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Annual Report

DECEMBER 2, 1964

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IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Jennie Yost	January, 1964
Mr. Earl Potter	March, 1964
Mr. William Ross, Sr.	April, 1964
Mr. Charles Purdy	August, 1964
Mr. Abram DeKoker	August, 1964
Mrs. Mary DeCook	August, 1964
Mr. Guy Howell	November, 1964

Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go you know, and the way ye know. I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

OFFICERS

CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent	Mrs. Dora Howell
Treasurer	Mr. Ludger Beauchesne

GUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

President	Mrs. Lois DeBrine
Vice President	Miss Shirley Hand
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Marge Burnham
Treasurer	Mrs. Ruth Vandewall
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Ella Bundschuh
Secretary of Education	Mrs. Mary Ruth Blakley
Secretary of Service	Mrs. Florence Woodhams
Secretary of Spiritual Life	Mrs. Roletta Kraai
Secretary of Organization	Mrs. Elinor DeVuyt

SUNDAY NITE CLUB

President	Mr. and Mrs. Alex Anderson
Vice President	Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lown
Secretary and Treasurer	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hornberger
Program Chairman	Mr. and Mrs. Theodore DeSoto
Social Chairman	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porteous

CHOIR

President	Mr. William Bergh
Vice President	Mrs. Marion Petty
Secretary	Miss Mary VandenBroecke

SENIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

President	Mr. Martin Howell
Vice President	Mr. James DeVuyt
Secretary	Miss Janice Blakley
Treasurer	Mr. William Tell

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

President	Miss Ruth DeVuyt
Vice President	Mr. Robert Willard
Treasurer	Miss Gloria Nelson
Secretary	Miss Cheryl Ayers

COMMITTEES

OFFICERS OF CONSISTORY

PRESIDENT	Rev. Gordon H. Curtis
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. Isaac Hubregsen
TREASURER	Mr. Clarence Delyser
CLERK	Mr. Emil Burger
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Mr. Edward DeBrine

DEACONS

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Teamerson, A. Chm.
DeRoo, H.
Stickles, D.
DeBrine, E.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Delyser, C. Chm.
Ross, Wm.
Stickles, D.
DeBrine, E.

IN MEMORIAM SUBCOMMITTEE

Engler, C. Chm.
DeRoo, W.
Stickles, D.
DeRoo, H.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Duffy, W. Chm.
Asbrooke, M.
Van Bortel, R.
Geihs, K.
Ayers, J.
Parks, K.

INTERIOR DECORATING SUBCOMMITTEE

DeWitte, Ruth
Delyser, Ruth
Curtis, Rhoda

ELDERS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DeVuyt, John Chm.
Anderson, A.
Olyslager, J.
Howell, D.
Blakley, M.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Dreier, C. Chm.
DeRoo, H.
Woodhams, Roland
Ross, Clara

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

DeVuyt, J. Chm.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Isaac Hubregsen, Chm.

SACRAMENTS AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Elliott, F. Chm.
DeWitte, R.
Porteous, R.

MUSIC SUBCOMMITTEE

Elliott, F.
Bergh, W.
Johnston, J.
Curtis, G.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Willard, W. Chm.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MINISTER & CONSISTORY

This is the report of the Consistory and Minister. It describes the activities of men who have been charged to administer the programs of the Brighton Reformed Church during the past year.

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. BOARD OF DEACONS

1. SERVICE COMMITTEE

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Arthur Teamerson, this Committee has the responsibility for arrangements in all services of worship. The Committee invites individuals to act as ushers and greeters, distribute bulletins and otherwise serve the worshipping congregation as the need arises.

2. Finance Committee

This Committee, Mr. Clarence Delyser, Chairman, is responsible for all aspects of a financial nature. This includes orderly accounting procedures in recording receipts and disbursements. It also includes accurate recording of individual pledge gifts and mailing of quarterly statements.

(a) In Memoriam Committee

This Committee, Mr. Chester Engler, Chairman, administers the funds received, usually in lieu of flowers, in memory of deceased loved ones. An established orderly procedure is now being followed so that all gifts are properly acknowledged. The Committee has a responsibility, not only in receiving funds, but of recommending expenditure of funds.

3. BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Walter Duffy has served as Chairman of this Committee which has oversight of three major buildings and three acres of land.

The Committee continues to deal with the problems of maintenance and repairs on a planned program of both short and long range.

A Subcommittee was appointed to survey the needs of Fellowship Lodge. Roland Woodhams was chairman. Months of work was involved with a final decision coming late in the year that only minor repairs be made now. Another Committee will be appointed to study the long range financing of major work on the Lodge.

During the past year the major project was the re-surfacing of the parking lot at a cost of \$1200. At the same time steps were taken to correct a bad water condition on the Shirley St. side of the property. The Committee also inaugurated a plan for replacement of radiators. A bad water condition was discovered and a new chemical treatment of boiler water is now being used to reduce damage by corrosion. At the request of the Monroe County Board of Health, the Committee also investigated the possibilities of installing a ramp for ease in bringing people in wheel-chairs into the church. No feasible plan was found, and so no action was taken.

The southeast corner (Pastor's Study and Office) has posed a problem of ventilation in the summer and fall months. A small unit air-conditioner was installed to correct this.

In addition to these matters, the Committee was constantly busy with the usual myriad of details in housekeeping, repairs and minor improvements to building and grounds. A debt of gratitude is owed both the Committee and the Sextons, Kurt Geihs and Ed Boehm, who are chiefly responsible for execution of the work.

(b) Interior Decorating Committee

This Subcommittee, consisting of Mesdames Ruth DeLyser, Ruth DeWitte and Rhoda Curtis, have made recommendations for decorating various parts of the church. The Parlor was painted and furnished with tables. The latter were gifts of the Guild. The Nursery was painted and is now being decorated. Presently the inside hallway is being lightened by a new paint job.

B. BOARD OF ELDERS

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Under the Chairmanship of Jack DeVuyt the men and women charged with matters of religious education meet monthly. This Committee has studied methods and materials by which our program is constantly being evaluated and up-graded if possible.

Because of the nature of our congregation (being widely spread) it was decided to discontinue Sunday School during the summer weeks of July and August.

Another matter studied was the availability of our facilities for a Weekday Nursery School with the hope that the facilities could be more fully utilized. Consistory approved this recommendation, but so far nothing has been done about the formation of a school. If the community people desire or need one, we are on record as being willing to offer our building.

The Board of Education continues to recommend the Faith and Life curriculum for our Church School, but in the Adult Department (Men and Women's Classes) the new curriculum of the Reformed Church is being used.

2. EVANGELISM

In this vital area of our church life, we still have no formal structure for guiding our work. Carl Dreier is Chairman of a formless Committee, made up of different people through the year. Calling is done by a small number of individuals upon families assigned by the Pastor.

We attempt to encourage a friendly reception for visitors at our worship services. We do have an orderly procedure for acknowledging their interest in us. This year 400 letters were mailed to every family in the Bobrich Apartments informing them of our church's program.

Shut-in visitation is conducted systematically by the Guild.

Visitation still continues on the basis of known need. Anyone desirous of an Elder call or a pastoral call is urged to let us know. No home in this congregation is knowingly overlooked. Each month the Pastor circulates a form and asks each Elder to suggest any calls that he knows ought to be made. It is necessary only to speak to them or the Pastor and let your desire be known.

3. STEWARDSHIP

Elder Jacob DeVuyt is responsible for this area of our concern. There is no committee. A hoped-for plan of regular stewardship education has not reached consummation as yet.

Our goal for this year appears to be unattainable. Many of our people are in arrears on pledges. Too many of our members are not sharing the burden. It falls, therefore, on the few who give generously. We hope this coming year to increase the awareness of our people to the needs of our benevolent program.

A special drive in the summer for our Annville Institute in Kentucky enabled us to contribute about \$800 toward new facilities there.

4. SACRAMENTS AND WORSHIP

Mr. Frank Elliott is Chairman of this Committee. The major concern this year was a study of Christian symbols and the selection of seven appropriate ones for the new windows.

New concerns are opening up. We have before us a study of Christian funerals, frequency of observing Holy Communion, and more adequate means for care of the chancel and communion materials.

A Subcommittee concerned with the ministry of music continues to serve and meets when necessary.

C. CHURCH RECORDS

The Brighton Church now reports 554 members in active standing. Last year we received ~~44~~ new members and dismissed 4. Not all of those dismissed were from the active membership.

We have performed 4 marriages and have brought the services of the pastor and church to 12 families on the occasion of a death in the family. We have baptized 24 infants and children.

D. GENERAL SERVICES

The work of our church would be impossible without secretarial assistance. We have the task of mailing approximately 23,000 pieces yearly plus frequent mailings on behalf of the Classis of Rochester. The Clarion continues to go out weekly; the NEWSLETTER monthly. Both of these seem to fill a need in our congregational life and therefore will be continued.

Our secretarial staff consists of Mrs. Rose Anderson and Mrs. Jean Ayers. The office is open daily from 9 to 4 o'clock, and the secretaries are always available to receive messages and make appointments for the pastor if he is out of the office.

2. PASTORAL

Some functions of our church life are peculiar to the office of minister.

A. CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

During the past year the pastor has made ~~418~~ ⁴⁵¹ calls upon our church families or those who look to us for guidance and help. Each month the Elders have an opportunity to suggest calls that ought to be made. Priority is still given to the sick and to the troubled, as it necessarily must be. As time permits calls are made by the pastor on new families, although we lean heavily on the Elders for such calls. If anyone is desirous of a pastoral visit, the surest and quickest way of arranging it is to call him at the office, or let an Elder know.

Increasingly a pastor's time is devoted to counseling and it is true, in your pastor's experience, that this is a much-needed ministry of the Christian Church.

In addition to visitation and counseling there is, of course, the usual task of preparing for worship services and for teaching opportunities. The Confirmation Class and the Men's Class absorb a goodly amount of time. To budget time is a problem of major proportions for most of us and your pastor is no exception. He tries to be in the office each week-day morning for administrative duties and for study. Each afternoon he tries to set aside for calling. Appointments for counseling are largely confined to the evenings except on those nights when several key committees are meeting.

B. INTERDENOMINATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In local affairs your Pastor is active in the Southeast Ministers' Association and as a committeeman of the Rochester Area Council of Churches. From time to time he is invited to provide vesper services at the Rochester Friendly Home.

C. CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER ACTIVITIES

Your Pastor continues to serve the one continuing executive position of Classis, the office of Stated Clerk. The office of the Classis is our church office and we serve as the hub of classical affairs.

This year your Pastor reluctantly resigned as a member of the Board of Superintendents, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and as a member of the Executive Committee. There were simply too many conflicts in time, and he was never free to attend meetings of the Board.

D. SYNOD OF ALBANY ACTIVITIES

As was the case last year the Pastor again serves in the Stewardship Committee of Synod. This is not an exacting or time-consuming responsibility but it does provide us with an opportunity to develop new procedures in stewardship education.

E. NATIONAL DENOMINATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Continuing to serve on the Stewardship Council of our Reformed Church, the pastor represents the Synod of Albany. As Chairman of the Budget Committee, he is involved in Executive Committee meetings that occur 4 times a year. Such meetings are usually held in a day and does not necessitate any long absences from the city.

This past year your Pastor was invited to be the missionary for a Seattle, Washington Church. With Consistory's approval, he accepted the invitation to preach and he was gone a full week in October. The PTR program is an intensive week-long project, a modern adaptation of the revival meetings of another generation.

3. CHURCH ACTIVITY

Several notable events occurred in the past year.

By Consistory action and with the cooperation of both the Guild and the Church School, a full share in the support of two missionaries was taken. We now have our ministry extended to India where Harry and Janet Pofahl are serving our Reformed Church. A little over a year ago they had a personal tragedy when their thirteen year old boy was killed in a train

4 EPILOGUE

Your pastor has labored long over the report of our past year's activities. His labors have not been the source of comfort and ease.

It can be truly said that we have existed for another 12-month period, but simple existence is hardly what the Christian church has been called for. We have paid our expenses; we have cared well for our property; we have met most, if not all, of our commitments.

At this writing, it is apparent that our benevolence giving will fall short of our hoped-for goal. We must make changes in our stewardship education. Lethargy is creeping upon us.

Our outreach falters. It is hard to tell what the chief underlying cause is but we have not invaded our community as we ought. Of the early disciples it was said, "These men...have turned the world upside down..." Certainly we could not be accused of this!

This coming year this church may expect increased efforts to deepen our spiritual awareness and to increase our responsiveness to the demands of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our purpose is only that: to proclaim the kingdom of God.

To Him be all the glory and honor.

FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH ⁹

RECEIPTS

	Actual 9 Month	Budget 9 Month
1964 Pledges	32,006.32	346,400.00
Loose Offering	1,141.55	
SPECIAL GIFTS:		
Current	407.31	
Benevolent	1,723.21	
Memorials	470.00	
Miscellaneous	124.47	
United Synod	3,755.50	
TOTAL	39,625.36	

DISBURSEMENTS

FOR CHURCH PROPERTY:

Fuel and Utilities	\$ 3,317.17	\$ 3,150.00
Maintenance and Repair	2,759.11	2,550.00
Insurance and Taxes	1,497.86	1,200.00
New Equipment	386.08	375.00
	<u>7,960.22</u>	<u>7,275.00</u>

FOR STAFF SALARIES:

Minister	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,850.00
Sextons	2,250.00	2,250.00
Grounds Maintenance	54.06	300.00
Secretarial	1,388.11	1,575.00
Choir Director and Organist	1,185.00	1,350.00
Pulpit Supply	225.00	225.00
	<u>10,952.17</u>	<u>11,550.00</u>

FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICES:

Music and Choir	\$ 251.69	\$ 225.00
Car Allowance	450.00	450.00
Pension Fund	538.20	525.00
Classis Dues	540.00	825.00
Publicity and Office Expense	1,037.39	1,125.00
Religious Education	1,512.09	1,875.00
Miscellaneous	138.43	225.00
	<u>4,467.80</u>	<u>5,250.00</u>

FOR DEBT SERVICE:

Annual Principal Payment	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
Interest	1,517.71	1,500.00
	<u>5,267.71</u>	<u>5,250.00</u>

TOTAL OPERATING

\$28,647.90	\$29,325.00
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1965 BUDGET (proposed)

	1964 Budget	Proposed 1965
FOR CHURCH PROPERTY:		
Fuel and Utilities	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200 <i>4200</i>
Maintenance & Repair	3,400	3,300 <i>3120</i>
Insurance & Taxes	1,600	1,500 <i>1511</i>
New Equipment	500	1,200 <i>1490</i>
	<u>\$ 9,700</u>	<u>\$10,200</u> <i>10316</i>
FOR STAFF SALARIES:		
Minister	\$ 7,800	\$ 8,000 <i>8200</i>
Sextons	3,000	3,200 <i>3400</i>
Grounds Maintenance	400	200
Secretarial	2,100	2,300 <i>2600</i>
Choir Director & Organist	1,800	1,800 <i>1700</i>
Pulpit Supply	300	300 <i>300</i>
	<u>\$15,400</u>	<u>\$15,800</u> <i>16200</i>
FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICES:		
Music & Choir	\$ 300	\$ 300 <i>300</i>
Car Allowance	600	700 <i>800</i>
Pension Fund	700	750 <i>750</i>
Classis Dues	1,100	1,100 <i>1000</i>
Publicity & Office Expense	1,500	1,500 <i>1500</i>
Religious Education	2,500	2,500
Miscellaneous	300	300 <i>300</i>
	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,150</u>
FOR DEBT SERVICE		
Annual Principal Pay	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000 <i>5000</i>
Interest	2,000	1,800 <i>1600</i>
	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,800</u>
Sub - Total	\$39,100	\$39,950
FOR BENEVOLENCES:		
General Synod	\$14,050	\$14,050 <i>14050</i>
Classis and		
Particular Synod	1,350	1,350 <i>2150</i>
Non-Denominational	800	800 <i>1250</i>
	<u>\$16,200</u>	<u>\$16,200</u> <i>800</i>
UNIFIED BUDGET ADVANCE	\$55,300	\$56,150
UNITED SYNOD ADVANCE (Pledges)	\$ 6,900	\$ 6,900

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CHOIR

The Chancel Choir has a current membership of eighteen voices and is yet in need of additional singers. In order to assure the church of vital musical organization, the congregation must provide a constantly growing membership and cannot afford to be satisfied with the maintenance of a "just-enough-to-get-by" group.

With our already eighteen voices, and by adding ten more members, which would include 2 more sopranos, 1 more tenor and 4 more basses, this could be considered a minimum membership choir.

A goal of expanding membership is not unrealistic but is a necessity without which the choir will eventually cease to exist for want of personal support and vitality.

JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir presently has a membership of twelve voices, less than half enough for musical performance and about only 18% of the available potential membership.

It is generally agreed that youth choirs have two reasons for their existence: primarily, to service the Church School worship program and, secondarily, to provide experience in church music as an incentive for later and, hopefully, life-long participation in the Church's music program.

It is suggested that our current organization accomplishes neither task and that the program be scrutinized keeping the two goals in mind.

senior citizens

The Senior Fellowship meets the third Wednesday of each month for EATS and FUN. It could be a sandwich lunch or a POT-LUCK dinner, but always there is coffee. Entertainment could be pictures, an old-fashioned spelling bee, or a hat show. A Christmas party will be coming up. Through our change offering we can afford to share with others at times. We donated \$10.00 to the Appalachian fund of our church and \$10.00 to the Gospel Mission.

There is no age limit to joining our group, all you need is a sense of humor.

WOMEN'S GUILD

During 1964, the Guild has informed our women in many areas. We have had missionary emphases as well as topics on everyday problems. The year began with a study of India -- a timely subject since our Church now shares in the support of the Pofahl family there. We also took a look at the situation in Kentucky. Also on the list of subjects was cancer -- an ever prevalent disease.

In May, we had a wonderful turn out of mothers and daughters for a banquet. After the dinner, we enjoyed the "Autobiography of a Church Pew".

Our service projects have been many and varied. We gathered clothes for Annville, Kentucky. Sewing was done for the Day Care Center for Retarded Children. Quilts have been sent to a mission station. We participated in the Pine Rest Christian Hospital's Annual Sale Day by sending articles for them to sell. And again this year at Christmas-time, we will fill baskets for the needy in our own city.

Financial support of mission projects was increased over 1963. The budget for current expenses was decreased so our missionary giving could show this increase. The largest item was the partial support of the two missionary families adopted by our Church.

We are about to change circle memberships for another two years. There are a great many women still not on our active membership list. You are urged to come to our Guild meetings and our monthly Circle meetings. You will be spiritually enriched. You will become better acquainted with your Church, its members and the work your Church is doing for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Do join us in our efforts to spread God's word to all parts of the earth.

Financial Report -----Jan. 1, to Nov. 15, 1964

Receipts	Balance Jan. 1,	\$ 859.97
Circles	452.96	
Guild Meeting Offerings	186.75	
Suppers and receptions	509.28	
Sale of Church plates	64.75	
Misc.	<u>101.10</u>	
		<u>1314.84</u>
		\$2174.81
Disbursements		
Board of World Missions		
House of Happiness	30.00	
Undesignated gift	<u>50.00</u>	
		80.00
Board of North American Missions		
Winnebago Home	30.00	
East Harlem Parish	50.00	
Undesignated gift	<u>50.00</u>	
		130.00
Board of Education		50.00
National Bd. of Women's Work		158.00
Rochester Classical Union		
Foreign project	35.00	
Mexico	75.00	
Madanapelle School	75.00	
Domestic project	45.00	
Christmas Box Money	<u>50.00</u>	
		280.00
Rochester Council of Churches		25.00
United Church Women		115.00
Brighton Reformed Church		
The Pofahl Missionary share		250.00
The Ratmeyers Missionary share		250.00
Brighton Reformed Church		
Clock, tables, linens, silverware(parlor)	245.33	
Gospel Mission	25.00	
East Harlem Prot. Parish	50.00	
Program and films	77.92	
Postage	60.51	
Misc.	<u>123.19</u>	
		<u>1920.19</u>
		\$ 254.62
	Balance Nov. 15	

SENIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Starting out the year of 1964, for Senior High C.E.'ers was the LeTourneau Retreat on February 14, 15 and 16. On March 12th our Constitution was passed. We again had the Fanny Farmer Easter candy sale but this year's profits were used largely for others. Donations for HELP, missionaries, our orphan, Reformed Church World Service, County, State and International Christian Endeavor totaled \$420. The other 40% went for conventions and conferences.

During the summer many C.E.'ers attended Camp Fowler and LeTourneau Summer Assembly, returning again in the fall for a Fowler Retreat on September 25, 26, 27.

A newspaper, the Christian Echo was begun, its initials corresponding with those of our group. Also established this fall was a paperback and college catalog library in the Youth Room. All books in the library have been donated. It will be appreciated if anyone in the congregation having a good paperback book suitable for our library would donate it.

This year we decided to participate in the C.E. citizenship project and urged church members to vote. We have also had fellowship with Negro churches. In January, we had a goulash party and games with youth from Atlantic Avenue Baptist Church. In November, we were invited to a dinner at New Bethel A.M.E. Church, the newest member of Monroe-Wayne C.E..

All this past year, Senior High C.E.'ers have been entertaining children after supper at the monthly family nights.

Our advisors are Mr. George Field and Mrs. Mary Ruth Blakley and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson are our social advisors.

JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The Junior High C.E. is made up of grades 7, 8 and 9. We now have about 35 members. We meet every Sunday night from 7 to 8, and about once a month for a social program.

These are some of the activities we participated in this year. The County C.E.'ers went to a conference at Camp LeTourneau in January of this year. About 18 people attended from our C.E. Easter Day began with an Easter Dawn Service at Cobbs Hill, following that we had breakfast at the Fellowship Lodge. A County C.E. picnic was held in September. East Bethany, N.Y. was the setting for the Western Regional Conference of the New York Christian Endeavor Union in October.

This year we are making Thanksgiving baskets for the shut-ins, and at Christmastime we are going to make fruit baskets and deliver them to shut-ins when we carol.

In our budget we include items such as support for a Korean Orphan, County, State and International C.E. Unions.

Our advisors for this year are Mrs. Ella Bundschuh and Mrs. Sadie DeRue. We are very grateful for the time and effort they spend with us during the year.

SUNDAY NITE CLUB

During 1964 the Sunday Nite Club enjoyed a full calendar of activities designed to enrich the mind and stimulate the taste buds. Among speakers to the Sunday Nite Club were: a bank-president who showed slides of his visit to the holy land, a freshman congressman (Frank Horton) who told of his experiences and impressions of Washington, a teacher who worked under fire in Viet Nam under the auspices of the U.S. State Department, and a psychologist who discussed adolescent problems and race relations.

Two clergymen of other faiths spoke to the Sunday Niters. Rabbi Phillip Bernstein was heard when the Club went to the new Temple B'Rith Kodesh last March, and Father David Murphy, dean of St. Andrew's Seminary, came to Brighton Reformed Church recently to talk about "Protestant-Catholic Relations."

Paneakes in February, hot dogs and games in June, and the annual in June, and the annual Bar B Q and Rally in September helped to round out the Club's program.

The Club continued to support its Chinese orphan in Hong Kong, a girl who has been supported by the Club for several years.

The year's activities will be capped by a Christmas Party for the entire congregation on December 18th.

CHURCH SCHOOL

A total number of 33 teachers taught each Sunday from the Kindergarten Department through the Adult Department during the 1963-64 church school period of October 6th through June 28th. There are 5 substitutes and 3 youth assistants; and an average attendance of about 178 out of an enrollment of 217.

Absenteeism is watched closely with an end of the month report submitted to Rev. Curtis to be kept in the church office files.

Faith and Life Curriculum was used for all classes, graded to their level and dated for the designated Sunday.

Bertha Crawford heads the audio-visual department and checks with each department for their needs. The Faith and Life Curriculum publishes a chart which suggests the filmstrips that pertain to the grades and dated lessons. Many filmstrips have been borrowed from Rundel Library and the Council of Churches for specific use. Some films and slides that are considered useful to our own library may be purchased for future use.

The nursery department is staffed with 3 women each Sunday to care for babies through age 2½.

The Religious Education Committee consists of: Ruth DeLyser, John Olyslager, Alex Anderson, Rev. Curtis, Mary Ruth Blakley, Dora Howell and Jack DeVuyt as chairman. Its duties are delegated by the consistory to supervise educational endeavors of the church school. This committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month.

All offerings received from the classes are totaled and entered in the record book each Sunday. Once a year the Church School Stewardship Committee designates where the total should be used.

The Committee consists of the church school treasurer, one adult church school leader and one youth from each department from 4th through 12th grade.

This year checks totalling \$1,500.00 were mailed to the Board of North American Mission, Board of Foreign Mission and the Bureau of Indian Mission.