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2023 ANNUAL REPORT
341ST ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, BRADFORD
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

A Prayer for the Congregation of The First Church of Christ – Bradford

We pray that out of God's glorious riches He will strengthen us with power through His Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And we pray that we, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

(Ephesians 3:16-19)

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GREETINGS

Welcome to the 2023 Edition of the Annual Report of the First Church of Christ ~ Bradford.

Just a few weeks ago, as we began a new year together, I reminded our congregation that we have two incredible things to enjoy together in God, two wonderful elements of ministry to share with each other:

We have a free and liberating gospel ... and we have deep and real burden-bearing!

This is meat-and-potatoes ministry in our historic fellowship. We may not have all the bells and whistles of a mega-church, but we do have 2 basics of the faith as a vision for life and ministry.

The good news of the gospel is free, because Jesus has already paid the full price to save us and bring us to God. This free gift of God's love has no fine print, and no strings attached. It is completely free to us by faith alone, but cost Jesus everything.

Forgiveness and declared righteousness freely flow our way, because of the life, death & resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here in Jesus there is free, full and final rest for the soul! No wonder He calls us to come to Him and find rest for our weary souls.

And this free good news is also liberating. Refreshing. Life-altering. Our new life in Christ is transformative, as His love sets us free and empowers us to walk this journey by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank God for this indescribable gift! In 2024, let's grow even deeper in enjoyment of this expression of the love of God for us!

And here at FCC Bradford, we have deep and real burden-bearing happening all the weeklong, in and out of the many seasons of life. The love God that has freely come to us wonderfully flows horizontal to one another. I love the words of Martin Luther: "*God does not need your good works (Jesus took care of that), but your neighbor does.*" It is such a help in this life to know there are others around you who can care for you, and you for them. In 2024, let's grow even deeper in this expression of love to one another!

Here, in this 2023 Annual Report, you will be reminded of the many ways this free and liberating gospel has found expression among us. Each of the Ministry Team reports overflow with grace and love, to the glory of God, for our collective joy and for the furthering of the cause of Christ to more and more people!

A sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone connected with our church family for all the ways - seen and unseen by man - but clearly seen by God, you have ministered in things heavenly and also here on earth.

May God continue to bless, protect, and watch over us in the years to come.

With much affection...

Warmly,

Danny Ovalle, Pastor

THE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

In the presence of God, angels, and men, I do now solemnly avouch the Lord Jehovah, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to be my God, the object of my supreme love and my portion forever.

I cordially acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ in all his mediatorial offices, as Prophet, Priest and King, to be my only Savior; and the Holy Ghost to be my only sanctifier, comforter and guide.

I humbly and cheerfully devote myself to God in the everlasting covenant of his grace, consecrating all my powers and faculties, with all that I possess, to his service; promising through the assistance of his Spirit, that I will give diligent attendance on his word and ordinances, seek the honor and interest of his kingdom, and, henceforth, denying all ungodliness and every worldly lust, live soberly, righteously and godly in the world.

I also cordially join myself to this church, as a true church of Christ, engaging to submit to its government and discipline, to strive earnestly for its purity, peace and enlargement, and to walk with its members in all charity, faithfulness and circumspection.

We, then, the members of this Church, receive you affectionately to our communion, promising you our prayers, our Christian sympathy and our love; engaging on our part also to walk with you in all becoming watchfulness, kindness and fidelity; hoping that you and we shall become more and more conformed to the example of our divine Master, till we come at last to the perfection of holiness in the kingdom of his glory.

AMEN.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, BRADFORD

10 Church Street Bradford, Massachusetts 01835

WARRANT

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the 341st ANNUAL MEETING of the First Church of Christ, Bradford, is hereby called for SUNDAY, February 11, 2024 at 11:30 AM, whereby the said members shall ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

- Article I:** To elect a Moderator to preside over all business meetings of the Church in the coming year.
- Article II:** To elect Officers and Committee Members of the Church, who will serve until the next Annual Meeting in 2025.
- Article III:** To review the report of the Treasurer and to act thereon.
- Article IV:** To hear the report of the Auditor and to act thereon.
- Article V:** To review all reports of the Committees & Leaders of the Church that may lawfully come before the meeting & to act thereon.
- Article VI:** To hear the ministry vision for 2024.
- Article VII:** To act upon any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

ONLY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON ISSUES, ALTHOUGH ALL CONGREGANTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BY-LAWS, A QUORUM OF 15% OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, BRADFORD, MASSACHUSETTS, OR NINETEEN (19) MEMBERS, ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE TO PASS A VOTE.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED THAT ALL LAWFULLY ACTED UPON AND DULY VOTED UPON MATTERS SHALL BECOME BINDING AND SO ADOPTED BY THE CHURCH.

EXECUTED UNDER MY OFFICIAL HAND AND SEAL THIS DAY OF January, 2024.

SIGNED,

Susan E. Bergeron, Clerk

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

Welcome to the 2023 Edition of the Annual Report of the First Church of Christ ~ Bradford. Some of the Pastoral highlights include the following:

- **2023 Sermon Series.** The first half of the year we looked at two sermon series entitled “*Three Little Words*” and *The Great 8* a study of Romans 8, as we considered the power of the gospel expressed in three little words and the massive encouragement from what many call the greatest chapter in the Bible - Romans 8. After a Summer Sabbatical, we explored a sermon series in *The Sermon on the Mount*. In these series we were reminded afresh of God’s unstoppable, matchless love for us in Jesus Christ, who came to set the captives free!
- **Semi-annual Bible Study series.** Thank you to Mark Soucy & Steve Swartz, who along with me, have offered the congregation opportunities to dig deeper into the word of God.
- **Weekly Prayer.** Twice a week, folks gather on Zoom for prayer. These have been some of the sweetest times together, as we pour our hearts out to the Lord and wait upon Him.
- **Stewarding the Gospel.** All our ministry teams continue to fire on all cylinders and serve in their respective fields of gifting and calling: Diaconate, Finance, Property, Music and Christian Outreach. You will read more from each of our Chairpersons in this Annual Report.
- **Technology.** We continue to utilize and maximize technology with the use of our online Zoom platform, to host our worship gatherings and ministry team meetings. The days of cancellation due to bad weather are no more!
- **Vision 2024.** This year we have set our sights on building three areas of ministry: Children’s Ministry, calling a new Music Worship Leader and looking at new ways to engage those who attend the summer & fall Haverhill Farmers Market in the Bradford Common, our front yard. With the use of a Ministry Development Tool, we will seek to plan with specifics in mind, in order to build up our UP-reach, IN-reach & OUT-reach. Stay tuned for more announcements that will invite you to participate in these vital ministry reaches.
- **A generous congregation and friends of FCC.** Through the generosity of so many in our church family, along with the many friends of our congregation, as well as the Trustees of FCC, we have maintained a solid financial base here at FCC. From faithful weekly giving to anonymous gifts, to generous annual support, we have been enabled to carry on the work of the gospel in all [four reaches](#) of life and ministry.
We extend a warm-hearted THANK YOU!

This is just the tip of the iceberg of the manifestation of our God among us. As we look forward to the year to come, we seek to be refreshed in our vision, mission, and mission priorities that God has given because of the finished work of Jesus for us! May our Lord continue to bless us as we venture together into ministry year 342 here at the [First Church of Christ ~ Bradford](#).

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny Ovale

Pastor

REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11

Many thanks to everyone who gave so much of their time and talents during another busy and rewarding year in the life of First Church of Christ – Bradford.

It is an honor and very humbling to be involved in the lives of so many wonderful and supportive people.

Even though I am sure there will be many challenges ahead of us, the momentum that seems to have been building during 2023 should be positioning us well for whatever the Lord has planned for us.

I am very excited about playing a small part in the journey the Lord has planned for us in 2024.

Thanks again for your unending and gracious support of our wonderful Church family.

May the Lord continue to bless us abundantly and graciously during 2024 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Mills

340th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST – BRADFORD

Sunday, February 19, 2023, at 1:00pm

The meeting was held on zoom and in person. The members were asked to be counted. Danny read off all the members' names that were present to ensure a quorum of 19 members, designated by our By-Laws. There were 31 members in attendance and the meeting proceeded. The Warrant had been read prior in the Worship Service that morning by Susan Bergeron, Clerk. It was not re-read at the beginning of the meeting.

Mark Soucy, Moderator, called the meeting to order. A prayer for the Church and Annual Meeting was offered by Pastor Danny Ovalle. Followed by a moment of silence for our dear Members & Friends who passed away in 2022.

Members: Michael Higgins, Mark Barnes, Royce Crimmins, Antonia Putnam, Barbara Skofield, Delores Levitt, Daniel Robinson.

Friends: Donna Demers, Mary Anne Lane, Nathan Lakaszcyck, Carol Jewel, Douglas Marquis Jr., Roberta Marquis.

A motion was duly made, And SECONDED, unanimously voted to elect Peter Mills as Moderator, for the coming year 2023. The meeting continued under his direction. Mark Soucy was then thanked for his service & dedication as Moderator.

The report of the Nominating Committee was then presented. A motion was duly made and Seconded, it was voted unanimously to elect all officers and committee members as presents in the Nominating report to serve until our next Annual Meeting.

The report of the Treasurer, Peter Mills, was reviewed. A motion was duly made and SECONDED, it was voted unanimously and approved.

The report of the Auditor was provided, a motion was duly made and SECONDED, it was voted unanimously and approved.

The reports of the committees were then presented, and a motion was duly made and SECONDED, the vote was unanimously and approved.

Pastor Danny Ovalle presented FCC ministry vision for 2023.

A motion was duly made and SECONDED, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the 340th Annual Meeting of the First Church of Christ-Bradford.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Bergeron
Clerk

REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Active Membership reported as of December 31, 2022	105
New Members received in 2023	+ 1
Sarah Modeen	
Removed by Death in 2023	- 2
Leon Deroian March 6, 1928 – January 12, 2023	
Edith Anderson October 11, 1932 – November 24, 2023	
Passing of Friends of the Church	
Otto W. Anderson	
Richard K. Atwood	
Roy Edward Esty	
Priscilla Wortman	
Donna Marie Lanza	
Active Membership as of December 31, 2023	104

There was 1 child dedication reported to the Clerk in 2023.

There was 1 marriage reported to the Clerk in 2023:

 Tabitha Walter and AJ Meehan June 24,2023

 Officiant: Lawrence (Skip) Walker

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Bergeron, Clerk

REPORT OF THE DIACONATE

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1 Peter 4:10-11

I would like to thank each member of the Diaconate who served our congregation well throughout 2023. Peter Mills, Susan Bergeron, Gil Malfatti, Nancy Murphy, Marylin Lewis, Steve Swartz, Jeannie Tenny and Sandi Walker. Their love for the Savior and service to FCC and beyond has made it a joy to be a part of this team. Thank you for using your gifts well and your many hours of dedication.

The Diaconate continues its in-each with a focus on hospitality and care within and without the walls of FCC. We strive to work closely with Pastor Danny to present FCC as a Church that expresses the free and liberating Gospel of our sweet Savior Jesus. We have enjoyed preparing the sanctuary for service each week, serving communion the first Sunday of the month, sharing flowers as an expression of care, praying with many in our fellowship, assisting with as many needs as we can, helping with special events and hosting coffee hour after Sunday service. And so much more...

This year we created and implanted a Ministry tool to help guide us in decisions, establishing goals and assist in communication between Committees. This tool has been helpful in coordinating the winter Tenors concert, watching the Children's ministry grow from a dream to an active classroom and setting some great goals for 2024. Such as a search for a music ministry leader and seeking ways to connect with Haverhill at the Farmers Market next summer and fall.

This past summer the Diaconate coordinated with Pastor Danny, during a well-deserved sabbatical, to keep Sunday service flowing smoothly.

A special thank you to the Flower Committee who continue to decorate our church for holidays and other special occasions. The Historical Committee who seeks to preserve our rich history and the Children's Ministry as it makes great strides to grow and share the message of God's grace through the Bible to our children. Each of these Committees serve under the umbrella of the Diaconate.

Thank you to all who helped the Diaconate in many various ways. As always, we welcome our congregation to join us in our monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of the month.

With God's Love and Guidance.

Mark Soucy, Senior Deacon

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

(Matt 19:14, Luke 18:16)

At First Church of Christ, we are rooted in the Bible, connected to the past, relevant in the present, and hopeful for the future – and our future are our children. In 2023, the Children's Ministry formed with the purpose of pointing our youth to Christ. Classes, which are still in dry run mode, include teaching prayer, songs, Bible lessons, and application activities that highlight what God has done for His people, what God has fulfilled through His son Jesus Christ, and how He continues to manifest in all our lives.

Several members' children and grandchildren have come to class. God has already used our efforts, sparking a fire in the hearts of our children. The children have no fear in asking what is on their hearts and minds, thinking critically about what they've learned from various sources in relation to the lesson. Sandi Walker found her granddaughters Marlayna and Vivian independently reading ahead in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. Michael asked his grandmother, Sue Bergeron, about bringing a school friend. Marlayna showed Gil Malfatti's granddaughter Brooklyn around her classroom with enthusiasm. Tristan asked questions in class that tied to what he was learning through homeschooling with his mother Wendy Conte. Mary asks to pray for her Grammy Louise Higgins during every class. Beside Mary during one class was Nancy Murphy, who helped Mary with words to talk to God.

Teachers and helpers have made these classes happen! Thank you to Nancy, Sue, Sandi, Wendy, Louise, and Ellen Soucy for stepping up to teach and assist during classes! Thank you to Mark Soucy, Peter Mills, and Danny Ovalle for the less noticeable but essential pieces y'all have been coordinating in the background! And thank you to all who have prayed for this ministry! May the Lord continue to bless our efforts!

Kellyanne Higgins
FCCchildren's Ministry

REPORT OF THE MUSIC TEAM

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation.

Psalm 95:1

On Sunday's, the music team has continued to bring joyful and praiseworthy songs focused on the redemptive Love story and amazing works of our Savior Jesus Christ. It has been such a blessing to have some variety that the Lord has brought into us. For a short while Joy Wootton blessed us with her talent on the Piano and we thank her for it and pray everything is going well for them as they moved to Missouri.

Deb Potter has joined us every 3rd Sunday blessing us with her musical talent and her beautiful presence, and we are very thankful for her.

During the summer, Paul Prue gave the Concerts on the Common and had great success. We thank him for all he does to put this together.

On December 17th, 2023, we had our New England Tenors Concert in the Sanctuary. It was well attended and blessed all who were there with such beautiful music. We will try and put together to have them again in 2024 also.

In 2024, now that we have the posting ready to go, we will be sending out links to various locations to see what the Lord does and who would like to lead our Music Ministry here at FCC with their talents. More on that to come which is exciting.

In Christian Love,

Scott Higgins, Chairperson

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH TEAM

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25: 35-36,40

Thank you to all who have supported the ministries supported by our church family and friends. Here is a summary of 2023.

- We were blessed again this year by a donation from Cummings Properties in support of local food pantries. We were able to share this with the following pantries: Pregnancy Care Center, Sacred Hearts, Open Hearts, NE Veteran's Outreach Center, Common Ground Ministries.
- We served two Monday night meals at the Citizen Center, sending funds for the meals, bringing desserts and a group of our church family served the meals.
- We continue to support the Millers in Nepal and watch the family grow in newsletters sent. If you would like to hear their news, please see Marilyn Crosby.
- Richard Goswiler continues his work in Africa with Equipping Leaders, and we are happy to contribute to his cause.
- Through our church's generosity we also support Sacred Hearts food pantry with food donations.
- We have monetarily contributed to the following food pantries: Pregnancy Care Center, Common Ground Ministries, Open Hearts and Sacred Heart.
- We again made a monetary contribution for turkeys for the Thanksgiving boxes for our area veterans through NE Veterans Outreach Center.
- We continue to support Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Box program by sending boxes with all sorts of supplies for children.
- We also supported Fostering Hope with emergency grocery gift cards, snack packs for the local DFC office and gift cards for Christmas. We participated in a Sibling Ties event which brings siblings who are not in the same home together for a fun day.

As always, we welcome your participation, questions, and ideas for future ministries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Crosby, Chair

CRAFTS ON BRADFORD COMMON HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

What a year! The third year we planned Crafts on Bradford Common looked promising with a record number of vendors. We were going to share the Common with Haverhill Farmer's Market, hoping to draw customers from those visiting the Market.

Then Hurricane Lee visited us on the weekend of the Fair, causing us to reschedule to the next weekend. Some vendors couldn't do the second weekend and opted to have us hold their registrations while others requested a refund. In the week between we gained some vendors to offset our losses.

Once again, the weather forecast was not looking good and we had to cancel our second date. After some quick re-planning it was decided to offer our vendors from the second date to come inside for a pop-up fair in November.

On November 18th, we hosted 40 vendors inside for a lower key Holiday Fair. The fair went better than we thought it would for having to plan in a rush.

We did not have our usual bake sale or lunch, which was missed by those vendors who had been with us for our Candy Cane Christmas Fair. The raffles again were numerous and wonderful.

We still have some vendors who asked us to hold their registrations for 2024 and we will start planning soon.

Income

Vendors	\$ 3,425.00
Farmers Market Donation	500.00
Raffles	1,158.00
Total Income	\$5,083.00

Expenses

Supplies	\$ 130.15
Vendor refunds	\$ 240.00
Total Expenses	\$ 370.15

Net income \$4,712.85

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Crosby

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY TEAM

I would like to thank everyone at First Church of Christ Bradford for all their help this past year. Special thanks to the property team Sue Bergeron, Peter Mills, and Joyce LaRosa.

The stove hood was finished, and the stove is operational. There were many inspections, electrical, and fire alarm work.

Painting was done on the exterior of the sanctuary, as well as the front of the chapel. There were also many repairs done. Restoration molding had to be manufactured and installed to match the base of the sanctuary left side. Wood siding above the left side sanctuary doors had to be replaced. The siding on the back side around chimney was replaced, sill*cap out front and side redone, and gutter on front of chapel done. They flashed and repaired the soffit return on backside of the chapel.

The choir room became the children's room it was cleaned out and a tv installed.

The large closet in fellowship hall was painted, a new floor installed, and large rack added for gym equipment.

The parsonage had some exterior repairs done also, a new rear porch, new steps, and trim on front porch. Also done were gutter repairs to the side porch and backside of house, and a tree removed. The parsonage repairs were covered by the trustees.

Thank you,

Marc Johnson

Property Committee Chairperson

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING TEAM

2024 OFFICERS AND MINISTRY TEAMS

OFFICERS

Moderator: Peter Mills **Clerk:** Susan Bergeron
Treasurer: Linda Caruso **Asst. Treasurer:**
Financial Secretary: Linda Caruso **Asst. Financial Secretary:** Sandi Walker

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Pastor: Daniel A. Ovalle **Moderator:** Peter Mills **Clerk:** Susan Bergeron
Chairpersons of: (Voted at first Team Meeting)
Deaconate: **Finance:** **Property:**

STANDING TEAM

Pastor: Daniel A. Ovalle **Moderator:** Peter Mills **Clerk:** Susan Bergeron
Chairpersons of: (To be voted on at first committee meeting)
Christian Outreach: **Deaconate:** **Finance:**
Music: **Property:**

DEACONATE (9) (1 Opening)

Marilyn Crosby	Scott Higgins	Marc Johson	Jeannie Tenney
Sandi Walker	Peter Mills	Susan Bergeron	Mark Soucy

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH (6) (1 Opening)

Michelle Shea	Linda Caruso	Marilyn Crosby	Joyce Hooper
Elizabeth Mungwazi			

FINANCE (4)

(Treasurer & Financial Secretary, Asst Treasurer are Ex Officio)

Linda Caruso (Treasurer, Financial Secretary)
Peter Mills (Asst Treasurer) Sandi Walker (Asst Financial Secretary)
Scott Higgins Jeannie Tenney

MUSIC (3)

Fran Webber	Elizabeth Mungwazi	Scott Higgins
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PROPERTY (4)

Susan Bergeron	Marc Johnson	Joyce LaRosa	Peter Mills
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UNOFFICIAL TEAMS not on Standing, By-Laws (Article 9, Section 1.A)

HISTORIANS: Barron Tenney **FLOWERS:** Joyce LaRosa – Susan Bergeron

SCHOLARSHIP (2): Susan Bergeron – Martha Kelleher **BELL-MASTER:** Mark Sherar

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL TEAM

The Lord commands: Remember your history, your long and rich history Isaiah 46:9

We thank the Lord, Our God for extending his Grace to us, who deserve it not.

Help us to make our faith stronger this year and every year.

A. 1848 Church #5 Architectural Drawings

For some time, we have attempted to locate the original architectural drawings for our present building (#5) constructed in 1848 for FCC Bradford by Richard Bond, noted Boston architect. For those of you that didn't know, Richard Bond, was rather famous. See:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Bond_\(architect\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Bond_(architect))

2019, a search for these drawings led us to the Amherst College Library (AMC), Amherst, Massachusetts. Upon Richard Bond's death, his library was donated to AMC.

2000-2022 Then came the Pandemic Years, and everything just stopped, period.

2023 This past year, the AMC's Michael Kelley, Head of Archives and Special Collections (<https://rhac.wordpress.amherst.edu/>) was able to provide us with a listing of Richard Bond's books held by AMC (see below). A trip was planned to review these books in June, 2023, but due to construction in their space, they suggested that we re-schedule our visit. A visit was re-scheduled for September. After reviewing the titles of these books, it was decided that it was very unlikely that any FCCB architectural drawings would be contained in these books (Michael Kelley agreed), ergo the visit was canceled. The search goes on.

For those interested, this link should pull up all 61 titles in AMC's online catalog:

[https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,sso&bquery=%26quot%3bRichard+Bond%26quot%3b+AND+\(LN+ir00497a+OR+LB+%26quot%3bAmherst+College+Archives+%26amp%3b+Special+Collections%26quot%3b\)&type=1&searchMode=And&site=eds-live&scope=site&custid=s8897430](https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,sso&bquery=%26quot%3bRichard+Bond%26quot%3b+AND+(LN+ir00497a+OR+LB+%26quot%3bAmherst+College+Archives+%26amp%3b+Special+Collections%26quot%3b)&type=1&searchMode=And&site=eds-live&scope=site&custid=s8897430)

B. Book Donation

A book was donated to the church by Mark Plympton titled "Bradford: The End of an Era" by Patricia O'Malley. It was entered into our history files.

C. Church Documents Relocated

The two filing cabinets of church historical documents were relocated to the locked closet area at the south end of Fellowship Hall where they will be safe and dry. Thank you to the Property Team 2023 for moving the cabinets.

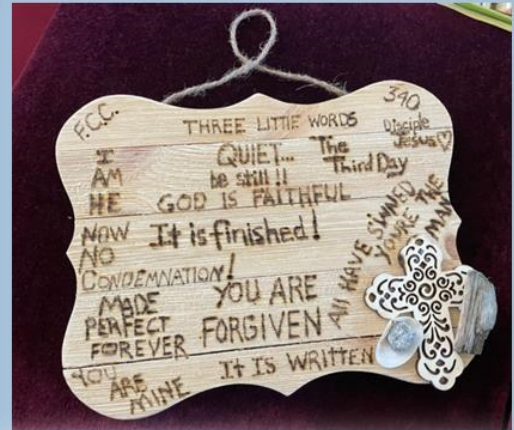
D. Plans for 250th Birthday Celebration re: Signing of Declaration of Independence

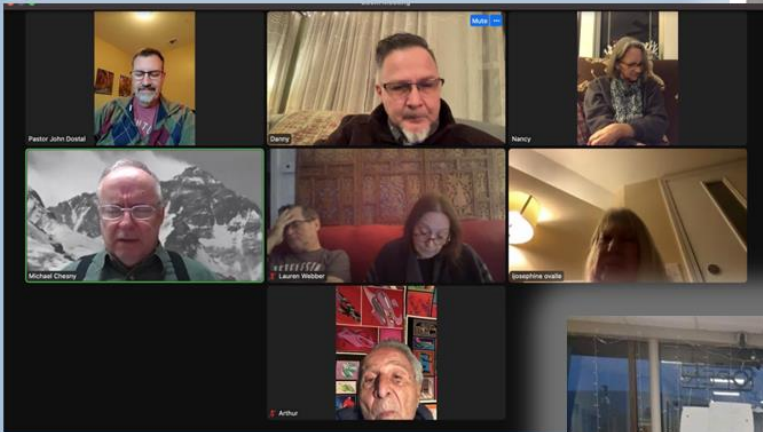
Plans being discussed for 2026 celebration. It's not too early to start. An Ad-Hoc team is being formed and ideas are being formulated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barron Tenney

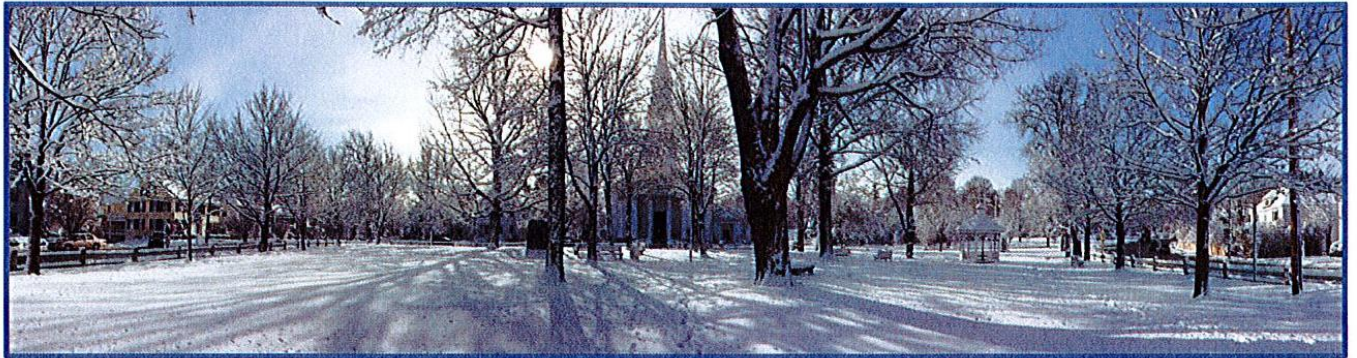
FCC Bradford Historian





NOTES AND QUESTIONS

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