lego bridge skit (keeping with our theme of building bridges), testimony about our youth mission trips, a presentation from ABCONN about planning a legacy gift and finishing off by collecting the pledge cards and hosting a big Thank you coffee hour that focused on yummy treats and a thank you card from the church. We mailed out a pledge letter and enclosed a pledge card and budget. The pledges were collected and dedicated on November 23, 2014. If you did not get a chance to pledge and would like a pledge card and envelopes, please see John Riesen. Thank you to the members of the Stewardship Committee for your fearless participation: Karen Watson, Laura Austin, Dana Yanaway and Pastor Ron Baker.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joy Erickson – Chairperson

## CHURCH HERITAGE COMMITTEE

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During 2014, the Church Heritage Committee collected additional materials for the history of the First Baptist Church of Mansfield. These include a generous donation of artifacts, research notes, and photographs from Ethel Larkin through her daughters Margery Gerard and Elizabeth Sawyer. Ethel and her daughters have also given other items for the Mansfield and Windham Historical Societies, the Grange, and the ABCCONN Historical Archives, including items with Pierce Home connections. Faith and Ed Austin and Ally Austin Lalumiere are preparing digital copies of slides of church events with labels identifying the people and events pictured for the use of the Heritage Committee and the Church's historical archives. We continue work toward a formal history of FBCM and during 2015 we plan to continue collecting oral histories in video recordings of interviews with members and friends of the Church. We are also developing plans for a cabinet to display historical artifacts in the Church.

Meradith and Bill McMunn  
Church Heritage Committee

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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The social committee members for 2014 were Alice Spencer, Jill Stedman-Myette, Sandy Stevens, Ellie Trainor, and Karen Hocking. We would also like to thank Charlotte Hebert, Prescott Spencer, and Matthew Hocking as well as many other members of the church who helped the social committee throughout the year.

The social committee provided food, setup, and cleanup for the annual meeting, family fun night, the spring business meeting, and the fall business meeting. As a small group, we appreciate all the help that members of the congregation provide at various events.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Hocking, Chair

## SAFE CHURCH COMMITTEE

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The safety committee is proud to present the completed document "Safe and Nurturing Church Environment Policy" which is designed to provide a framework for all programs, especially those that minister to the children and youth who are entrusted into this church's care in order to foster a positive Christian learning experience. As a small church, our challenge was to edit out things we felt were a good idea but which we just were not going to be able to do, while finding a way to make sure all important procedures and policies were kept and implemented.

There are 2 hard copies of the policy available for anyone who wishes to read it. It is also available electronically.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tricia Baker

## ABCCONN DELEGATES

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What a glorious day when the people of the Lord get together to praise Him!

April 26, 2014 the ABCCONN Annual Gathering was held at the First Baptist Church of Stratford. A contingent from our church attended arrayed in tie-dyed splendor to support the installation of new ABCCONN President David Stevens. A shout of glory went up in celebration of the event. Connecticut has been challenged in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy. Rev. Dr. Judy Allbee led efforts to address what is the response to violence. Forums were held for participants to share perspectives and gain new insights in what is an appropriate Christian reaction. The Annual Gathering will be held April 25, 2015 if anyone is interested in attending David's passing on the office to Rev. Bonita Grubbs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Austin, Delegate

## NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

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The 190th Annual Meeting of the Northeast (CT) Baptist Association was held on Sunday afternoon, September 28, 2014, at the South Woodstock Baptist Church. The meeting was transferred from the First Baptist Church of Willimantic because of the serious illness of Association Moderator Pastor Fred Shapiro, who subsequently died of his illness. Fifteen representatives of Northeast Churches attended, including six from the First Baptist Church of Mansfield. The program opened with a devotional and a get-acquainted game led by Association Vice Moderator Pastor Ron Baker. All present next enjoyed a hymn sing. Representatives of each church in attendance reported on their activities in the past year.

Pastor Baker next led the business meeting at which reports of the secretary and the treasurer were read and approved. Officers elected for the coming year are: Rev. Ronald Baker, Moderator; Laura Austin and Susan Honeychurch, Co-Secretaries; Jayne O'Toole, Treasurer.

After a final hymn, we toured the new wing of the Church and enjoyed a delicious supper prepared by members of the South Woodstock Baptist Church.

The next annual meeting of the Association will be on Sunday, September 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meradith McMunn and Bill McMunn  
Northeast Association Representatives

## WINDHAM AREA INTERFAITH MINISTRY (WAIM) DELEGATES

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I recently received an email from Victoria Nimerowski, the Exec. Director of WAIM stating the following: *“Did you know that the First Baptist Church of Mansfield is **our third highest Faith Community Donor since 2010?** \$11,577!! and that only includes gifts the church has made directly to WAIM - not Walk for Warmth, Steeple Chase, holiday programs or anything else you folks do.”*

That warmed my heart and made me proud to be associated with that kind of a congregation. We had a great year at WAIM. We celebrated our 30th Anniversary and announced the first 2 recipients of the Ed Austin Award for excellence in volunteering. The Steeplechase raised about \$25,000 for WAIM this year and was another successful event.

Despite an increase in funds raised in 2014, WAIM spent almost \$30,000 more than we took in, on Human Needs. Oil prices skyrocketed last year and we spent more to serve the same number of people. This year, we received a grant providing up to \$40,000 in matching funds for the Walk For Warmth from the Jeffrey P. Ossen Foundation. On the day of the WALK we raised over \$38,000, and with more money trickling in, the final total was WELL over \$40,000, which pads the Private Fuel Fund with over \$80,000!

Aside from the Fuel Fund, WAIM is almost \$30,000 behind in total assets compared to last year at this time. There has been a significant drop in donations. Congregational giving is way down, a trend continuing for the past several years; and yet, the work of WAIM continues. People are being clothed, given household items of every shape and kind, and given assistance paying for things like medications, automobile repairs so people can get to work, and of course heating oil and utility bills. People going to a job interview are being spiffed up through our Career Closet. Our Partners in Independence program is matching mentors with struggling families to help them develop skills and make changes they need to stabilize their lives.

As we know, the need is great. FBCM is a critical part of the work of WAIM – which is our work, after all.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion and kindness . . . .and whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus . . . .” Colossians 3: 12, 17

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia Baker

## COMPUTER AND PROJECTOR COMMITTEE

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The Church computers continue to run with no major upgrades this year. The Church wireless connection continues to be available and is used by several people. If you would like the password see John Riesen.

Thank you to Bob Erickson, Amanda Figueroa, Bill Hocking, John Riesen, and Dana Yanaway who were the projectionists for 2014. Projection services were provided for all but one Sunday service as well as some special services. The six year old software that is used to run the projector is being upgraded to a new version. It is anticipated that there will be no noticeable difference to the congregation, but that the projectionists will have an easier time preparing and projecting material.

The pastor's wireless microphone system was repaired by replacing the microphone unit. While this took a several weeks, it was much cheaper than replacing the entire unit.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Riesen

## YOUTH GROUP REPORT

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I would say that it has been a successful year for the youth group. But I want to raise the question, "What makes it successful or unsuccessful?" We have met consistently throughout the year. We have found that every other Friday has worked the best. We thought about changing the day to accommodate some people, but when a different time and day was picked it didn't work for others. I think in one sense, just meeting consistently has been a measure of success. Another measure is the number of people who attend. We have maintained about the same number throughout the year. We have lost some and gained others. For this reason it has become a very different group than it was a few years ago. We continue to connect with youth who are members of this church as well as some who have never attended here on a Sunday morning. I think both of those facts help contribute to defining it as success. We try to have three main components to a meeting. One is a time for game. A second is a snack time. The third is some form of a devotion and prayer. Those three blend to meet two larger goals of connecting with others and connecting with God. While I would say we have been mostly successful at that, I would also say there is room for improvement and growth in both of those areas.

Pastor Ron

## YOUTH MISSION GROUP REPORT

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The trip this year took us to Manasquam, NJ to help with Super Storm Sandy recovery that is still being done in that area. Youth who went were Amanda and Becca F., Sarah H., Beth and Josh C. and Olivia B. Laura A. and P Ron were the adult team members. The main projects involved ripping out the lathing and insulation from the walls of a home, as well as organizing the tool trailer, van and truck. We got some work done, had some fun, made some friends from Indiana, and no one was injured. That all made it a good experience.

Pastor Ron

## YOUTH CHOIR

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Thank you to all our wonderful young people who have shared their time and talents with us singing God's praises in the Youth Choir at Sunday morning worship services and at other times as well. The Choir rehearses regularly at 9:00 AM Sunday mornings and any young person in first grade and up is invited to join us.

Special thanks to Laura Austin and Susan Figueroa who assisted with the choir, Ally Lalumiere, who has accompanied on the piano and to John Riesen who has helped in so many different ways. Thank you also to the adults who have helped with singing, snacks and other supportive ways.

### Highlights of the year's activities include:

- Sunday Feb. 9 – Valentine Party –video “Radio J-O-Y!”
- Sunday March 14 – Church Family Fun Night and Pot Luck Supper
- Sunday May 11 – Music Ministries Sunday – “Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet”
- Sunday June 1 – Belgian Waffle Breakfast
- Sunday Oct. 19 – “Walk in the Light”
- Sunday Dec. 14 – Special Christmas Music – “Were you there on that Christmas Night?” and combined anthem with Adult Choir “The Snow Lay on the Ground”
- Sunday December 21 – Christmas Caroling after church to homes and Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehab, followed by refreshments and fellowship at the Riesen's home.

### Future Dates

- Friday, March 20, 2015 – Church family Fun Night (snow date March 27, 2015)
- Sunday, March 29, 2015 – Palm Sunday
- Sunday April 5, 2015 – Easter
- Sunday May 17, 2015 – Music Ministries Sunday

### Youth Choir Members – 2014

Olivia Baker	Amanda Figueroa	Maggie Watson
Emily Bigl	Rebecca Figueroa	William Rood
Henry Bigl	Sarah Hines	

### Adult Helpers

Laura Austin	Susan Figueroa
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Let's continue to “Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord”  
Grace Riesen, Director

## EMMA GARDINER MISSIONARY SOCIETY - ABW

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The two year study theme for 2013-2015 is A Time to Serve. Each year of a geographical part the world is chosen for in-depth study. The area for 2014-2015 is Japan and Okinawa.

Meetings are generally held at the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Programs are presented several times throughout the year by our members and special guests.

- ◆ March 11, 2014 – Ellie Trainor presented a program on Myanmar
- ◆ April 4, 2014 - Church Family Fun Night – with mission emphasis on Japan and Okinawa
- ◆ May 13, 2014 – Members of the Emma Gardiner Missionary Society traveled to Pierce Home in Brooklyn, Connecticut to join with Rev. Gil Borguin, Chaplain, in a Bible Study with the residents. Grace Riesen played the piano while everyone joined in singing favorite hymns.
- ◆ Tuesday June 3, 2014 – Members and some friends enjoyed a delicious lunch and wonderful time of fellowship at the Lakeview Restaurant in Coventry, CT.
- ◆ October 14, 2014 – First Meeting of the fall
- ◆ November 18, 2014 – A Thanksgiving Program was presented by Grace Riesen.
- ◆ December 9, 2014 – Ellie Trainor presented a Christmas program at the Riesen's home. Christmas carols were sung and enjoyed by everyone.

Items for our annual White Cross requests were brought to the Church this past fall in time to bring Christmas cheer to needy folks at South Providence Neighborhood Ministries in Rhode Island. Items such as toy cars, puzzles, games and much needed items such as disposable cups, plates, etc. were delivered in early December. John and Grace Riesen packed up the items and transferred them to the truck of Faith Geist and her husband of First Baptist, West Hartford, who then delivered them, along with items from 2 or 3 other churches to South Providence. Thank you to those who brought in these items. Because of your generous help, we are able to fulfill our quota request each year.

Our local Emma Gardiner Missionary Society is part of a larger state, national, and international community. We are a small, friendly group. Please come to our meetings to help us keep this important mission flowing to those in need.

Keep saving your canceled stamps of all kinds. As you cut out your stamps from the envelope, please leave a margin around the outside of the stamp. The Chaplain's Worship Fund at CT Baptist Homes benefits from this project. There is a basket on the table in the front entrance of the church to receive them!

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Riesen

## LADIES AID SOCIETY

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The Ladies Aid Society had a quiet but productive year. In September we worked with the Pastoral Relations Committee organizing Pastor Ron's 15th Anniversary Celebration on September 7th.

We held a business meeting on October 16th to plan the direction of the group. We are committed to supplying items for the kitchen, a list has been posted on the refrigerator of the items that we will be responsible for. Please note on the list when quantities are getting low so we can replace them. The group voted to provide the funds necessary to replace the sandwich board used to advertise church functions. A silver coffee pot was repaired. We still feel that there is a need to replace the older tables in the conference room and that will be a future goal.

In 2008 we started collecting recipes to publish a Cook Book for the Church's 200th Anniversary, due to time constraints and publishing expenses, we did not follow through with the cook book. Now with renewed energy the Ladies Aid has decided to go ahead and work on publishing the cook book ourselves. We invite members and friends to submit additional recipes and we hope to offer the cook book in 2015.

The Ladies Aid hosted "Time to Reminiscence Breakfast" on November 15th. The church family and church friends were invited to share a delicious breakfast and a time to share memories about the people, the events and the accomplishments of the Ladies Aid over the years. We were so pleased to host a great crowd of 28, who enjoyed reading Ladies Aid trivia cards and looking at some photo exhibits. There was also a slide show of past church activities put together by Ed Austin. We laughed as we learned about the "passing of the apron" and "bake-less bake sales." The group talked about the dedication and hard work of those who participated in the Ladies Aid before us; names such as Doris and Mick Beebe came to mind. It was quite an event!

Two fundraisers were held this year. We conducted our yearly Rada Knife Sale and ButterBraid Sale. The Butter Braid sale took place in late fall. Orders, for 127 Braids and Cookie Dough, were delivered in November. The profit from the sale, which included donations, was \$716.87.

Our officers for this past year were Nancy Flynn – President, Patty Geissler - Vice President, Laura Austin - Treasurer and Charlotte Hebert –Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Flynn, President and Patty Geissler, Vice-President

## LADIES AID SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT

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January 25, 2012

	Balance	Withdrawal	Deposit
<b><i>Savings Account</i></b>			
January 2014	<b>\$2,454.46</b>		
Butter Braid Deposit			\$1,270.00
Butter Braid Deposit			\$469.00
Butter Braid Deposit			\$20.00
Interest			\$0.27
December 2014 Balance	<b>\$4,213.73</b>		
<b><i>Checking Account</i></b>			
January 2014	<b>\$1,985.16</b>		
RADA			\$29.65
31 Bags			\$45.00
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>			
Paper supplies		\$100.00	
Butter Braid		\$1,047.13	
Soup Bowls		\$242.63	
December 2014 Balance	<b>\$670.05</b>		

Submitted by Laura Austin, Treasurer

## ABCCONN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

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The ABCCONN Historical Committee meets regularly at the Central Baptist Church in Hartford, with special meetings at Camp Wightman to work with the Camp photo archives. The purpose of the Committee is to maintain ABCCONN's records of the State and Regional Associations and the affiliated Connecticut Baptist churches, and to support the collection, archiving, and dissemination of information about all Baptist churches in Connecticut. In September 2014, we held a well-attended open house in the two rooms made available to us on the fourth floor of the Central Baptist Church in Hartford, where we hold our regular committee meetings and manage the ABCCONN Historical Archives. We have also prepared informative displays on Connecticut Baptist history for the ABCCONN Annual Gathering and on important Baptist leaders of the past for the New England Baptist Leadership Conference held on January 23-24, 2015.

The ABCCONN Historical Committee maintains a web site linked from the main ABCCONN site with interesting information about the history of the Baptist movement in Connecticut and across the nation. Members of the Committee also write and produce a historical page inserted into each of the periodic mailings from ABCCONN to all pastors and many Baptist lay-people in Connecticut. We are always happy to help church historians with their work of collecting and disseminating historical information and preparing for their periodic celebrations of significant anniversaries.

If you have any questions about Baptist history or know of any material relating to the history of our church or of other ABCCONN churches, please contact Bill McMunn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill McMunn  
ABCCONN Historical Committee

## COVENANT SOUP KITCHEN

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The First Baptist Church of Mansfield continued their support this year at St. Paul's soup kitchen in Willimantic. Thank you volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet in the conference room. You can also contribute to this mission by signing up to provide a desert. FBCM is scheduled to volunteer at the soup kitchen on the third Friday of every month. Volunteers arrive between 3:30 and 4:30 to help chop vegetables and fruit for salads, wrap silverware, serve dinner and cleanup. Dinner is served between 5:30 and 6:00 and cleanup is usually done by 6:30.

Come be a part of the soup kitchen mission!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Stedman-Myette

## PIERCE MEMORIAL BAPTIST HOME AND CREAMERY BROOK

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PierceCare has had an eventful and good year. The year started with the decision to adopt an innovative strategy by exploring the possibility of a shared CEO. It was decided to negotiate with Connecticut Baptist Homes for part of their CEO's (Patty Morse's) time. Thanks to the hired consultant, Ted Otto, and significant effort on the part of both the Connecticut Baptist Homes Board and the PierceCare Board, a successful agreement was reached.

A retirement party was held for retiring CEO Len Goldberg, thanking him for his long service and many accomplishments as CEO of PierceCare. Many family, friends, residents and staff attend to wish Len well in his retirement. The transition to a new CEO has been relatively smooth and the future looks bright. Some significant changes in the book keeping system are being made and the Finance Committee has been working with Patty to fine tune the reports presented to the Finance Committee and the Board. Significant amounts of bad debt have been written off. Progress has been made in improving Occupancy Rates with continued improvements expected during the next year. Patient satisfaction surveys and other measures of patient care remain very high.

The Planning and Development Committee, chaired by Bill McMunn, has been actively meeting and has renewed fund raising efforts and has sent out a letter requesting donations. Patty has taken the initiative, with the Committee's input, in restarting plans to make major improvements to the facilities. The initial draft and cost of the proposal has been presented to the PierceCare Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Riesen

## APPENDIX 1

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**Appendix 1 contains the Church Clerk's minutes for the 2014 year.**

January 26, 2014 (Annual Meeting),

April 6, 2014 (Special Business meeting for Membership)

April 27, 2014 (Regular Spring Meeting)

October 26, 2014 (Special Business meeting for Membership)

October 26, 2014 (Regular Fall Meeting)

December 7, 2015 (Special Business meeting for Membership)

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MANSFIELD**  
**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 26, 2014**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 by Terry Yanaway acting moderator in Bill Hocking's absence with 31 members present.

The Social Committee was thanked for coordinating with a rousing round of applause.

Nancy Flynn was thanked for the efforts in preparing the annual report.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Ron

**REPORTS:**

- Pastor: Presented by Ron Baker:
- Clerk; Report Presented by Dana Yanaway: amended to correct the spelling of Martha Kinsman's name. Also, several updates to the Membership list were highlighted.
- Financial Secretary: Presented by John Riesen:
- Treasurer: Presented by Meradith McMunn
- Financial Officer for Missions: Report presented by Karen Watson
- Boards Executive: (no report)
- Board of Christian Education: Presented by Laura Austin
- Board of Deacons: Presented by Jen Bradshaw
- Treasurer of the Board of Deacons: presented by Patty Geissler (no questions)
- Board of Trustees: Presented by John Riesen

A motion was made by Jen Bradshaw seconded by Laura Austin to have the clerk send a letter of thank you to Earnest Eldridge for providing the appraisal gratis.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Nominating Committee: Presented by nominating committee (Strike Jen Bradshaw from Missions committee)
- Music Committee: Presented by Grace Riesen (no questions)
- Financial Examining Committee: (no questions)
- Ushering Committee: (no questions)
- Communications Committee: Presented by Carol Bigl (no questions)
- Flower Committee: Presented by Lena Barry et al (no questions)
- Missions Committee: Presented by Jen Bradshaw (no questions)
- Memorial Gifts Committee: Submitted by Lena Barry, Millie Larkins (no questions)
- Pastoral Relations Committee: Presented by Jen Bradshaw (no questions)
- Stewardship Committee: Presented by Karen Watson (no questions)
- Church Heritage Committee: Presented by Bill McMunn (no questions)
- Social Committee: Presented by Karen Hocking (no questions)
- Safe Church Committee: Presented by Tricia Baker (Meradith McMunn, Insurance questionnaire, requested to be shared with committee & Christian Education

### **OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:**

- ABCCONN Delegates: It was noted that the Installation of the new president our own David Stevens will be on April 26 in Stratford, CT
- Northeast Association Delegates: Presented by Bill McMunn (no questions)
- Windham Area Interfaith Ministry: Presented by Ron Baker(no questions)
- Computer and Projector Committee: Presented by John Riesen (no questions)
- Youth Choir Report: Presented by John Riesen on behalf of Grace Riesen (no questions)
- Youth Mission Group Report: Submitted by Olivia Baker (no questions)
- Emma Gardiner Missionary Society: Presented by Grace Riesen (no questions)
- Ladies Aid Society: (no questions)
- Ladies Aid Treasurer Report: Presented by Laura Austin (no questions)
- Covenant Soup Kitchen: Submitted by Jill-Stedman-Myett (no questions)
- ABCCONN History Committee: Presented by Bill McMunn (no questions)
- Pierce Memorial Baptist Home and Creamery Brook: : Presented by John Riesen (no questions)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Clerk presented an updated version of the Constitution of the First Baptist Church of Mansfield

A motion was made by Jen Bradshaw, seconded by Sue Figueroa to adopt the updated version of the constitution as presented.

Motion tabled

A motion was made by Nancy Flynn seconded by Jen Bradshaw to adopt the language presented at the Spring meeting to strike the words “Annually” & “regular” from the penultimate sentence of the Memorial Gifts Committee description in the constitution.

Motion carried.

The motion to adopt the constitution as presented was carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Meradith McMunn to ask the clerk to review the membership list seconded by Jen Bradshaw.

Motion carried

A motion was made by Sue Figueroa seconded by Meradith McMunn to adopt the slate of officers, amended by striking Jen Bradshaw from Missions and adding Grace Riesen as Emma Gardiner representative to the Missions committee.

Motion carried

A motion was made by Meradith McMunn Second by Jen Bradshaw to adopt the budget as presented

Motion carried.

**READING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting were read by the clerk.

A Motion was made by Jennifer Bradshaw, seconded by Sue Figueroa to accept the minutes as read.

Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion to adjourn was made by Sue Figueroa Second Jen Bradshaw.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Yanaway, Clerk

**First Baptist Church of Mansfield  
Special Business Meeting  
April 6, 2014**

Meeting called to order by the moderator to hear a motion from the Board of Deacons.  
Motion to accept Virginia Conland-Murdoch for membership made by Jen Bradshaw. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned.

**First Baptist Church of Mansfield**  
**Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 27, 2014**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 with 21 members present and opened with prayer by Pastor Ron

The social committee was thanked for preparing lunch with a round of applause.

**REPORTS:**

- Pastor: Presented by Ron Baker; David Stevens; VBS; Youth Mission Trip (July 12-19);
- Clerk: Presented by Dana Yanaway; death of Curtis Hoffman; Virginia Murdoch; Reporting on list of membership:
- Financial Secretary, Special Fund Balances: Presented by John Riesen; Current financial Status: Reporting on investments postponed to fall
- Treasurer: Presented by Meradith McMunn;
- Financial Officer for Missions: Presented by Karen Watson; Income is listed on the Financial Secretary report, nothing has been paid out yet this year.
- Executive Board: Presented by Terry Yanaway; The Executive Board is reviewing the church structure
- Christian Education: Presented by John Riesen on behalf of Peter Bradshaw; Sunrise service was held on Easter Sunday, Camp Wightman highlight next week, emphasizing sending kids to camp, June 1<sup>st</sup> will be the last day of Sunday School, June 8 will be church picnic at J.N. Webster, July 25 will start VBS.
- Deacons: Presented by Jen Bradshaw; Laura Austin spoke in January; Ginny Murdoch received the right hand of fellowship in April, searching for an adult mission, March fellowship luncheon met with Pat Snyder of Mansfield social services, Daffodil Sale raised almost \$300.00 and was rounded up, April fellowship offering dedicated to purchase water filters for Sandy & David Stevens mission trip to the Dominican Republic.
- Trustees: Presented by Nancy Flynn; Appraised several antique items in January approximate value of \$3500 for all, the fire alarm was inspected, met with area fire alarm company but cost would be exceeding \$30,000 to upgrade, spring work day with help from the boy scout troop, looking for church secretary 6 hours per week.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Nominating Committee: No report
- Music Committee, Youth Choir Report: Presented by Grace Riesen; Easter music, Family Fun night, Music ministries Sunday (May 11)
- Flower Committee: Presented by Lena Barry; Daffodil days, Easter flowers,
- Communications Committee: Presented by Nancy Flynn; Facebook page is being maintained;
- Missions Committee: Presented by Grace Riesen, currently taking AFC.
- Memorial Gifts Committee: No report
- Social Committee: Presented by Karen Hocking; Annual meeting, Family Fun night, Spring Business meeting;
- Financial Examining: Presented by Patty Geissler; met & examined the books.
- Pastoral Relations Committee: No report
- Stewardship Committee: Presented by Karen Watson; Elected Joy Ericson as chair
- Ushering Committee: No report

- Church Heritage Committee: Presented by Bill McMunn; photos of David Stevens installation to be added to archives, plans for Baptist Heritage Sunday coming in May 18, ABCCONN History Committee: continues to meet, open house at archives at Central Baptist Church in Hartford in September,

**OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:**

- ABCCONN Delegates: No report
- Northeast Association Delegates: Presented by Meradith McMunn; Will be meeting in September in Willimantic, Pay to support Northeast association based on membership list.
- Computer and Projector Committee: Presented by John Riesen; Replaced battery on projection laptop;
- Ladies Aid Society: No report
- Emma Gardiner Missionary Society: Presented by Grace Riesen; Elli Trainer presented a program on Myanmar; Lena Barry in April; White Cross quota has been filled; Will be presenting program to Pierce Baptist home
- Safe Church Committee: Presented by Tricia Baker; attended safe church workshop,
- Windham Area Interfaith Ministry: Presented by Tricia Baker; Spring Fling, Saturday of Memorial day weekend, Preparing a basket to be raffled.
- Youth Group Report: Presented by Ron Baker; meeting regularly and including participation beyond church youth
- Youth Mission Group Report: no report;
- Pierce Memorial Baptist Home and Creamery Brook: Presented by John Riesen; New CEO (Patricia Morris)
- Bill McMunn thanked the church from Hillside Cemetery Society, Thursday May 8 @ 7:00 pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING**

Clerk presented the current membership list; followed by discussion

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Reporting on investments postponed to fall

**READING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING**

Motion to accept minutes of the meeting as read made by Jen Bradshaw

Seconded by Sue Figueroa

Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Sue Figueroa

Seconded by Jen Bradshaw

Carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Yanaway, Clerk

**First Baptist Church of Mansfield**  
**Special Business Meeting**  
**October 26, 2014**

Meeting called to order by the moderator to hear a motion from the Board of Deacons.  
Motion to accept Germaine Mama, Rahem Mama, Raman Mama for membership made by Jen Bradshaw, Seconded by Laura Austin.  
Motion Carried  
Meeting adjourned.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MANSFIELD**  
**Minutes of the Fall Business Meeting**  
**Sunday, October 26, 2014**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Meeting called to order at 12:42 PM

25 Members present

Prayer by Pastor Ron

**REPORTS:**

- Pastor Ron
- Clerk: Mama Family added approved for new membership today. Lee Salina has transferred membership.; presented by Dana Yanaway
- Financial Secretary, Presented by John Riesen; Report on Pledges, , Treasurer Presented by Meradith McMunn;
- Financial Officer for Missions: Presented by Karen Watson:
- Executive, Presented by Terry Yanaway
- Christian Education, Presented by Pete Bradshaw
- Deacons, Presented by Jen Bradshaw
- Trustees, Presented by Nancy Flynn

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Nominating Committee: Presented by Sue Figueroa
- Music Committee: Presented by Tricia Baker
- Flower Committee: Presented by Patty Geissler on behalf of Lena Barry
- Communications Committee: Presented by Nancy Flynn
- Missions Committee : Presented by Laura Austin
- Memorial Gifts Committee: No Report
- Social Committee: Presented by Karen Hocking
- Pastoral Relations Committee: Presented by Jen Bradshaw
- Stewardship Committee: Presented by Laura Austin
- Ushering Committee : No Report
- Church Heritage Committee: Presented by Meradith McMunn

- Safe Church Committee: Presented by Tricia Baker

**OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:**

- ABCCONN Delegates : Presented by Laura Austin
- Northeast Association Delegates: Presented by Meradith McMunn
- ABCCONN History Committee: Presented by Bill McMunn
- Computer and Projector Committee: Presented by John Riesen
- Ladies Aid Society: Presented by Nancy Flynn
- Emma Gardiner Missionary Society: Presented by Grace Riesen
- Windham Area Interfaith Ministry: Presented by Tricia Baker
- Youth Choir Report: Presented by Grace Riesen
- Youth Group Report : Presented by Ron Baker
- Youth Mission Group Report: Presented by Ron Baker
- Pierce Memorial Baptist Home and Creamery Brook: Presented by John Riesen

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Reporting on investments Presented by Meradith McMunn;

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Presentation of budget for 2015 Presented by Meradith McMunn

Tabled

**READING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING**

**Motion to accept minutes made by Jen Bradshaw, seconded by Pete Bradshaw approved**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Jen Bradshaw, seconded by Meradith McMunn approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Yanaway, Clerk

**First Baptist Church of Mansfield  
Special Business Meeting  
December 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order. Jen Bradshaw made a motion that the Board of Deacons recommends for membership William Rood by baptism. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned.