

**Church Records, Vol. I – Westborough  
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The first Inhabitants of Westborough were

Thomas Rice	<i>Young Men</i>
Charles Rice	
John Fay	John Maynard
Samuel Fay	James Maynard
Thomas Forbush	Aaron Forbush
Samuel Forbush	Jacob Amsden
David Maynard	Eleazar Beeman
Edmund Rice	Jotham Brigham
David Brigham	
Capt. Joseph Byles	
James Bradish	
John Pratt	
John Pratt junior	
Thomas Newton	
Josiah Newton	
Hezekiah How	
Daniel Warrin	
Increase Ward	
Benjamin Townsend	

Nathaniel Oake

Samuel Goodenow

Gershom Fay

Simeon Howard

Adam Holloway

Thomas Ward

Joseph Wheeler

[1724]

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THE  
CHURCH  
of  
CHRIST  
in  
WESTBORO'

was embodied, and Ebenezer Parkman was Ordained the Pastor thereof,  
October 28th, in the year of our Lord 1724.

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Westborough Church

Covenant

The Day being arrived, (which before was Appointed) for the Gathering a Church and Ordaining a Pastor over them; and the Rev. and Beloved Elders and Delegates being formed into an Ecclesiastical Council proceeded in very Solemn manner to the Said work: and The Covenant which was Signed by Each of the members was in this Subsequent form

Westb: Octob: 28. 1724

We [whose names are hereunto Subscribed Inhabitants of the Town of Westborough in New-England] knowing that we are very prone to offend and provoke the most high God both in Heart and Life, thro the Prevalence of Sin that dwelleth in us and manifold Temptations from without us, for which we have great Reason to be unfeignedly humbled before Him from Day to

Day; Do, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ with Dependence upon the gracious Assistance of his holy Spirit Solemnly enter into Covenant with God, and one with another, according to God, as followeth.

1. That having chosen and taken the Lord Jehovah to be our God, we will fear him, cleave to him in Love and Serve him in Truth, with all our Hearts; giving up our Selves unto him to be his People, in all things to be at his Direction and Sovereign Disposal, that we may have and hold Communion with him, as members of Christ's [377-378] mystical Body according to his Revealed will, unto our Lives End.

2. We also bind our Selves to bring up our Children and Servants in the Knowledge and Fear of God, by holy Instruction according to our best Abilities; and in Special by the use of Orthodox Catechisms that the True Religion may be maintained in our Families, while we live.

3. And we further promise to keep close to the Truth of Christ, endeavouring with lively Affection towards it in our hearts, to defend it against all Opposers thereof, as God Shall call us at any time thereunto. Which that we may do We Resolve to use the Holy Scriptures as our platform, whereby we may discern the mind of Christ, and not the New found Inventions of Men.

4. We also engage our Selves to have a carefull inspection over our own Hearts. That is, So as to Endeavour by the virtue of the Death of Christ the Mortification of all our Sinfull Passions, worldly Frames and disorderly Affections, whereby we may be withdrawn from the Living God.

5. We moreover oblige our Selves in the Faithfull Improvement of our ability and opportuniy; to worship God according to all the Particular Institutions of Chirst in his Church under Gospel Administrations. As, to give reverent Attention unto the word of God: to pray unto him: to sing his Praise: and to hold Communion Each with other in the use [of?] both the Seals of the Covenant of [Grace?] namely Baptism and the Lords Su[pper?].

6. We [*blot*] likewise promise that we will peaceably Submitt unto the Holy Discipline appointed by Chirst in his Church for offenders; Obeying them that Rule over us in the Lord.

7. We also bind out Selves to walk in Love, one towards another; Endeavouring our mutual Edification; visiting, Exhorting, comforting (as Occasion serveth [378-379] And warning any Brother or Sister which offendeth, not divulging private offences irregularly; but heedfully following the Several Precepts laid down by Christ for Church Dealing in Matth. 18.15,16,17. Willingly forgiving all that manifest to the Judgment of Charity that they truly repent of their Miscarriages.

Now the God of Peace that brought again from the Dead our Lord Jesus Christ; that great Shepherd of the Sheep, thro the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant; make us all Perfect in Every good way and work to do his Will, working in us That which is Well pleasing in his Sight through Jesus Christ. To whom be Glory for Ever and Ever. Amen.

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November 22d 1724. Increase Ward was Baptized and admitted into our Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Charles, son of John and Jennet McCollister, (who were recommended to us from Stow) was Baptized.

December 13. Ruth junior and Rebecca Ward were Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. James, the Son of James and Sarah Miller (He [*illegible marginal notation*] baptized at Worster) was Baptized.

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January 3. 1724/5. Sarah, Ruhamah and Lydia, Daughters of Isaac and [*blank*] Tomlin were Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Samuel, Daniel, Phinehas and Aaron Hardy were Baptized. [1-2]

February 22. Benjamin, Son of Aaron and Susanna Forbush (which last has own'd the Covenant at Marlboro) was baptized.

March 7. Our First Sacrament was Celebrated.

Jonathan, Son of Jonathan and Martha Howard (She being a Member of Marlborough Church) was baptized.

April 4. 1725. Josiah Newton was admitted into our Communion.

Patience, Daughter of James and Sarah Ball was Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Daniel, Son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth How (She being a Member of Marlboro Church) was Baptized.

And Zipporah, Daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Wheeler, was Baptized, also.

May 2. Beriah, Noah and Vashti Rice;

William Son of William and Mary Holloway (both of which own'd the Covenant at Marlboro)

Mary Daughter of Nathan and Mary Ball (who own'd the Covenant at Marlborough likewise) and

Ebenezer Miller the Son of James and Sarah Miller were all Baptized.

23. Our Second Sacrament was Solemnized.

July 11. Mary, Daughter of James and Mary Maynard (She being Member of Marlboro Church) was Baptized.

18. Ephraim, the Son of Habijah and Mary Bruce (who had own'd the Covenant at Marlboro) was Baptized.

25. Anna Rice, and Abigail Forbush were admitted into our Communion, and *Mary Parkman*, Member of Cambridge Church; Dorcas Forbush, Elizabeth Fay, Mary Brigham and Bersheba Pratt members of the Church of Marlborough, being Dismissed to us, were received into our Fellowship.

This day likewise the Sacrament was Celebrated.

August 22. Sarah the Daughter of Nehemiah How member of Sudbury Church, was Baptized.

September 5. Peres Rice and Lydia his wife, and Dinah Goodenough were admitted into our Communion and Mary, wife of David Brigham, and Martha Howard also, being Dismissed to us from Marlboro. [2-3] This Day likewise the Sacrament was Celebrated among us.

Sept. 19. Mary, Dau'ter of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman, was Baptized.

*October 3.* John Fay Junior and Hannah his Wife with Confessions and Humiliations for the Breach of the 7th Commandment were admitted into our Communion. And Jonathan their Son and Elizabeth their Dau'ter were Baptized. And John Pratt Junior Nathan Ball and Mary his Wife, and Martha Thurston were also received into our Communion.

October 17. Hannah the wife of Edmund Rice being recommended and Dismissed to us by W. Sudbury Church was admitted into our Communion.

This Day was the Sacrament administered unto us. To day likewise, Isaac Shattuck and Mary his Wife Confess'd publickly their Violation of the Seventh Commandment, owned the Covenant (or were Confirmed) and Sibyll their Daughter, was Baptized.

Novemb: 21. Rebecca Byles was admitted into our Communion.

November 28. The Lords Supper was administered to us.

This Day also Eleazar and Increase Ward, Sons of Increase Ward, were Baptized.

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1726. February 20. Daniel, Son of David and Dinah Goodenough, was Baptized.

27. The Sacrament was Solemnized.

March 20. Jason Badcock being presented by Joseph Wheeler was baptized.

April 3. Simon Tainter was added to our Fellowship.

The 10th day was our Sacrament.

20. Mary, the Daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth Newton was Baptized. [3-4]

May 1. Asher Rice was admitted into our Communion.

8. Betty the Daughter of John and Bathsheba Pratt, was Baptized.

22. Hannah the Daughter of Joseph and Martha Willard of Hassinemisco was Baptized.

29. Jedidiah The Son of Peres and Lydia Rice was (by Mr. *Barrett* in My absence) Baptized.

June 26. The Lords Supper was Solemnized with us.

July 10. Noah, Son of Aaron and Susanna Forbush, was Baptized.

August 21. Was Sacrament Day.

Sept: 11. Edward Baker was admitted into our Communion.

18. Mary the Daughter of Isaac and Mary Shattuck was baptized.

The Sacrament was administered.

Octob: 9. Eli, the Son of Jonathan and Hannah Forbush was Baptized by Mr. Cushing in my absence.

November 6. Gideon the Son of Jonathan and Martha Howard was Baptized.

13. Hannah Holloway was admitted into our Fellowship. And this Day also The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was Administered among us.

December 11. Thomas Forbush Junior was admitted into our Communion.

25. Persis, Daughter of Edward and Persis Baker, was baptized.

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1727. January 1. Ann Daughter of John and Jennet McCollister was baptized.

15. Mary, Daughter of William and Mary Holloway was baptized.  
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Jan; 29. Joseph Joslin owned the Covenant; His Wife Katharine was admitted into full Communion; and their Daughter Mary was baptized.

February 12. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

March 26. Mary Shattuck was admitted into our Church.

April 2. Jonathan Forbush and Hannah, his Wife being dismissed from the Church of Marlborough, were admitted into our Fellowship and this Day The Lords Supper was administered. Furthermore These Severall Children following were baptized, namely, *Mary* (Daughter of Samuel and Deborah Grow), *Dorcas*, Daughter of Thomas (Junior) and Hannah Forbush, and Jonathan the Son of Hezekiah and Abigail Ward (who belong to Marlborough Church).

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Jonathan, Son of Habijah and Mary Bruce; and Elizabeth, Daughter of James and Sarah Ball, were baptized.

May 7. Tabitha Fay (the wife of Samuel Fay) was admitted into our Communion.

14. The Sacrament of The Lords Supper was administered.

28. John Green, having Stood propounded a week, owned the Covenant and his Son Ephraim Green was Baptized. At the same time, Adonijah the Son of Charles and Rachel Rice (who had owned the Covenant at Marlborough) was also Baptized.

June 4. Eunice, daughter of James [5-6] and Damaris Bradish; and Benjamin, Son of Simon and Rebecca Tainter were baptized.

June 18. Miriam daughter of James and Mary Maynard was baptized.

25. The Holy Communion was celebrated. And Susanna daughter of Nathan and Mary Ball was baptized.

July 30th. Lydia the Daughter of William and Rebecca Nurse was baptized.

August 13. The Holy Communion was Celebrated.

20. Samuel the Son of Nehemiah and Margarett How of Hassinemisco (but member of Sudbury Church) was Baptized: as was Daniel the son of James and Sarah Miller.

August 27. Ebenezer The Son of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman, was Baptized, as was Aaron the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wheeler, at the Same time.

Sept: 10. Eleazer Beeman and Hannah his Wife owned the Covenant and Abraham their Son was baptized.

17. Josiah Rice and Thankfull his wife owned the Covenant and Joseph their son was Baptized.

24. Eunice Pratts Confession and Relation were read to the Church and Congregation and She was Restored and admitted into our Communion and Her sons Moses and Isaac and her Daughter Mary were Baptized.

October 1. The Lords Supper was administered. Obadiah Newton and Abigail his wife owning the Covenant, were Confirmed and [6-7] Phinehas their Son and Abigail their Daughter were baptized.

October 5. The Church was called together (a Second Time) to either confirm their *Choice of Deacons* made in February 1725; or make a new Election; and to Consider the want of Sufficient *vessels* to carry on the orderly Celebration of the Eucharist. The meeting was opened with Prayer to the Supream Bishop of the Church for Divine Direction and Conduct in the Affair undertaken. The Address ended, the Ends proposed were declared,; but Examining into the Numbers present and Comparing them with those that were not with us, we found there was but a minor Part of the Church -- wherefore Considering with all, the Importance of Every Such Matter in a Church (as hath reference to its *officers*) any proceeding to the Business mainly design'd, was by every one declin'd. And Since there must be a new Appointment the other matter abovemention'd was likewise defer'd to another Opportunity, after it was somewhat discoursed about. So that having again Supplicated Benediction from God and appointed our Re-assembling on this Day Se'nnight the meeting concluded. Care was taken that as our Business was put off and another meeting appointed merely because there was not a major Part of the Church, so all those that are absent Should be duely notified and urged to attend the next meeting. [7-8]

Oct: 12. 3rd Church meeting. The Church came together upon the Business before named, And though there was a great deal of Care taken that every one that was not sick Should be present yet There were but Eleven assembled. There was First a Debate about the validity of Such proceedings as those of a minor Part of a Church met together. All present were of Opinion that Proper warning being given either If thro Divine Providence preventing by Sickness etc. or through neglect from time to time the majority Should be absent yet Those that are orderly met together are impowered to transact and manage the Church's Business. And it was Thought unreasonable that the Affairs propos'd Should be any further put off, or the Brethren obliged to gather together from Time to Time till there should happen to be a major Part, When a great number of the brethren were *disabled* and Everyone fully Notified. So that it was thought expedient as well as defensible to proceed. Accordingly Address was first preferr'd to Heaven and then The Church (as they were look'd upon to be) Chose By Written votes *John Fay* and *Isaac Tomlin* to be the Deacons of This Church; Scarcely a Vote for anyone besides.



And as to the other Article respecting *Vessels* it was voted that Two shillings Should be collected of every Male Member of the Church to purchase a *Flagon* holding Two quarts; and *Two Pint* Tankard; also a *Bason* for Water of Baptism.

Which ended, and various Conferences tending to promote and secure the Church's Safety, The Meeting clos'd with offering Supplication and Thanksgiving to God.

15. Jonah Warrin and Elizabeth his Wife offer'd Confessions (having broken the Seventh Commandment) [8-9] and desired to be at peace with God and with his people. He owned the Covenant. She was admitted into our Communion. And at the Same time Nathaniel Whitney who owned the Covenant at Concord, Submitting to the Discipline of this Church, had his Daughter Mary baptized.

Nov: 5. Tabitha Oake, (the wife of Nathaniel Oake) was admitted into our Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was Celebrated. And on the same day Mary, the Daughter, and Elijah and Jonas, Sons of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin were baptized. And when the worship was Ended a Letter was Read, which was Sent to this Church from the Church of *Leicester* requesting our Assistance in Council there on the 22nd of this Current November. Upon which This Church voted to Send The Pastor and Deacon Tomlin. But the Council was deferr'd till April.

Dec: 3. Mary Bradish (born March 25 1715) was admitted into our Communion.

Dec: 24. Aaron, the Son of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin; and Mary the Daughter of Samuel and Isabel Ferguson (whose Certificate sign'd by Jo'n Elder and John Given, Elders of the Congregation of Aughadowy (in Ireland) I had received at their hands and propounded their Desires in the forenoon) who also Manifested their willingness to Submit to the Discipline of our Church) were Baptized. The Same Day there was a Contribution in the Congregation for the Relief of Mr. *John Paterson* of this Town.

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. Thomas Rice junior and Mary his Wife confessed their Sin of fornication, were restored and Admitted into our Communion and their Son Asa and their Daughter Melliscent were baptized. Also *Cornelius Cook and Eunice* his wife made the like confession of the Same Sin. They were restored. He own'd the Covenant. She was admitted into our Communion and Jonathan their Son was baptized. [9-10] The Same Day Hannah the wife of Thomas Forbush junior was admitted into our Communion.

[Westborough Church [1728]

1728. Jan. 7. I detained the Brethren of the Church to receive the Answers of those persons the Church had elected to be *Deacons* thereof. I accordingly proceeded to Desire them to Deliver what they had to offer to the Church. Mr. *Fay* said that "If the Brethren of the Church had Chosen him to be a Deacon he accepted of it and would Serve them Notwithstanding if the Church had Seen meet to pitch upon some other person he should have been *heartily* Glad." Mr. *Tomlin* Spake to this purpose "That This Church having elected him, he was not against Serving

them in the Office, for he Saw Divine providence brought him into it. (But he added) Without the Brethren would drop him” - (for he had much Solicited to be released) - I Then appointed the 11th Day to be a Church meeting upon the Matter of introducing them into their office.

11. The Church gathered together and We were Entertained with a Discourse touching the Method and manner of introducing Deacons into their office: from *Acts* 6, 6. Which Discourse having been heard, The Matter was Left to the Church’s Consideration, what Method we Should take. The Deacons Elect in the Mean time were requested to take the care of the Business as they had hitherto done. Mr. *Tomlin* made some opposition against a formal ordination tho he was not unwilling to Serve the Church, as it was usuall and Customary in some other Churches, about us. But Mr. *Fay* chose to take the matter into mature Thought and requested his Brother *Tomlin* to do the Like. As we opened the Meeting with Prayer we Closed it therewith.

21. Nathaniel Whitney and Mary his Wife, and Thomas Bruce were admitted into our Fellowship.

28. Hezekiah Tomlin was baptized and admitted into our Fellowship.

Feb: 4. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was celebrated.

March 10. Timothy, Son of Josiah and Elizabeth Newton was baptized. [10-11]

11. 5th Church meeting. The Church (by appointment) came together upon the instant Request of *John McCollister* and *Asher Rice*. The Business was to Consider whether the Case of Those persons Complaining of *Josiah Newton*’s deceiving them in his administration in the office of Military Clerk, Shall be looked upon and accounted, *as it now* stands, a proper Cause for the Church to hear. We began with Solemn and Earnest invocation of the Name of God and his Gracious Direction and Assistance. The Church had in the Next place a serious and warm Discourse offered by the Pastor tending to and pressing the Consideration of the Momentousness and authority of Church Meetings, and the Very good or very Evil Aspect they may have on the Church, the awfull acc’t to be given into the [gracious?] Lord and Supream Bishop, of our Behavior and management while together in this manner. The Fatal Mischiefs of Divisions, the Necessity of Caution in these Contentious Times especially while under the awfull Rebukes of Heaven: upon the whole, that we ought to keep our Selves under the narrowest watch and carefully observe the Rules of the Platform of Church Discipline it being the foundation that we (as yet) are upon. The 10th [?] of the Platform from [*illegible*] 5 being read, we proceeded to the Affair. After Some debate, none being able to alledge but that it must be looked upon as a mixt case and it appearing most Regular that the *Civil* part of the Cause should be discussed first, the Pastor proposed that it might be managed by an arbitration (agreeable to what the Apostle Said in 1 Cor: 6,4,5) and that as it was brought in by the Arbitration we should proceed to it in an Ecclesiastical way if it should be found needfull. This proposall was accepted. And thus this case was dismissed.

[1728 March 11] Another Affair was also brought before the Church at this meeting. The Pastor took their Advice in what would be most warrantable and Regular to be done in the Case of

*Samuel Hardy* and his wife who desired baptism for their Child born Three dayes within Seven Months after the parents' Marriage. No opposition was made to proceeding to grant the Priviledge, the Circumstances of the fright it was declared the mother was in, occasioning as was believed the hasty birth, together with their Serious Declaration that they were innocent, being all the Satisfaction the Church could have in a Case of this nature.

Recommending our Selves to the Conduct of Heaven by Prayer and Thanksgiving, the Meeting Concluded.

21. Eleazar Bellows and Sarah his wife, upon Confession of the Sin of Fornication, were restored and admitted into our Communion.

April 1. 6th church meeting. The Church came together, and Supplications having been made to Heaven (See the Articles of that Prayer at this meeting at the close of this Parag.), the [11-12] End and Purpose, upon which we met was Express'd, namely, To See whether The Church Had accepted of the Satisfaction and Reconciliation between our Brethren John *McCollister* and *Josiah Newton* (who, agreeable to the Desire of the Arbitrators, had met together and said *McCollister* hearing the Judgment of the Arbitrators agreed, and *Josiah Newton* humbling himself and asking forgiveness, said *McCollister* told him He accepted of what was now done and was Reconciled) and Brothers Asher Rice and Newton had readily complied also to leave their Difference to Two of the Same Arbitrators and would bind themselves to the Result. But there was not a willingness among many of the Church; and They could in no wise be Easy except the Reconciliation Should be (not only read *in private*, as said *McCollister* would be contented with if it might Satisfie the Church but also) *Openly Read* before the Church, *as a church*. *Newton* not readily complying with that which he esteemed *private's* being *publish'd*, Severall were not a little Disgusted and disturb'd So that when it had been read they could by no means admit that what said *Newton* had offered was Sufficient. Moreover, considering this Matter had been Not only transacted with So many *persons*, and had been So much spread abroad to the great grievance and offence of many; withall, considering that Brother *Collister* [*sic*] could not be Easy upon any other Terms than the Church's acceptance of what had been done by them privately; For these Reasons The Church, that is what were present, Scil: six against five, (There being but Eleven of 28 met together, (Except The Pastor, who refus'd to give his vote of either Side) *Voted That the late Proceedings of Josiah Newton Should be brought under the Cognizance of the Church*. - Which being dis[patch'd?] *another Affair* namely respecting *Samuel Hardy's* Enjoying Priviledges among us was mentioned; but, it growing late we deferr'd it and appointed another meeting. And So recommending our Selves to the *Protection and Conduct*, and all our Ad- [12-13] ministrations to the *Direction and Blessing* of our gracious God and Redeemer - especially under the present Difficulties, imploring Pardon at the Hands of God; with Thanksgivings for his innumerable both public and Private mercies, and Beseeching that the threatning Evils may be averted from us - The Meeting was dissolved.

April 4. 7th church meeting. Being met together we first offered up most Earnest Supplications to God to prevent the Evils threatning us, to grant his immediate and Signal presence with us, and to Assist, Conduct, and give an happy issue to us. The Pastor next declared The Business of the Meeting; namely, to take under our Cognizance the late Conduct of *Josiah Newton*; But before it was proceeded to, the Pastor gave an urgent Premonition and

Exhortation, touching the Evils and Dangers we were in a very dreadful manner exposed to, and pressing to utmost Caution and watchfulness over our Selves as well as against our Spiritual Enemies, Deliberation and prayerfulness, and reliance on God etc. Then it was Enquir'd into, How far doth *Josiah Newton* acknowledge himself Sorry for what he has done; and what is meant by *his Proceedings* with *John McCollister*? and he answering that thereby he meant *his Leading them* (namely *John McCollister* and the Persons with Him) *along in Such a Train of Discourse as Deceived* them; - a Confession was immediately drawn up at Brother *Newtons* Request and Direction: And being read to the Church Several Times over, - Acceptance was universally Voted. After which the Pastor turn'd to the said *Newton* with a brief word both Hortatory and Consolatory. Our Brother *Asher Rice* had requested that Some complaints of His against the Same *Newton* might have an hearing (Saving only That Complaint of His relating to the Same Deceit before Spoken of was dropt; and his humbling himself [before?] the said *Rice* was well Satisfyed - and declared withal, that he forever sunk the *Temporal Part* also.) There were [13-14] then Two Articles remaining, one of *Defamation*, which being without any Support, Sunk of it Self; The other *Charging* Said *Newton* with Speaking *falsely* and *injuriously* in saying that He (vizt. *Newton*) had paid the Constable for Him (the said *Rice*) Twice or Thrice and that if He had not paid his Rates for him the Constable would have carryed him to jail which *Rice* denied. *Newton* Said, He Spake thus, that He had several Times paid the Constable for him; when except he had done so the Constable would have carryed Him to jail for ought he knew. But the Church voted That They would not meddle with That Matter. So These Affairs finished. [April 4, 1728] The Affair of *Samuel Hardy* came next under Cognizance. And it appeared that a great majority were for his Enjoying Priviledges; But 4 or 5 offered their Dissent, and some of them their Reasons, which Reasons were referred by the Pastor to his own further Consideration. The Meeting Then Concluded with Prayers and Praises, offered unto God.

April 14. Jonathan and Lydia Goodenow and Rebecca (the Wife of Simeon) Howard (this last person being dismiss'd from the Church of Marlborough) were admitted into our Communion. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was Celebrated. Ithamar, the Son of Jonathan and Lydia Goodenow was baptized.

21. Nathaniel Oake owned the Covenant and William his Son was baptized.

[April 21, 1728] Elizabeth daughter of Samuell and Tabitha Hardy (the objections that were from Time to Time made from its being born 3 Dayes under Seven (Solar) Months being Obviated was baptized.

May 19. Anna, Daughter of William and Mary Coi (who had own'd the Covenant at Framingham, and Submitted to the Discipline of our Church) was Baptized. Ephraim and Susanna Allen were ad- [14-15] mitted into our Communion.

A Letter from the Pastor and Standing Part of the Church of Christ at *Leicester*, with the Consent of the agrieved, requesting the Assistance of our Church and that we would Send our Pastor and Messenger or Messengers to sit in Council on the 22 of this Instant, at *Leicester*, that their Breaches may be made up etc: - This was read to the Church, and The Church first *voted* a Compliance with the Request. And then Voted That *Deacon Fay* accompany the Pastor to Sit in Council at *Leicester*, agreeable to that Church's Entreaty.

May 26. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was Celebrated, and of Baptism was administered to the following Children vizt. Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Mary Thurston; Eleazar son of Eleazar and Hannah Behman; and Phebe daughter of Joseph and [blank] Willard.

July 7. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered: *James Fay* and *Lydia* his Wife, *John Green*, *Sanuel Fay* junior and *Deliverance* his Wife and *Mehetabel Fay*, being first admitted into our Communion. The Same Day *George Oake*, the Son of *Mary Rice* (by her former Husband *Oake*) and *Deliverance* the Daughter of *Samuel Fay* junior and *Deliverance*, were baptized.

Aug: 11. James Cutler (of Hassinemisco) was admitted into our Communion.

18. Charity, Daniel, Sarah and Anna Children of Eleazar and Sarah Bellows, were baptized.

25. The Holy Communion was celebrated.

Sept: 8. David Maynard Junior Elizabeth Wheeler and Mary Holloway were admitted into our Communion.

15. *Timothy*, the son of David and Dinah Goodenow was baptized.

22. *Rebecca* The Daughter of Jonathan and Aibg[ai]l Livermore (members of West Waterton) was baptized.

29. Agnes Thornton was admitted into our Communion. [15-16]

October 6. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered. Before which Sarah Ball (wife of James Ball) was admitted into our Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Ebenezer Hayward was baptized.

November 7. (Being General Thanksgiving) James and Sarah Miller were admitted into our Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Deliverance, Daughter of Increase Ward, and Moses, Son of Daniel Warrin were baptized. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper having been administered this Day also.

December 8. Seth Rice and Dorothy his wife own'd the Covenant; and Persis, their Daughter, was Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Abigail, Daughter of Edward and Persis Baker, was Baptized.

[1729]

1729. January 12. Kezia Maynard was admitted into our Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. *Lucy* (The Daughter of William and Mary Holloway) and *Daniel* (the Son of James and Lydia Fay) were Baptized.

February 9. Ruth (Daughter of *Samuel* Fay junior and Deliverance) was Baptized. And Benjamin Thurston was admitted into our Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Daniel Hardy and Vashti his wife were admitted into our Communion And the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

March 23. Artemas, Son of Habijah and Mary Bruce, was (by the Rev. Mr. Cushing of Shrewsbury, in my Confinement) Baptized.

April 20. Abigail, daughter of Nathan and Mary Ball, was Baptized. [16-17]

May 4. Jonathan Livermore and Abigail his wife (being dismissed from the Church in the West Precinct in Waterton) were admitted into our Communion.

11. *Hannah*, Daughter of Jonathan and Hannah Forbush, *Ephraim*, Son of Peres and Lydia Rice, and *Francis*, Son of Hezekiah and Abigail Ward, were baptized.

The Same Day the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered among us.

18. Agnes Thornton was dismissed from our Communion (upon her requesting the Same) at the Removal of her abode out of Westborough into Worcester.

The Same Day the Request of *John McColister* to have his Twin Infants Baptized in his own House was offered the Church and Congregation. The Grounds of Private Baptism in Cases of Extremity Shewn (though briefly) from *John* 4:21,23. *1 Cor.*:1,1. and *Acts* 16:13. An hint of the Practice of the Church of Christ abroad and in our own Land hereupon; And the *Reasons* that evidence this Present Case to be such as may (upon those Grounds) warrant Private Baptism; namely the Smallness feebleness and Sickliness of the Children and questionableness whether they will live, [17-18] and their great Distance from the Place of Public Worship - To which add the Low, distress'd and Dangerous Circumstances of Mrs. McColaster; all which render it extremely Difficult to bring the Children forth. From which Considerations I was excited to propose, and appoint that tomorrow at Ten of the Clock I would with Divine permission repair to the House of our Brother McColaster to Baptize his Children There, requesting that So many of the Church and Congregation as can attend it, principally the Deacons of the Church, would meet me there, that there may be Sufficient Witnesses, and orderly Solemnity in the Celebration and administration of that Ordinance, which I design, in the Fear of God, there to undertake.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. According to Yesterday's Appointment I went over to John McColaster's to Baptize his Children.

We began the Exercise with Prayer; Then proceeded to a Brief Diassertation concerning the Grounds upon which we were met together and the Defensibleness of the undertaking. - After which we prayed and administered Baptism to *Mary* and *Hannah*, Daughters of John and Jennet McColaster. After a Third Prayer we Sang part of a Psalm, and the Blessing was pronounced. There were half a Score of the Church, present, or more among which the Deacons; And above that number of others: besides those who belonged to the House. In all nigh thirty Persons. [18-19]

\_\_\_\_\_ May 25. *Nathaniel*, Son of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney, was Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ June 8. Elizabeth, Daughter of Simon and Rebecca Tainter,  
Thomas, Son of Thomas Junior and Hannah Forbush; and

Phinehas, Son of James and Mary Maynard; were Baptized. Habijah Bruce and Mary his wife were the Same Day admitted into our Communion.

15. Daniel, Son of William and Rebecca Nurse was baptized.

29. Lydia, daughter of John Danforth (who own'd the Covenant at Billerica and Submitted to the Discipline of this Church) was baptized.

July 6. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered, at my urgent Request (being under much Infirmary) by the *Rev. Mr. Breck* of Marlborough who was very unexpectedly among us to Day, instead of *Mr. Park*. P.M. Thomas, Son of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman, was baptized. [19-20]

July 13. Samuel, the son and Susanna, the Daughter of Ephraim and Susanna Allen[,] Rebecca, the Daughter of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy; and Robert, the Son of Cornelius and Eunice Cook, were baptized.

20. Samuel Ferguson, a Second Samuel Ferguson from Ireland own'd the Covenant, and at his and his Wife [*blank*] Desire (who was recommended from Sudbury West-Precinct) Samuel their son was Baptized.

27. Gershom Fay and Hannah his Wife owned the Covenant and Gershom their Son was baptized.

August 3. Edward, Son of Nehemiah How of Hassenemisco and James the son of James and Sarah Ball were baptized.

17. Sarah, The Daughter and Elijah, the son of Ephraim and Susanna Allen were baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Anna, Daughter of James and Damaris Bradish was baptized. The same Day Charles Rice and Rachel his wife were admitted into our Communion.

Sept. 7. Hezekiah Ward and Abigail his wife, being dismiss'd from, and recommended to us by the [20-21] Church in Marlborough, were admitted into our Communion.

Sept. 28. Marshal The Son of Obadiah and Abigail Newton was baptized.

October 5. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

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Nov. 9. Hannah, Daughter of John (junior) and Hannah Fay was baptized.

[1730]

1730 Jan. 11. Samuel, the Son of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin; and Edmund the Son of Seth and Dorothy Rice, were baptiz'd by the Rev. Mr. Barrett, being my Self Confin'd by my Infirmities.

March 22. Rebecca, Daughter of Aaron and Susanna Forbes, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Abigail, daughter of Hezekiah and Elizabeth How; and Anna, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney were baptized.

N.B. Public Fast on Apr. 2, Elijah Son of Eleazar and Sarah Bellows was baptized.

Apr. 12. Jonathan, Son of Jonathan and Abigail Liver- [21-22] more, was baptized.

Apr. 19. Hannah, Daughter of William and Mary Holloway, was baptized.

May 3. Seth, son of James and Sarah Miller, was baptized.

May 24 [1730]. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered. *Deacon Fay* having first desired his acknowledgment or brief Confession, Should be read, for his irregular Conduct on May 3rd, when attempting a Speech to the Congregation after the usual Exercises were finished (which, how Zealously and innocently Soever it could charitably be Supposed to be Meant, was nevertheless very imprudent and of ill tendency, for) he was immediately answered by *Lieut. Forbush* - He again replyed with expressions of Passionate heat - upon which issued much Disturbance on both sides altogether Criminall, and even Surprising, upon the Lords Day and so presently after our holy employment. The Deacon's acknowledgment being read in the Congregation[,] the Church (to whom it was directed) voted an acceptance of him, and compleatly restored him. N.B. The *Lieut.* though exhorted (privately) thereto made none, Howbeit he was not less in the Disturbance than the Deacon.

P.M. Mehitabel, the Daughter of James and Mehitabel Cutler, was baptized.



June 14. *Hannah*, The Daughter of Eliezar and Hannah Beeman; *Sarah* the Daughter of David and Dinah Goodenow, and *Persis* Daughter of Samuel junior and Deliverance Fay, were baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Isaac, son of Joseph and Katharine Joslin, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Thankfull, Daughter of Samuel Harrington (who had owned the Covenant at Weston and Submitted [22-23] to the Discipline of this Church) was baptized.

July 12. Having received the Request of Margarett McCollister to be admitted into our Communion with Letters Testimonial and recommendatory from the Church at Worcester, She was receiv'd a member of this Church.

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered, and

Jerusha and Martha, Daughters of Increase Ward, and Abigail, Daughter of Habijah and Mary Bruce, were baptized.

Aug: 16. Abigail, Daughter of Hezekiah and Abigail Ward, was baptized.

Octob: 4. The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Lydia, Daughter of James and Lydia Fay, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Lydia and Thomas, Children of Thomas and Lydia Warrin, were baptized, upon their Parents publickly owning the Covenant among us.

A Letter from the Congregation of the Lord in *Southborough* to this Church was read; and the Request of it, namely to Send the Elder and Such Messengers as the Church Should See meet to their Assistance in the Gathering a Church there and ordaining Mr. *Nathan Stone* their pastor, was voted.

2d Vote that the Church would send 2 Persons with the Pastor, its Messengers on that occasion.

3d vote that the Two Deacons, be those Messengers to go with the Elder.

*Lastly* the Blessing of the Church gave Dismission. [23-24]

*Octob.* 25. Elizabeth, Wife of Hezekiah How, having produc'd her Dismission from the Church of Marlborough, to which She belonged was, upon her Request, admitted into our Communion.

*Novemb. 1.* Samuell Gamel owned the Covenant and his wife Margarett was admitted into full Communion. The Same Day Nahum Son of Daniel and Mary Warrin, and Margarett Daughter of the above named Samuell and Margarett Gamel, were baptized.

Nov. 16. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered. Thankfull (the wife of Josiah) Rice having been (likewise) admitted into our Communion.

Decemb. 6. Isabell the Daughter of Samuel and [blank] Ferguson and Daniel the Son of Cornelius and Eunice Cook were baptized. And Samuel Hardy and Tabitha his Wife were admitted into our Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Dinah and Experience Ward and Thankfull Smith (their sister) were baptized, and the Last of them was admitted into full Communion with us.

[1731]

1731. Feb: 14. Ruhamah (the wife of Josiah) Newton was admitted into into our Communion.

Church Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ 18. The Church Met together and the Pastor having first offered up An Address to the Supream Shepherd, The Occasion of the Church's being called together was opened Scil: Upon propsect of [illeg.] the Season revolving and therewith Hope of Opportunity for the Holy Communion it appeared Needfull by Prayer and [24-25] other Suitable and Prudent Endeavours to prepare and dress our Selves with a Wedding Garment to meet our Glorious Lord thereat; and inasmuch as there has been in the Congregation Disquietment, and (with [therein?]) among some of the Members *of the Church*, Uneasiness touching the attempts to regulate our Singing, it was urged as being our indispensable Duty for persons under Disquietment with one another, to take the Steps of Church Dealings with those that had given or taken Offence, if any such there were; But if there be no Bottom on which to Ground any such regular Dealings, there ought to be a fraternal agreement and mutual forgiving each his Brother's Infirmities - Earnest Exhortations followed to a Suitable Regard to the Sacred Bonds of our Covenant - the Regular Steps of the Platform - the Composing our Spirits, uniting in holy Love - Carefullness to walk according to our Solemn Profession and present Occasion of Reflection upon Church Members - And *Finally*, to remember the Sacred Trust and Treasure committed to us by Christ in our Church Privileges, to prize and improve and in no wise to betray them.

Liberty being given to any Brother of the Church, under any Dissatisfaction, to offer his Sentiments (observing order) Brother Thomas Forbush Spoke of the Disquietment by the Singing; and intimated that he thought they were Chiefly Occasioned now by the Pastors not falling in with the *Town* in what they had done at their Town Meeting upon that Article - To which the Pastor replied that Inasmuch as the Town had proceeded in no wise according to Church Rule or Civil Law, and contrary to his Counsel to them touching their Determining which Way (as its termed) to sing; and had not however, orderly informed him of their votes or Management thereupon, but yet being *he* (under Infirmities and indispositions of body) had not opposed them nor disturbed them in singing according to their own [25-26] Choice, nor interposed in the matter of determining the *way*, but had only (in his own Office) appointed the Person to Read and set the Psalm and the Tune that Should be Sung; upon all those considerations, that Apprehension of Mr. Forbush, was to be thought Groundless. It was withal Signified to the Church that the abovesaid Meeting of the Town upon that Article of the Divine

worship being *irregular*, (if not to be punctually declared *sinfull*) all such Church members as had directly an hand in it were reproofworthy (and were thereby reprov'd for it) - After this

It was again offer'd to the Church by the Pastor, that if there was (after what had been said) any uneasiness (particularly directed to Mr. *Forbush*) it was desired to be manifested - none at all being manifested, a Brief Exhortation to Love and unity followed - and when somewhat had been intimated touching the noncompletion as yet of the Contribution for Communion vessels (voted sometime since) and its being the Reason why an Account had not been delivered to the Church of that Affair; and *Last of all* when the Pastor had inform'd that it had been by means of his long indisposition that the Question concerning the Ordination of Deacons had not been discuss'd - the Meeting was concluded with Prayer and Benediction.

N.B. Brother *Thomas Forb.* mention'd a matter in the Church, wherein he accus'd his Brother *Jonathan Forb.* and Brother *Tainter* with False speaking but inasmuch as it was not orderly brought into the Church (no intimation having been made either to those Brethren or to the Pastor about it) an utter stop was put to it, and the offer of it (by Brother Th. F.) declar'd to be *unseasonable*.

Feb.: 26. The Lords supper was administer'd to us; Care being first taken touching the Conduct of Brother *Thomas Forbes* at the last Church Meeting. The said Forbes request'd the Pastor to acquaint the Church that they namely he and his Brethren abovesaid (for note, that it was rather a misunderstanding and difference of Judgment than any falsehood on one side or t'other) had made up their Difference and [26-27] were in Brotherly Love; that they namely he and his Brother *Jonathan* were Sorry for their Conduct, and particularly *he* would have them inform'd that *he was* for his *unseasonable* opening their Difference to the Church on their late meeting -- The Church's acceptance was manifest'd by their silence.

Apr. 11. The Lords Supper was administer'd.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Charles, son of Charles and Rachel Rice, was baptiz'd.

May 2. Mehitabel the Daughter of Peres and Lydia Rice, and Dorothy the Daughter of Seth and Dorothy Rice, were baptiz'd.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Ebenezer, Son of Thomas (junior) and Hannah Forbes, Hephzibah Daughter of Edmund and Persis Baker, and Martha of Isaac (junior) and Jemima Tomlin, were baptiz'd.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. The Lords Supper was administer'd. And Timothy, Son of John (junior) and Bathsheba Pratt, was baptiz'd.

June 6th. I being at *Hassenemisco*, Sundry persons, that had (by Sufficient Testimony) enjoy'd Special Privileges in the Churches of Christ, request'd Baptism for their Children and (having (privately) given them respectively a Charge and Exhortation Seriously to affect them Selves with what they were transacting) I comply'd with their Desires, and accordingly Noah the Son of [blank] Kidder. Mary, the Daughter of Ezekiel Knowlton and Mary the Daughter of Thomas Fulton were baptiz'd.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Seth Rice and Dorothy his wife and Phebe (the wife of Simeon) Willard of Hassinemisco were admitted into our Communion: as was also Rebecca (the wife of Simon) Tainter by virtue of a Dismission from the first Church of Waterton. Thaddeus, the son of Gershom and Hannah Fay was likewise Baptized. [27-28]

July 4. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered and John, the Son of James and Mary Maynard, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Nahum, son of James and Sarah, Ball, and John, son of John Dan[t?,s?]forth was (by the Rev. Mr. Cushing in my Absence) Baptized.

August [8?]. Jennet, Daughter of John and Margarett McCollister was baptized. And *Ruth* (the wife of Increase) *Ward* was admitted into our Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. The Sacrament was Administered. P.M. Samuel, the Son of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy was baptized.

Sept. 26. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered. And p.m. Lydia the Daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman was baptized.

Octob. 31. Sarah, the Daughter of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton; Ephraim, the son of Ephraim and Susanna Allen; and Mary, the Daughter of Eleazar junior and Sarah Bellows, were baptized.

Nov. 7. The Lords Supper was administered. And Martin, the son of Jedidiah and Abigail How, (who had in the late time of my illness and Absence been propounded at Marlborough and had owned the Covenant there and Submitted now to our Discipline) was baptized. This Same Day (Nov. 7) I Stopped the Church to invite and Call upon them to Solemnize a Fast with the Association of Ministers in This place; for the Revival of Religion and obtaining a Blessing on the Rising [Generation?] as had been Done in Congregations round about, and on the Sabbath following viz. (Nov. 14) The Congregation was invited also, and Earnestly called upon to attend the Same (This latter was done by Mr. *Blunt* who preached in my Room on that day) And accordingly on the [28-29] 17th. The Rev. Pastors etc. Associated and kept a Solemn Fast unto God. The Pastor of this Flock began with Earnest Supplication for the outpourings of the Divine Spirit the Revival and Recovery of Religion among us and for a Blessing on the Youth of the Place. The Rev. Mr. *Loring* preached A.M. on *Hab: 3.2*. The Rev. Mr. *Prentice* (of Lancaster) both prayed and preach'd p.m. his sermon was on *Prov. 8,17*.

And Oh that it may be a Fast that He has Chosen! Oh that our offerings might be pleasant to the Lord our God! And that the Great Designs of the Fast might be answered that we might fell and see an Happy Influence thereof upon our Selves and our Children!

Decemb. 12. Judah, Son of Beriah Rice was baptized. And Jacob Rice and Hannah his wife were admitted into Church Fellowship.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. The Lords Supper was administered. Elizabeth the Daughter of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin, and Rebecca the Daughter of Jacob and Hannah Rice, were baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. The Church was Stayed after the usual Exercises of the Lords Day, and a Letter from our Christian Friends in *Hassinemisco* requesting our countenance and Assistance at their Approaching Solemnities (of Ordination etc.)

1. Voted a Compliance with their Request.
2. Voted that Two Persons accompany the Pastor in that Affair.
3. Voted that Deacon Fay be one.
4. Voted that Brother Thomas Newton be the other.

Then a Request of one of this Church viz. James Cutler, to be dismissed from his particular Relation to this Church [29-30] in order to his Joining with other Christians in laying the Foundation of a Church in *Hassinemisco*. His request was Voted and that he Should be recommended to the work before him.

[1732]

1732. Feb. 13, 1732. Josiah, the Son of John and Hannah Fay was Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Joseph, son of Aaron and Hephzibah Hardy, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Silas, Son of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore, and Joseph, Son of Thomas and Lydia Warrin, were baptized.

March 12. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered.

Apr. 9. Amos, Son of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Cornelius, of Cornelius and Eunice Cook bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Dinah of David and Dinah Goodenow bapt.

May 7. Abigail, Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and Hannah Upham, Member of Malden Church - was Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Sacrament was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Samuel, of Samuel and [blank] Harrington bapt.

July 9. The Lords Supper was administered. And Joseph son of James and Damaris Bradish was baptized. Simeon Hayward own'd the Covenant and his Son Samuel was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Mary, daughter of Samuel and Mary Gamel was baptized.

Aug. 10. The Church came together at the Request of *Peres Rice*, who desir'd he might plead the Cause before the Church which *Josiah Newton* had commenced against him in the Civil Law, for False Speaking. After Prayer The Request was opened to the Church and in answer *Josiah Newton* produced a Copy of what had been transacted in the Justice's Court and Sign'd by *Nahum Ward* Esquire the said justice before whom it had been heard. Upon our [asking?] to hear the Cause it was found that the witnesses Sworn and improved in the Justice's Court were not at meeting. [30-31] The Church waited Some time and debated the Matter whether it Should be now heard or No - and it was resolved to put off the hearing till all the witnesses might be present - whereupon the meeting was adjourn'd to this Day Sennight and So were dismissed with Prayer and Blessing.

17th. The Church met and after Supplication entered again into the forementioned Debate And witnesses were brought by Rice for his defense against Newton - and long and Tedious Debates followed and contiued into the Evening but never thereby [*illegible*] - and we were obliged to adjourn to Monday [come?] Fortnight.

Sept. 4. The Church met together again upon adjournment to Consider further the Case of Peres Rice. The Debates were renew'd, (Supplication having been first attended) And upon the whole hearing of the Case illustrated by all Partys, Witnesses and Circumstances the Church appeared of the mind that Charity might be extended towards our Brother as to his Intentions, that they were not with [perverse?] Design to [Deceive?], but that his Expressions were not well conducted. And upon his making (a written) acknowledgment to that effect he was restored. The Votes were [12?] against and [6?] for his acceptance and restoration.

Sep. 17. Mary *Beton* entered into the Christian Profession, and was baptized. And *Isaac*, son of Isaac and Jemima [Tomlin?] was likewise baptized.

24. Mary, daughter of Daniel Warrin, was baptized.

Octob. 1. Eunice Flagg, by virtue of a Dismission from West-Waterton, was admitted [31-32] into the Church. On the same Day the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

Oct: 22. Sarah, of Eliezer and Hannah Beeman, baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Sarah of Thomas Bruce, was baptized.

Nov. 5. Abner Son of Charles and Rachel Rice [and] Sarah, Daughter of Samuel junior and Deliv. Fay [were] baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Lords Supper administered.

Dec: 31. Betty, Daughter of William and Mary Holloway and Lois, Daughter of Jacob and Hannah Rice Baptized.

[1733]

1733. Jan. 14. Solomon, Son of James and Sarah Miller, Baptized.

Feb. 18. Joshua, son of Simon and Rebecca Tainter was baptized.

March 4. Sacrament was administered.

March 11. Asaph, son of Beriah Rice baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Catechiz'd at the Meeting House. Catechisings had been attended all along in every Year hitherto, although the Record of them had been neglected hitherto.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Jemima, of Nathan and Mary Ball [and] Samuel, of John and Bathsheba Pratt [were] baptized.

April 1. Abigail, of James and Mary Maynard Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Seth, of Nathaniel and Tabitha Oake, baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. The Lords Supper administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Lemuel, of Eleazar Junior and Hephzibah How of Marlborough Baptized she being a member of the Church of Christ in Marlborough.

May 6. Joel, of Josiah and Thankfull Rice Bapt.

May 27. The Sacrament administered.

June 7. Catechized at the Meeting House.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Hephzibah, of Thomas Junior and Hannah Forbush, Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Thomas, of Aaron and Susanna Forbush Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. William, son of William and Sarah Pierce (they having own'd the Covenant in Hopkinton) was Baptized.

July 15. Sacrament Administered. Elizabeth, Daughter of John and Rebecca Hicks [and] James, Son of Samuel and [blank] Ferguson [were] Baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Catechized at the Meeting house.

Aug: 26. Mercy (wife of Joshua) Dowsing or Townsend was admitted into Church Fellowship with us.

Sept. 2. The Lords Supper was Administered. And on the Same day Hephzibah the Daughter of Jonathan and Eunice Flagg, was baptized. [32-33]

Oct: 21. *Ruhamah* (wife of *Eleazar*) Pratt (within the Bounds of Shrewsbury) was admitted into our Communion as was John Graves, being *dismissed* or recommended from the East Church in Sudbury.

The Sacrament was administered. And Barnabas, Son of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton and Lucy, Daughter of Thomas and Sarah Bruce were baptized.

Nov. 11. Stephen, of Cornelius and Eunice Cook baptized.

Dec: 3. Asher, of Asher and [blank] Rice, baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. The Sacrament of the Supper was Administered.

10. Catechized at the Meeting house.

20. Silas Son of (Zebadiah and) Thankfull Smith was baptized.

[1734]

1734. Jan: 6. WOODS, Mrs. Mary

Born Oct. 31, 1678 (EP)

Died May 4, 1778, age 99

1778 May 4 (Monday). Old Mrs. *Mary Woods* dyes about 5 o'clock p.m. She was born Oct. 31. 1678.

1778 May 5 (Tuesday). Preached at Mr. *Levi Warrens* on 1 *Cor.* 15.57 previous to the burying of old Mrs. *Woods*, whose Funeral I attended, and prayed -- that is, at Mr. Daniel Forbes's: and gave an Account of her Death, for publication, to Col. *Wheelock*.

According to what appeared in the *Massachusetts Spy* (June 18, 1778, p. 3), Mary Woods was the widow of Isaac Woods, late of Southborough, and was born in Medfield.

and Abigail his Wife being dismissed from the particular Relation in which they Stood to the Third Church of Christ in Ipswich, were admitted into our Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Sarah, of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin [and] Jedidiah, of Jedidiah and Abigail How [were] baptized.



Feb: 3. Abner Newton and Vashti his wife having offered a Confession of their breaking the 7th Commandment were restored, and they owned the Covenant.

March 19 [1734]. The Church came together upon Diverse Affairs and Causes, as particularly

(1. Brother Peres Rice desired a Dismission to the Church of Sutton And he being present the Church required him to give an Account of his abstaining Several Sacraments from our Communion, before they would proceed to Dismiss him and recommend him. But when he had given Satisfaction in that point his Desire was complied with.

(2. Sister Tabitha Fay's Case was laid before the Church's Consideration She having been absent from Communion for a Year or Two, or more - being withheld by her husband, Mr. Samuel Fay, on account of our Singing: It was also referred to Consideration whether the Church ought not to fulfill their Duty towards the Said Samuel Fay and Daughter Tabitha Member[s?] of the Church in Marlborough, and though residing with us yet abstaining Year after Year from Communion with us. The Church Voted that a Committee from the Church Should [33-34] be Sent to the Said Family to Labour with them for a Composition, especially to express the Watch and Care of the church over our Sister Mrs. Fay - The Committee appointed and Sent were Deacon Tomlin, Brother Jonathan Forbes and Brother Joseph Wheeler.

(3. Brother John Green's Case and his Desire of a Dismission now he is gone to dwell at Brookfield, was laid before the Church. Agreed that it be referred to Consideration and Advice upon it.

(4. The Case of Sister *Rebecca Byles*, who had been prosecuted for Defaming *John Hicks* (member of the Church of Cambridge) before *Nahum Ward* Esq. And the Case of her Brother *Thomas Furbush*, who together with his Sister Byles were prosecuted before the Same Justice for Speaking falsely of the Said *Hicks* words while at the foresaid Justice's house - In which Cases they were both Cast and Judgment went against them before Mr. Justice *Ward*, but appeal from the Sentence: However they Saw Meet to Agree before the time of the Court, and were now brought before the Church. And Each of them made Such acknowledgments (especially Sister Byles so Freely) as that the Church Voted their Acceptance of and restored them to their Charity.

After Earnest Exhortation to great Care and Watchfulness - Strong Caution against Reproaching one another, against passionateness and unsuitable Expressions etc. - the Church was dismissed.

March 24. Eliphalet, of Thomas and Lydia Warrin baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. Sacrament administered.

Lydia, of James and Sarah Ball and Solomon, of Samuel junior and Deliverance Fay baptized.

April 14. Samuel, of John and Margaret McAlaster (or McCollister) baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Sarah, of Abner and Vashti Newton, bapt.

May 5. Deborah, Sarah, Hannah and Submitt Ward Daughters of Oliver Ward, having given their Solemn Consent to the Covenant were baptized as were likewise Elizabeth, of Edward Baker[,] and Hannah, of Ephraim and Susanna Allen.

June 9. Lucy, of Nat. and Mary Whitney, Thomas, of Samuel and Tab. Hardy, John, of (John) and Jemima Caruth [were] baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Sarah, the Wife of Thomas Bruce was admitted into our Communion. [34-35]

June 23. Jemima, the wife of David Maynard junior was admitted into our Fellowship as were likewise Jonathan Whipple and Frances his wife, and Mary Wright (one of their Family) being dismissed from the Third Church in Ipswich. The Same Day the Lords Supper was administered - And *Palatiah*, Son of Palatiah and Sarah Rice, (who had own'd the Covenant at Marlborough), *Hephzibah*, daughter of Aaron and Hephzibah Hardy; *Jonathan*, Son of William and Sarah Pierce, and *Dinah*, Daughter of Gershom and Hannah Fay, were baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Catechized at the Meeting House.

July 14. Abigail, of Francis and Abigail Whipple baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. John, of Isaac and Jemima Tomlin, and Sarah, of Seth and Dorothy Rice baptized.

Lieutenant *Forbush* having given an Acknowledgment for his Behaviour on the Lords Day, May 3. 1730, was accepted and restor'd.

Aug. 4. The Lords Supper was Administered. Rebekah of William and Rebec. Nurse was baptized.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Abigail, and Samuel, of Samuel Furbush baptized no objection being made against it.

18. [*blank*] Son of Simeon and Rebekah Howard [and] Rebekah, Daughter of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore Baptized by Mr. Cushing in my Absence.

[N.B. I baptized at Shrewsbury Larkin, son of Thomas and Mary Green, and Thomas, son of John and [*blank*] Willson.]

Sept. 1. Uriah, of Joseph and [*blank*] Witherby they having enjoyed privilege in Southborough baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. After Lecture the Brethren were stayed and [35-36] The Request of Eleazar Bellows and his Wife to be dismissed to *Southborough* was complied with and they were accordingly Dismissed.

Concerning sister Rebecca Byles, who had withdrawn from the Communion for some time, but now desired to approach, the Church manifested that they were willing She should come to the Communion upon Condition She manifested that the Difference between her and John Hicks, aforesaid, was made up and that they were reconciled.

Sept. 22. The Church was informed that all Difference that had been between any persons that desired to approach (without mentioning any names, as was [opened?] on Lecture Day) was made up. Then the Communion was Celebrated - and on the same Day *Alpheus*, of Abner and Vashti Newton was baptized.

Sept. 29. Lucy, Daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman, was baptized.

Octob. 20. Jonathan, of Daniel and Mary Warrin, Hannah, of Jacob and Hannah Rice, and Zerviah, of Thomas and Sarah Bruce bapt.

Nov. 3. Mary (wife of Josiah) *Walker*, but formerly *Shattuck*, a member of our Church, having for Several Years lived in the Neglect of the Ordinance of Baptism (by means of the [Specious?] Temptation of hopes to have her Husband come with her to it) contrary to the Bonds of our holy Covenant came and humbly asked forgiveness of the Church, which was freely granted.

10. The Lords Supper was administered. Hephzibah the wife of Aaron Hardy; and Sarah Bradish (her sister) were admitted into the Church.

24. Josiah Walker own'd the Covenant and Phebe, daughter, and Timothy, son of the Said Josiah and of Mary Walker, were baptized.

Dec.: 8. Thomas, Son of Noah and Hannah Rice bapt.

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Jan: 5. Lavinia, of William and Mary Holloway bapt. [ 36-37]

Jan. 12. Mary, Daughter of (*Eleazar* and) Ruhamah Pratt, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Mary Greaves was baptized.

26. Abigail, of Daniel and Vashti Hardy baptized. And Rebecca Tainter junior (Daughter of Simon and Rebecca Tainter) was admitted into Church Fellowship.

Feb: 16. Samuel and Deborah Grow admitted into the Church.

23. Sacrament administered - And Timothy, of Beriah Rice baptized.

Feb: 24. Catech: at the meeting House.

March 2. Olive, of James and Mary Maynard[,] and Jonathan, of Jonathan and Lydia Goodenow baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. James, of James and Lydia Fay, bapt.

23. Silas, of Josiah and Mary Walker, bapt.

Apr: 6. Dorothy, of Joseph and Dorothy Thurston bapt.

Apr: 13. Sacrament administered - appointed the Catechizing to be on the 15. To be on the north side of the Town.

May 4. Eunice of Cornelius and Eunice Cooke, and Jane of Thomas and Sarah Billings (who had own'd the Covenant at Concord) bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Thomas Goodenow and Persis his wife owned the Covenant and Persis, their Daughter was baptized. The same Day Aaron Hardy and Abigail (Daughter of Jonathan) Forbush were admitted into full Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Sacrament Administered.

June 5. Catechized at the Meeting house. Males a.m. Females p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Elizabeth, of Thomas junior and Hannah Forbush, bapt.

July 13. The Sacrament was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Josiah Bo[w?]ker and Hazadiah his wife made their Confession and Humiliation for violating the 7th Commandment and were restored and owned the Covenant.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Joshua Townsend made Profession of Christianity, was admitted into the Catholic Church and was baptized. He was also admitted into our Communion.

John [*illegible*] and Hannah Liscomb (heretofore Fay wife of [*illegible*] Fay junior deceased) and Mehetable Cutler wife of James [*illegible*] having all three requested Dismissions by means of their being removed away from this Town, their Request [37-38] were complied with and thatthey be recommended, the first to the Church of Brookfield, the Second to the Church of Southborough, the last to the Church of Grafton.

Aug: 10. Ithamar and Mary Bellows were admitted into this Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Susanna, of Aaron and Susanna Forbush[,] and Joshua and Samuel, of Joshua and Mercy Townsend - were baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. Catechizing on the North Side of Town.

31. David, of David and Dinah Goodenow[,] Antipas and Hazadiah of Joseph and Hazadiah Bowker baptized.

Sept: 14. Joshua, of John and Rebecca Hicks and Tabitha, of Asher Rice bapt.

Oct: 5. Sacrament. Daniel Forbush was admitted into our Communion.

Stephen, of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton, bapt.

Oct. 9. Catech.

Oct. 12. Samuel, of Samuel junior and Deliverance Fay, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Abigail, Daughter of Joseph and Kath. Josline, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Azuba, Daughter of Josiah and Thankf. Rice, bapt. (by Mr. Cushing, in my Absence).

Nov. 2. Daniel Warrin and Martha his wife (latter of Waterton) offered (to Acceptance) their Humiliation for violating the 7th Commandment and owned the Covenant.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Abigail, of Daniel and Abigail Forbush, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Martha, of Daniel and Martha Warrin, baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Mary Bradish offered a Confession for having composed a paper of Verses of a Scandalous and Calumniating Nature respecting the Committee appointed by the Town (some time since) to Search out who it was Cut the pulpit Cusheon, and tending to defame others also - she was very penitent - but there was some objection made by Several against reading Said Confession to Day, but the Church more generally insisting for it, and the chief objectors yielding, it was read and she was restored.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Being Lecture Day Brother Jonathan Forbush offered an acknowledgment to the Church for having inserted unsuitable Expressions in the Resentments he Composed in answer [38-39] to the injurious and defaming Verses before mentioned, (he being one of the Committee aforesaid) and altho he knew not the Author of Said Verses at the time of his answering them yet afterwards when he came to the knowledge thereof and perceived his own Miscarriage, he made her Satisfaction; and being it was known to divers more who were offended therewith he freely and humbly offered public Satisfaction also: and was accepted.

Nov. 30. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered - and Sarah, of James and Sarah Miller was baptized.

Dec: 1. Catechizing at the Meeting House, the Males came in the forenoon, the Females in the Afternoon.

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1736. January 26. Caleb, of Jedidiah and Abigail How - and Thaddeus, of Daniel ([Watert.?.]) and Martha Warrin bapt.

Feb: 22. Vashti (the Wife of Aber) Newton, was admitted into full Communion.

Feb. 26. The Brethren of the Church were Stopped to be acquainted that there were some proposals about the Consociation of the Churches of the County of Worcester - they were read and referred to [consideration?].

That the Children of the Covenant Should be looked upon as under the Church's Watch and Discipline -

That the Article of Formal *Relations* should be rectified.

That there were several Books presented to the Church - i.e., Mr. Whites Lamentations and Mr. Clarks (Salem Village) Piece on Baptism of Infants. [39-40]

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Hannah the wife of Noah Rice was admitted into full Communion and The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

March 7. Stephen, of James and Sarah, Ball, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Jonathan, of Jonathan and Eunice Flagg, bapt.

Apr. 1 (being General Fast) Abigail, of Eleazar and Hannah Beeman; Phinehas of Thomas and Sarah Bruce and Josiah, of Josiah and Hassadiah Bowker, were baptized.

Apr. 4. Daniel, Son of Joseph and [blank] Grout (members of the Church in East Waterton) and Samuel Son of Samuel Gamel, were (by Rev. Cushing in my Absence) baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Simeon, of Simeon and Rebecca Hayward bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13 [15?]. The Church Stopped on Account of *First* the Proposal, respecting a Consociation in the County of Worcester; but it was desired that this matter, so New and so weighty might still lye for more mature Consideration - The *Second* Affair was contained in a Letter from the Church of *Sutton*, Setting forth that our Brother *Peres Rice* had refused to join with them and come under their Watch and Discipline, though dismissed from us, therefor) for some Special Reasons (as he Suggests) which Reasons they pray may be required of him by the Church in *Westborough*, and sent to them as our satisfaction with them that they may be satisfied that there [is?] nothing reflecting or reproaching either them Selves or any of their

Members, in said Special Reasons. The Church of *Westborough* voted, that in Compliance with the Request of Said Letter, a Line should be sent to our said Brother *Rice* desiring or requiring those Reasons - The Last Article was, the Practice the Pastor had (as occasion required) gone into of forbidding both parties to approach to Special ordinances when Complaint has been brought by one Brother against another, till the matter can be laid before the Church; which Practice the Church confirmed and settled by their (Silential) vote.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. The Lords Supper was administered. Seth, of Ithamar and Mercy Bellows was baptized.

May 9. Silas, of Isaac (junior) and [Jem.?] Tomlin bapt. [40-41]

May 16. Samuel, of Simon and Rebecca Tainter, Ruth, of Seth and Dorothy Rice, Lucy, of Thomas and Persis Goodenow bapt.

June 3. Jonathan and Judith Bellows, Aaron Forbush, Ruth (wife of Stephen) Fay; and Ebenezer Chamberlain (this Last person dismissed from the Church of Christ in Newton) were all admitted into our Communion; [although it was Lecture Day yet there having been some particular Occurrences which occasioned it the Church manifested their Satisfaction herein.]

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Brother Samuel Hardy offered a Confession for his writing and so being instrumental in uttering forth, divers *verses* to the Defamation and Reproach of the Committee which the Town had improved to search out who Cut the Pulpit Cusheon, and to the Reproach of divers other persons - See Novemb. 23. 1735. Pag. 38. This Confession was read, and he was restored.

Sarah Billing (wife of Thomas Billing) was admitted into Church Fellowship:

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered and *Adam*, son of Gershom and Hannah Fay was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Sarah, of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy[;] Abner, of Jonas and Eliz. Warrin[;] Comfort, of Jonathan and Judith Bellows [were] bapt. by Rev. Mr. Barrett.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. The Church came together upon these following Matters and Requests -

1. At the Request of the church in Rutland that [41-42] we would meet on July 13 with other Churches which they had Sent to, that as an Ecclesiastical Council we might advise and Direct them under their grievous Difficultys - Our Church Voted Compliance with their Request and that Brother Joseph Wheeler be the Delegate of this Church to go with the Pastor upon the Said Occasion.

2. At the Request of Eleven Brethren who desired our Brother *Peres Rice* might be called to account and to give his Reasons why he did not Joyne to the Church of Christ in Sutton. Secondly to reconsider that Vote which our Church did pass Some time agoe in the Dismission of our Brother Peres Rice in the Circumstances that he was then in. The said request bore Date

June 11. 1736. and was Signed by Josiah Newton, Joshua Townsend, Thomas Newton, Francis Whipple for the first Article, Samuel Fay junior, David Maynard, Edward Baker, James Ball, John Pratt, Jonathan Forbush, John Graves. And N.B. Brother Rice now present.

Upon this Matter the Church voted

1. Satisfaction with the Reasons which Brother Peres Rice has now given in, and that it Should be represented to the Church of Sutton, that we are Satisfyed -

Voted, 2. A Confirmation of that vote of the Church (passed March 19. 1734[.]). Whereby Brother Peres Rice was dimissed to Sutton, and likewise Satisfaction upon the Answers which Brother Rice has given about the Article of the Neglect of the Baptism of one of his Children amongst us.

N.B. The first of these votes (of Satisfaction with Brother Rice's Reasons etc.) Stands good upon Condition that Brother Rice do join hims. to Sutton Church in Case he finds that he abides in that Town; or keep the Same Church *Order* in Case he removes elsewhere.

[42-43]

July 4. Joseph of Edward and Persis Baker, Sarah and Thankfull of Palatiah and Sarah Rice, and Nathaniel-Longley, of Ebenezer Chamberlain [were] baptized by Rev. Mr. Stone of Southb.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Eliezer Rice and Hezekiah Pratt, owned the Covenant and Eleazar How (of Marl.)[,], Rachel (wife of Hezek.) Pratt, Persis (wife of Eliezer) Rice, and Silas and Mindwell Brigham, were admitted into Church Fellowship.

The same Day also

Dinah and Silas, of Eliezer and Persis Rice, and Rachel, of Hezekiah and Rachel Pratt, baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Josiah Russell and Mercy his wife offered Confessions of the Sin of Violating the 7th Commandment and were restored and they were likewise admitted into our Communion: as were Noah Rice and Stephen Fay, at the Same Time. Then the Sacrament of the L. Supper was administered.

Aug: 15. Jesse Brigham and Bethiah his wife ownd the Covenant and the Same Day Nathan of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore[;] Timothy, of Jesse and Bethiah Brigham[;] Mary and Martha of Thomas and Lydia Warrin[,], and John, of Stephen and Ruth Fay, [were] baptized.

29. John Danforth and Anna Rice were admitted into our Communion - and the Same Day the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

Sept. 5. Hannah and Josiah, of Josiah and Mercy Russell, were baptized

12. Francis, of Benj. and Eliz. Winchester, baptized. [43-44]



Oct. 10. Mary (the Wife of Beriah) Rice, and Patience (Daughter of Jonathan) Forbush were admitted into full Communion; and the Same Day the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Isaac, the son of John and Margaret McAllister[;] John, the son of Jacob and Hannah Rice - bapt.

Dec: 12: Priscilla, of William and Rebec. Nurse, bapt.

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1737. Feb. 13. Rebecca, of Daniel and Mary Warrin

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Sacrament Administered and Joseph son of John and Rebecca Hicks bapt.

March 6. Mehetabel, of James and Lydia Fay bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Stephen, of Beriah and Mary Rice bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Sarah, of Eleazar and Ruhamah Pratt (of Shrewsbury) baptized.

Apr. 3. Jemima, of William and Mary Holloway and Jemima, of Silas and Mindwell Brigham bapt. by Rev. Mr. Prentice of Grafton.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Martha Thurston dismiss'd to Uxbridge. Hephzibah Maynard, being dismissed from Marlborough, was admitted; and the Lords Supper administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Hannah, of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton[;] and Mary, of Ithamar and Mary Bellows bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Ebenezer, of John and Bathsheba Pratt, baptized in their own House; the Child being dangerously ill.

May 8. Susanna, of Samuel junior and Deliverance Fay[;] Mary, of Jonathan and Lydia Goodenow[;] Thomas, of Cornelius and Eunice Cook[;] Jonas, of Stephen and Ruth Fay [were] bapt. by Rev. Mr. Cushing of Shrewsbury.

[44-45]

May 15. Amasa, son of James and Mary Maynard and Mary, Daughter of Josiah and Hannah Russell bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Tabitha, wife of James Eager, being dismissed from Marlborough, and Jonathan Forbush junior were admitted into our Communion. And the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered. On the Same Day Katharine, of Eleazar How of Marl. bapt.

June 5. John, of Thomas junior and Hannah Forbush bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Abigail, of Joshua and Mercy Townsend bapt.

July 3. Benjamin Lawrence and Jane his wife being dismissed from Lexington were admitted into our Communion and Church Fellowship. This Day the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered; and

Timothy, of Joseph and Katharine Joslin and Hannah, of Thomas and Sarah Billing [were] bapt.

17. Mary, (otherwise *Thankfull*) *Latiny* a Child Committed by the Select Men to the Care of Simon Tainter and his wife; And Stephen *Southward* a Child committed by the parent thereof who dwells many miles distant to the Care of Noah and Hannah Rice; were baptized - though not till each matter had been a week propounded, and again laid before the Church and Congregation.

Aug. 18. The Church being stoppd after Lecture, and prayer made

Voted 1. To have but one more Deacon at present. 2. That a Vote which must determine the Choice of a Church Officer shall be from the Majority of Voters, and not because a person has the most Votes of those that are Voted for.

3. Brother *Josiah* Newton chosen Deacon by [45-46] the majority of all the Votes.

After prayer the Church was dismissd.

Aug. 21. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered - Jonathan, son of Josiah and Mary Walker bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. *Abner*, of Francis and Abig. Whipple bapt.

Sept. 11. Tabitha, of Nathaniel and Kezia Oake bapt. and (after some account given the Church of the Reason of the Delay of it and their Sorrow for the Neglect) Love, of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney bapt.

18. Ebenezer Lock a member of the Church of Hopkinton requested he might have the Privilege of Bapt. for a Child he had taken to bring up, promising before the Church and Congregation that he would take Care of the Education of it in the Fear and good knowledge of God; and there being no objection (although propounded a Sabbath before) the Child was baptized and called *Ebenezer*.

25. Abigail of Benjamin and Jane Lawrence bapt.

Oct. 2. The Sacrament was Administered.

16. Zeruiah, of Joseph Thurston bapt.

Nov. 6. Jemima, of David Maynard junior[;] Abner, of Abner and Vashti Newton[;] [blank] of John and [blank] Caruth baptized by Rev. Nathan Stone.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Richard and [blank] [Tozer?] owned the Covenant and Richard[,] Hannah and Elizabeth their Children, were baptized.

And Seth, of Seth and Dorothy Rice bapt. also

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. The Lords Supper Administered. [46-47] And the same Day Isaac, of James and Sarah Miller and John, of Hezek. and Rachel Pratt bapt.

Nov. 27. Abigail, of Jedidiah and Abig. How bapt.

Dec: 4. Dorothy, of Josiah and Hassadiah Bouker bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Rebecca of Thomas and Sarah Bruce, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Prentice of Grafton.

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1738. Jan. 1. Mary, of Isaac junior and Jemima Tomlin, bapt. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Hephzibah, of Eliezar and Persis Rice, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Mary Mainard, wife of James Mainard, being dismiss'd from Marlborough Church was admitted into the Church. And at the Same time Hannah Parkman, the Wife of Ebenezer Parkman, was admitted also.

Feb. 26. Aaron, of Aaron and Heph. Hardy, bapt.

March 2. After Lecture the Church was stopd to receive the Answer of Brother *Josiah Newton*, respecting the Church Vote of him to be a Deacon of this Church. And his *Answer was in the Negative*. Upon which it was recommended that the Church would take Thought of another Choice. Again, the Church received the Return of the Committee which had been Sent to Brother Samuel *Fay* - but their Return was not unanimously drawn up; And whilst the Church was debating, it was Suggested by one and another that it would be very advisable to Send to Mr. *Fay* again, there being still [47-48] Some remains of Hope. Upon This the Church presently agreed to Send another Committee, and the Persons Voted for were Ensign Thomas Forbush, Brother Jonathan Whipple, and Brother Seth Rice.

March 5. The Lords Supper was administered, and Mehetabel, of David and Dinah Goodenow bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Elisha, of Daniel and Abigail Forbush, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Aaron, of Joseph and [blank] Whitherby and Thomas, of Thomas and Persis Goodenow bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Abigail, of Samuel Gamel bapt.

Apr. 2. Zebulon Rice owned the Covenant and Ann, of Benj. and Eliz. Winchester[;] Joseph, of Samuells and Eliz. Harrington[;] and Persis, of Zebulon and Abigail Rice bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Mercy Rogers, wife of William Rogers, was admitted into the Church.

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered and *Joseph* the son of Martin Pratt, whose wife was a member of the Church of Hopkinton, was baptized.

19. After Association Lecture, the Church was stopt. according to appointment --

The Beginning of the 6th Ch. of Acts read and Some observations were made upon it; and then Votes for a Deacon were calld for. And The Majority was for Brother *Thomas Forbush*. This being despatchd, the Choice of another Deacon was proposed, and Complied with.

Voted that Deacon Fay be appointed by the Pastor of the Church to receive the votes of the Church for another Deacon, during his Absence to be with the Association then at [48-49] his House. Voted, that Brother *Seth Rice* be the other Deacon. Then the Church were dismissed with Prayer and Blessing.

Apr. 30. William Caruth ownd the Covenant and Ebenezer, of Simeon and Rebec. Howard [and] Joseph, of William and Margaret Caruth [were] bapt.

May 21. Thomas, of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore [and] Anna, of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin [were] bapt.

25. After Lecture the Church was Stayd to recieve [*sic*] the Answers of the Two Brethren who had been elected Deacons - and their Answer being *in the Negative* - after Some Considerable Debate upon whether the Church Should accept and be Satisfyed with their Answers or whether we Should proceed to new Elections, the meeting was adjourn'd to This Day fortnight, 2: Clock p.m.

28. The Lords Supper was administered.

June 4. Lavinia, of Edward and Persis Baker, bapt.

8. This Day the Church, according to appointment, came together upon the Articles of choosing Deacons, and the Conduct of Mr. *Samuel Fay* in keeping from our Communion himself, and with holding his Wife therefrom also, altho he had permitted her to bind herself thereto by Solemn Covenant.

Upon the first affair Votes were called for and Brother *Jonathan Forbush* was chosen. Again votes were calld for for another Deacon, and Brother *Josiah Newton* was chosen. The former of these was not at Meeting - [49-50] The latter of them being askd whether he would hav the Time to Consider of it, returnd answer that the Matter, not being New to him, for the Case was not as if he had never been chosen before, and having represented heretofore to the Church his insufficiency, he must now, upon their Seeing meet to choose him again, earnestly entreat that they would have compassion on him, and pray fervently for him; both they that had voted for him and likewise they that had not; because otherwise they would not Shew that they acquiesced and fell in with what the Hand of G. had done. - or to this purpose. - It was then asked whether anyone had any Thing material to object either against the proceedings of the Church at this Time, or against the persons whom the Church had Selected to be their Deacons - None being manifested we proceeded to the other Affair Scil: respecting Mr. *Samuel Fay* - The Committee appointed to treat with him were desird to speak, and Mr. Jonathan Whipple answered that there had been no opportunity to confer with him by means of his Absence at *New Medfield*. For Several Reasons offered the matter was further wav'd and deferrd and our Committee Requested to improve the first opportunity that in providence Should be presented, to treat with him. As the Church meeting was open'd with prayer so it was concluded with it, and the Blessing -

July 9. *Daniel Stone* and his wife, having owned the Covenant at Hopkinton, asked for Privilege among us; and according to their Request *Benjamin*, their son was baptized. The Same Day *Mary Bruce* junior (Daughter of Abijah and Mary Bruce) was admitted into the Church.

13. The Church was detain'd after Lecture to receive the *Answer of Brother Jonathan Forbush* to the Church who had Elected him to be a Deacon. Among other Things delivered it was perciev'd [*sic*] that by being Absent at the Time of the Choice he was not able so well to Judge of the minds of the Brethren and so of the Call which he had to the office; and therefore for his Satisfaction, it was desird that if the Church abode by their Choice, and were willing to confirm it of Brother *Forbush* etc. they would manifest it, which they did *all* but one; and *he* was desir'd to Speak if he had ought to Object but he did not; but acquiesced in what was done.

Upon this *Brother Forbush* accepted of the Choice.

The Affair of Mr. *Samuel Fay* was Likewise mentioned [50-51] to the Church, and the Committee who had been Sent to him were desird to give their Return, which was that he remaind unalter'd - except that he desird to See and Speak with the Pastor of this Church; who immediately manifested a readiness to gratifie him therein. Upon which the Church were dismissd.

16. The Lords Supper was administered.

30. John, of James and Sarah Ball and Mary, of Ebenezer Chamberlain bapt.

Aug. 27. Capt. Daniel Warrin and Mary his Wife were admitted into the Church and the Same Day The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

Sept. 28. The Pastor being calld to minister to the Infant Child of *Nathaniel* and *Kezia Oake*, he went and found the Child so ill and weak that it was apparently in great Danger of Death; The distressd Parents were hereupon very desirous that the Ordinance of Baptism might be administered to it: And they took the Pains to notifie the Familys of that Neighbourhood as many as they could, who came together to the Number of Twenty or More. The Case being so extraordinary and the Church Members who were together heartily agreeing and Consenting thereto, after an Introductory Speech on this occasion, and a particular address to and Demand from the Parents, we proceeded to Prayer and to the administration - it was baptized by the Name of Ebenezer: after which a part of a Ps. was Sung and we concluded with the Blessing.

Oct. 12. The Church was stopd after Lecture. Deacon Forbush requested that the Church would direct what they would have done with the *Fragments* after the Lords Supper; and Consider what would be best to be done respecting the Smallest sort of vessells, which we usd at Communion, whether it would not be best to Change 'em for Larger; and whether something ought not to be done concerning a Baptism Bason - Deacon Newton joind with Brother F. and offered also the Affair of [51-52] Mr. *Samuel Fay* to be considered - But We first of all were led into the Consideration of this Latter article, by means of a Debate which arose, whether the Church had voted, or had any way shewn their acceptance of the Return which the Committee to Mr. *Fay*, of which Deacon *Newton* was a member made to the Church - so much Time was taken up that we were necessitated to adjourn to this Day sennight.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. The Lords Supper was Administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. The Church came together by adjournment. The First Affair was the Request of the Deacons that the Church would give them their minds about the *Disposal of the Fragments* of the Elements after the Administration of the Lords Supper and in Answer thereto the Church Voted Unanimously that they would leave it to the Prudence and Fidelity of the Deacons.

The *Second* Article was that of the Vessels for the Communion Table; and Thereupon Voted That Two Tankards of the Middle Size be added to the Number of those Vessels.

The other Articles were wav'd and the Meeting was adjournd to This Day Fortnight, with Submission to Divine Providence. Nov. 2. The Church met according to Adjournment. Mr. *Samuel Fay* had been notifiyd of the Meeting and the Business of it and was desired to Attend or Communicate his mind or Reasons to the Church, but he neither came nor sent. After various Debates the Church came into the following Vote

That Mr. *Samuel Fay* hath So offended this Church as that they desire that in Case he should offer himself to special Ordinances among us by vertue of the Communion

[75]

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. Joseph, of Samuel junior and Deliv. Fay, bapt.

Apr. 11. Persis, of Jesse and Bethiah Brigham, bapt.

18. Nathaniel, of Nathaniel and Kezia Oake, bapt.

After the Lecture Apr. 22. the Church was stop'd and a Letter from Rutland Church was read requesting we would assist in Council on the 27. upon the great Affair of dismissing their Pastor.

Voted:

1. To Comply with the request.
2. That *Two Delegates* be the Number to go from this Church.
3. That Brother Thomas Forbush be one, and
4. That Brother Abijah Bruce be the other.

Apr. 25. The Lords Supper was administered.

May 23. Damaris of Josiah and Hassad. Bowker bapt.

May 30. Samuel Williams and Abigail his wife, Beriah Rice, Daniel and Mary Stone and Sarah Bellows were admitted into the Church.

June 6. The Lords Supper was administered. P.M. Joseph of Timothy and Rebecca Warrin, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Ephraim, of John and Jemima Caruth, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Mary, of Hezek. and Rachel Pratt, bapt. by Mr. Cushing in my absence. [62-63]

*July 4.* Isaac, of James and Lydia Fay, baptized.

11. Phinehas Forbush and Bethiah Brigham, (wife of Jesse Brigham) were admitted into Church Fellowship as was Abigail Forbush, heretofore Severn, being dismissd from the Church in Newtown.

18. Sacrament administered.

Joseph Green junior owned the Covenant and Lydia, his Daughter was baptized.

August 22. Lydia, of Martin and Lydia Pratt bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. The Lords Supper was administered. And Edmund, of Ebenezer Chamberlain[;]  
Abigail, of Zebulun and Abigail Rice, Hannah, of Daniel junior and Hannah Warrin bapt.

Sept. 5. Joshua, of Joshua and Mercy Townsend, bapt.

12. Letter from Rutland read, requesting the Churchs assistance in Ordaining Mr. Joseph Buckminister:

Voted 1. to comply with the Request.

2. Two to be the Number of Delegates.
3. Brother Ed[war]d Baker to be one and
4. Brother Jonathan Livermore to be the other.

Gershom and Mary Brigham owned the Covenant and Anna of Benj. and Jane Lawrence[;] Hephzibah, of Gershom and Mary Brigham baptized.

Oct. 10. Lords Supper administered - and Noah, of Cornelius and Sarah [Biglo?;] Silas, of Jedidiah and Abig. How baptized.

24. Mary and Elizabeth, of Rich. and Eliz. Barns, bapt.

31. Edward of Thomas and Persis Goodenow, bapt.

Nov. 21. The Lords Supper administered, Samuel Allen being first admitted into Church Fellowship. [63-64]

[1743]

January 9. Martha, of Benj. and Martha Fay.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. The Church met and after Prayer Read a paper from *Cornelius Cook* in which he hopd he was truly humble and sensible of his Sin in profane Swearing and prayd God and his people to forgive him etc.

After Reading the Said paper he was askd whether he had any thing to say upon it - and he told the Church (in Substance) that he doubted whether he was in a State of Grace at the time of his taking Said Oath, and was in Doubt whether he ought to take it: but insisted that he was not guilty of taking it in the manner that the Church had understood it; was in no position etc., but as well as he could in the fear of God - [as an?] act of worship: But as all his Family prayers, public attendance etc. were then profane, so was this also, and he could not judge it any otherwise etc. Upon which the Church debated and then were the following Votes:

1. If the Confession offerd by Cornelius Cook was satisfactory they were desird to manifest it by lifting up their hands.



To which No Hand was seen.

2. If it was the Churchs mind to defer further proceeding with him by way of Censure for the present out of Tenderness and Compassion to him.

Voted freely.

This affair being dispatched The present Times, which are full of Religious Commotions were Considerd; and that we might obtain the Blessing and avoid the Snares the Church were very ready to vote, and did so, that we observe a Day of Solemn Fasting and prayer and that it was, God willing, this day sennight. Then The Meeting Concluded with prayer and Blessing.

Feb. 9. Was offered as a Day Humilliation and prayer. Mr. Smith a.m. on Act. 2.37. Mr. Barrett p.m. on Joh. 10.27.28.

March 6. The Sacrament administered.

27. Sarah, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, and Lucy, of Beriah and Mary Rice bapt.

Apr. 3. Grace, of Jonath. and Abig. Livermore[;] Lucy, of Thomas and Lydia Warrin[;] Amos, of Jacob and Hannah Rice[;] Nathaniel, of Thomas and Sarah Billing[;] Hannah of Jesse and Phebe Maynard[;] William, of Timothy and Lydia Fay[;] Hannah, of William and Mary Caruth.

N.B. The administration to the above mentiond seven was at the House of Mr. Nathaniel Oake (where the public Assembly of that Corner of the Town was Commonly held) But this not before I had laid it before the Church and Congregation of the Town, and obtaind their Concurrence; nor was it till I had stopd the Church members of the North side of the Town to make Enquiry into their Meeting by themselves that I might be certiyed of the true Cause, and also the Manner thereof and known of them that the Reasons of their so doing were not from Negligence, Disgust etc. but because of the inconvenient Distance Difficulty of their and their Childrens Travelling to the meeting House; nor till it was known what faithfulness they had used in improving the Means of public Instruction among them, and Dispensation of the pure and holy Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet it was intimated to them that the Church Ought to have expected some Word Concerning their Absence, and that the Neglect thereof was undoubtedly a breach of Church Order; inasmuch as by our Church Covenant we must maintain Church Fellowship and are expressly bound to hold Communion in the word and sacraments. Unto which the Brethern manifested their Concurrence, as well as that they Desird and purposd to approve themselves Gods [65-66] Covenant people.

Apr. 27. Sacrament Admin: and Antipas, of Jotham and Abigail Maynard and Hannah, of Josiah and Mary Walker bapt.

May 1. Hannah, of Seth and Dorothy Rice, bapt.

June 5. Zebulon Rice was admitted into Church Fellowship; as were also William and Sarah Pierce, these Two last having been dismissed from the Church of Southboro. This day also the Lords Supper was administered.

June 19. Rebekka and Hannah, of Daniel and Abigail Forbush - and Sibyl, of Jonathan and Sibyl Green were baptized by Rev. Mr. *Stone* of Southboro.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Lydia, of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton, bapt.

July 24. The Lords Supper was administered.

Aug. 28. Patience, of Joseph and Katharine Joslin, bapt.

Sept. 11. The Lords Supper administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Lydia, of Cornelius and Eunice Cook, bapt. But N.B. it was expressly declared to be on the Right of *the Mother*.

Oct. 2. A Letter from north Shrewsbury was read requesting the assistance of this Church in the Gathering a Church there. The Church consented freely to the pastors going, but there was no Vote to send any Delegates.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Abigail, Daughter of Eleazer and Mercy Williams (*She* the mother, being a Member of the Church) was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Lucy, of Phinehas and Sarah Forbush, bapt.

A Letter from *North Shrewsbury* requesting Assistance Ordaining a Pastor:

Voted 1. Compliance with the request.

2. To send 2 Delegates with the pastor.

3. Deac. Fay and Deac. Forbush be the Persons.

N.B. Church stopped at the Desire of Deac. *Forbush* who prayed that for several Reasons, he might be excused from attending the Service to which he was last sabbath appointed, Seeing his Circumstances were such that he could not [66-67] wait upon that Business without great inconvenience and Trouble. He was accordingly dismissed from it; and the Church proceeded to vote for another in his room. Voted that Brother *Samuel Williams* be appointed a Delegate for this Church at the approaching Ordination at *North Shrewsbury* instead of Deac. Jonathan Forbush.

Nov. 6. Hannah, of Gershom and Hannah Fay and Prudence, of Josiah and Hazad. Bowker bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Sarah, of Daniel and Martha Warrin, bapt.

Dec: 11. Margery, of Hezek. and Rachel Pratt bapt. and Silas Fay and Hannah his wife admitted into full Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Beriah, of Nathanael and Kezia Oake, Mary and Hannah of Silas and Hannah Fay, Joseph, of Joseph and Mary Green bapt. by Rev. Mr. *Cushing*.

25. Ebenezer Maynard owned the Covenant and Joel, of Ebenezer and A[m?]e Maynard, bapt.

[1744]

1744. Jan: 8. John, of Stephen and Thankfull Maynard, (who ownd the Covenant lately) baptized.

Feb. 19. The Church was stopd to hear a Letter from *Upton*, the Church there being in great Difficultyes by Reason of their Divisions, Request we would Meet with other Churches in Council on the 13th of March next to hear and advise upon their Case.

Voted 1. Compliance with their Request. [67-68]

Voted 2. That Two be the Number of Delegates upon this Occasion.

Then it was movd that the Church choose by proxys, (meaning by written papers) and we attempted it, but those Brethern who had the most Votes not having more than all others, we were obligd to try again which being it was the Lords Day and late we deferrd; and adjourn'd to Tuesday Next, at 2 p.m.

Feb. 24. The Church met by Adjournment. After Prayer Voted for Delegates to Serve in the Council at *Upton* on March 13, next ensuing. Voted 1. Brother *Francis Whipple* the first Delegate. Voted 2. Deacon Newton the other.

This Affair thus far accomplishd The pastor took this Opportunity to Confer with the Church respecting what might be best to be done with *Cornelius Cook*. The Church debated and then came to a Resolve to Send a Committee of Three Brethern to labour with him Still to See if he may be brought to any better Frame and

Voted, 1. That Deac: Forbush be one,

Voted 2. That Brother James Bradish be another and

Voted 3. That Brother James Bradish junior be the Third, to serve on that occasion.

After Prayer and the Blessing the Church returnd to their respective Homes.

March 1. The Church was conferrd with touching the admission of *Grafton* members to occasional Communion. A number of Brethern Spake their minds and the rest seemed to Concur, that being they were just now upon the very Business of Calling a Council on their Difference and [68-69] Complaints, it is best to entreat any person or persons that Should offer at this juncture whether of one party or the other, to forbear for this Communion, or till we could be better Satisfyed concerning the Grounds of their great Troubles and Disorders there.

March 4. Being a tedious Storm of Snow, but few came to Meeting, and among those who were absent was the Deacon who had provided the Elements for the Lords Supper; So that we were prevented the Administration thereof.

March 11. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered. P.M. The pastor asked (and obtaind) the Concurrence of the Church to his Baptizing in the North part of town, what Children are offernd there. And particularly he Signified the desire of John *McAllister* that his Child might be baptized the next Lords Day there in Case the pastor should then preach on the North side, and there was no objection.

18. At Nathaniel Oakes, where the Assembly was held on the north side of the Town, the following Children were Baptized. Benjamin, of John and Margaret *McAllister* and Nathan, of John and Jemima Caruth.

April 1. Samuel of Joseph and Dor: Thurston and John and Samuel, of John and Mercy Chamberlain (who had ownd the Covenant at Leicester) were baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Being public Fast, *Thankfull Rice* (the wife of Josiah Rice) offerd an humble and voluntary Confession of her sin of Drinking to Excess, and was by Vote of the Church restord.

22. Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered. P.M. *Jonathan Cutting and Sarah* his wife ownd the Covenant. Timothy, of Eliezar and Persis Rice[;] Rebecca, of Timothy and Rebecc. Warrin, Josiah, of Jonathan and Sarah Cutting baptized.

June 3. Elizabeth of Benjamin and Tabitha How bapt.

10. The Sacrament was administered - but preceeding it *Sarah*, the Wife of Capt. Daniel [69-70] Warrin, dismissed from the Church in Worcester, And Jonathan Tainter (son of Simon Tainter) and Mary Whitney (Daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney) were admitted into Church Fellowship.

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June 17. Elizabeth, of David and Dinah Goodenow, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Benjamin, of Asher Rice, Now dwelling at Leicester, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Morse of Shrewsbury.

July 1. Brother *Jonathan Bellows* offerd a Confession of his having been guilty of Negligence in his Business, and Dishonesty and Lying in Trading and was restored to Charity.

*Cornelius Cook* also offerd a Confession of his Sin of profane Swearing (See pag. 60) and was restord.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Mary, of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington[,] John, of Jonathan junior and Joanna Forbush, Daniel of Jonathan and Sarah Cutting bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. The Lords Supper Administered. And p.m. Ruth, of Jonathan and Judith Bellows, bapt.

29. Lucy, of James and Lydia Fay, bapt.

Aug. 12. Dorothy, of Jedidiah and Abig. How and Martin, of Martin and Lydia Pratt bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Sarah Tainter, (Daughter of Simon and Rebecca Tainter) was admitted into full Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Priscilla, of Zebulon and Abigail Rice, bapt.

Sept. 2. The Lords Supper was administered. Asa, of Thomas and Persis Goodenow bapt.

Sept. 2. A Letter from a new Society in *New-Haven*, Connecticut, desiring a Council read - but no vote to comply.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Simeon, of Ithamar and Mary Bellows, bapt.

Oct. 7. James [Jane?], of Benjamin and Jane Lawrence, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Eli Forbush and Thankfull Maynard (the wife of Stephen) admitted to Church Fellowship and the Sacrament of the Lords Supper Administered. [70-71]

Oct. 28. Mary, of Eleazer and Mary Whitney, bapt. N.B. Said Eleazar is a member of the Church in Waltham.

Nov. 11. We had a Contribution in the Congregation, at the Request and for the Relief of Mr. *Jedidiah Biglo* of Grafton who was burnt out Oct. 9 last.

Nov. 13. I received a Paper from the Deacons in the following form. viz. To Mr. Parkman

November 12. 1744.

We the Subscribers have counted the Money gathered last Sabbath and found it to

10:6:5. in 3 penny Bitts	1. 7. 6. John Fay
1 penny Bitts	0. 7. 9. Jonathan Forbush
Paper Money	8. 11. 8. Josiah Newton
The total is	10. 6. 5. <i>Josiah Newton.</i>

Nov. 18. Benjamin, of Benjamin and Martha Fay, bapt.

Dec: 2. The Lords Supper administered.

Dec. 16. At the Request of Brother John Pratt, his and his wife's Dismission were Voted, and that they Should be recommended to the Church in Hardwick where they are gone to dwell.

[1745]

1745. Jan. 4. Solomon, of son of Simeon and Rebecca Hayward, being Sick and in Danger of Death, was baptized in their own House. N.B. All the Neighbours that could be informd came, and particularly there were the following persons present. Brethren Nathan Ball, Joshua Townsend, Jonathan Livermore, William Holloway, Jonathan McAllister, William Caruth, Paul Fay - besides a Number of women.

Feb. 24. Ruth, of Eleaz. and Mercy Williams, bapt. and Persis, wife of Edw. Baker admitted into Church Communion. [71-72]

March 3. Martha, Wife of Daniel Warrin, admitted into Church Communion. The Lords Supper administered. And Lydia, of Ebenezer and [blank] Chamberlain bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Susanna, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. Elisha, of Daniel and Abigail Forbush, bapt.

April 14. Samuel Baker, Jonas and Lydia Warrin (of Upton) were admitted into Church Fellowship and the Lords Supper was administered. P.M. Sarah of *Daniel* Capt. and Sarah Warrin[,] Phebe, of Charles and Phebe Woods (who had ownd the Covenant at Southborough) bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. At Noon the Church was Stopt to acquaint them with the Desire of Brother *Samuel Fay* junior to have not only his new born Infant baptized but a Child of about a Year and half old, which had been neglected in this Time of their great Trouble and Affliction, for which he was Sorry and desird the Compassion of the Church, which was freely extended to him and May God please do overlook the Sin of [their?] neglect - accordingly p.m. Hannah, and Ebenezer, of Samuel and Deliverance Fay, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. John Oake and Susanna his wife ownd the Covenant and Hannah their Daughter was baptized.

May 12. Rachel, of Beriah and Mary Rice, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Edwards and Sarah Whipple were admitted into Church Fellowship. The Lords Supper was administered. [72-73] P.M. Ephraim Bruce and Mary his Wife offerd their Confession and Acknowledgement of the Sin of Fornication, and were restord. Charles and Martha Bruce, and Ephraim and Mary Bruce ownd the Covenant and Abijah, of Charles and Martha Bruce[,] Sarah, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple[,] Timothy, of Ephraim and Mary Bruce baptized.

June 2. Sarah and Lydia, of Jonas and Lydia Warrin of Upton; Lavinia, of John and Susanna Oake[,] Daniel, of Elijah and Sarah Rice bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Stephen, of Stephen and Thankf. Maynard, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. The Church was Stopd and informd of the Request of our Brother *Noah Rice* and of our Sister *Hannah* his wife, now movd to dwell at *Sutton*, that their Special Relation to us might be transferrd to the Church in that place - which Request was Voted and that a Letter signifying this, and recommending them to the acceptance of Said Church, be Sent.

July 7. The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. Rebecca and Jemima, of Daniel junior and Hannah Warrin (of Shrewsb.) baptized.

Aug. 11. Elisha, of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin, and Benjamin, of Timothy and Rebecca Warrin bapt.

18. The Lords Supper administered. P.M. Levi, of David junior and Ann Maynard, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Sarah, of Joshua and Mercy Dowsing (or Townsend) baptized by Rev. Mr. Barrett. [73-74]

Sept. 1. Hannah, of Daniel and Martha Warrin[,] Lydia of Richard junior and Eliz. Barns, Holland of Jotham and Abiel Maynard bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Mrs. *Eunice Cook* presented another Child to Baptism, (her Husband being out of Frame and having gone for Some Time to other Meetings). The Child was baptized *Solomon*.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. An Infant Child of Mr. Thomas Goodenow was So Weak and nigh to Death, that being earnestly by requested, I baptized it at his own House in the presence of a Small Number of professing Christians, among whom were Brother *Ephraim Allen* and Matthias Rice. The Child was named, Aaron.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. The Lords Supper Administered.

Oct. 27. Phebe, of Josiah and Hasad. Bowker, bapt.

Nov. 3. Susanna, of Eleaz. and Ruhamah Pratt, and Malachi, of Ebenezer and Amy Maynard, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered and Nehemiah, of Francis and Ab. Whipple[,] and Jemima, of John and Jemimia Caruth bapt.

Peter, of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton, bapt.

[1746]

January 12. Moses, of Bez. and Sarah Smith, bapt.

Feb. 2. Bulah, of Stephen and Ruth Fay, Mary of Joseph (junior) and Mary Green bapt.

March 2. Sacrament.

March 9. Hannah, of Joseph and Kat. Joslin, and [Jonathan?], of Jonathan and Joanna Forbush bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. Francis, of Eliezer and Persis Rice, bapt.

May 4. Damaris of Benj. and Tabitha How, bapt. The Church was Stayed and The Desire of 5 Brethren of the North side of the Town to be dismissed viz, Joshua *Dowsing*, *Ephraim Allen*, *Matthias Rice*, *Silas Fay*, and *Samuel Allen* - and the Desire of John *McAllister* to have a Certificat - At the Same Time a Request was Read from 5 other Brethren of the Same side of Town, for a Church Meeting - This was Seconded by Deac. *Newton* and Deac. Forbush - So [74-75] that a meeting was accordingly appointed - viz Next Wednesday, at 2 p.m. at the Old Meeting House.

May 7. The Church met according to appointment and after Prayer the Church were Exhorted to Consider With great Seriousness, the following Things:

*First*, Gods great Mercy to us in bringing us into a Church State, and his glorious patience and Goodness in Continuing us to this Day.

*Secondly*, That we ought to bewail our unfaithfulness to God and to one another under our high and holy Character, and under our Sacred Obligations. - manifest in,

1.) Our Unfruitfulness - Deadness, Carnality and worldly-mindedness.

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May 18. Jonas Child, Sarah Forbush (the wife of (Capt.) Samuel Forbush) and Sibil wife of the foresaid Jonas Child, were admitted into Church Fellowship.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. The Lords Supper was administered.

June 1. Jonas and Isaac, of Jonas and Sibil Child, were baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Mercy of John and Mercy Chamberlin was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Ruth, of Josiah and Thankful Rice, bapt.

July 13. Joseph, of Phin. and Prudence Hardy, bapt. The Lords Supper having been administered the Same Day.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Mary, of Edward and Persis Baker, bapt.

Aug. 17. The Brethren of the Church was Stoppd to acquaint them with the Desires of a Number of the Sisters of the Church who dwell in the North part of the Town to be dismissd. viz. *Tabitha Eager, Mary Halloway, Rebecca Hayward, Margaret Mc Allister, Abigail Livermore, Mercy Dowsing, Hannah Fay, Anna Rice, Bethiah Brigham, Dinah Goodenow, Jemima Caruth, Sarah Billing*. But Since it was not improbable there would be some Debate - this affair was put off till next Thursday after Lecture.

21. The Brethren of the Church were detaind upon the Requests of the Sisters above mentioned; and after Some debate, they were granted, but with this provision that there be something inserted in their Dismissions touching their Delinquency which we have observd of late, with an Exhortation and Caution to them respecting the Time to Come.

24. The sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

Sept. 14. Aaron, of William and Sarah Pierce, baptized.

Oct. 5. The Lords Supper was administered [77-78] and *Dinah* of Charles and Phebe Woods, bapt.

Oct. 12. Submitt, of Phinehas and Sarah Forbush, bapt. N.B. This Child was held up by its grandfather Deacon Forbush, the Immediate Father being (if alive) in Captivity.

26. Jonas, of Solomon and Anna Rice, bapt.

Nov. 9. Benjamin, of Charles and Martha Bruce, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. Prudence, wife of Phinehas Hardy, being dismissed from Grafton, was admitted into Church Fellowship. The Lords Supper was administered. And Samuel, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple, bapt.

Dec. 7. *Esther*, of Benj. and Martha Fay, bapt.

[1747]

1747. Jan. 18. Patience, of Solomon and Patience Woods, bapt.

Feb. 22. Alexander, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, and Samuel of Eleazer Whitney - were baptized.

March 1. Silas, of Jonas and Silyl Child, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. The Lords Supper was administered.

29. A Certificat from Rev. Mr. Cushing of Shrewsbury, respecting Mary Graves, now Garfield, her Fall into Fornication and her Recovery by Repentance and her public Humiliation in the Church of Shrewsbury, read to our Church and voted Satisfaction with it, and that She is restored to our Charity.

Apr. 12. Levi Brigham and Susanna his wife were admitted into full Communion. And the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered. Samuel and Margaret Forbush (Inhabitants of Upton) owned the Covenant - and Enoch, of *Zebulon* and Abigail Rice[,] Ruth, of Timothy and Rebeccas Warrin, Sarah, of Samuel and Margaret Forbush (of Upton) baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Levi, of Levi and Susanna Brigham[,] and Miriam, of [Ebenezer?] and Mary Garfield bapt. [78-79]

May 10. Elizabeth of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Mary Parkman, (eldest Daughter of the Pastor) was admitted into full Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered and Susanna, of Jonas and Lydia Warrin (of Upton) bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. [*Tilpah?*] of *Ephraim* and *Mary Bruce* bapt.

June 7. A Letter from the Church of Christ in Worcester, bearing Date May 11 last, and Requesting the Assistance of this Church in the Installment of the Rev. Mr. *Thaddeus Maccarty*, next Wednesday, in the pastoral office over them. The Request of which was Voted. And Brother Baker (Edward Esquire) was chosen the Church's Delegate on this occasion.

28. Read a Letter from the distressed church of Christ in *Grafton* bearing Date [*blank*] and requesting the assistance of this Church with other Churches in Council on July 7 next ensuing to consider and advise upon their Difficultys - with Special Reference to the Dissolution of the

Relation of Pastor and people if that Shall appear to be most for the Divine Glory and the Interest of Christs Kingdom.

Their Request Voted - Voted that there be Two Delegates from this Church. Voted that Brother Nathaniel *Whitney* be one - Voted that Deacon *Newton* be the other.

July 5. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper Administered.

12. Job, of Eleazer and Ruhamah Pratt, Nehemiah, of Samuel junior and [Deliverance?] Fay[,] James, of Daniel and Marthan Warrin bapt.

26. Beriah, of Beriah and Mary Rice, and Stephen, of Stephen and Thankf. Maynard bapt.

Aug. 16. Jonas Brigham and Persis his wife and Mary the wife of Cornelius Biglow, were admitted into the [79-80] Church. The same Day the Lords Supper was administered. P.M. *Martha*, of Jonas and Persis Brigham was bapt.

Aug. 17. 1747. The Church met on the Account of Brother *James Fay*, who attempted to communicate yesterday but Several Members were dissatisfyed with it, (and the Deacon *Newton* was so uneasy that he went out, till Mr. Fay was desird to withdraw; which upon his doing the Deacon returnd) - Mr. Fay also desird to be dismissd to the Church in *Hardwick* - After debating upon the Affair,

Brother James Fay acknowledgd, he does charge himself with Blame for his going to the Separate Meeting in Grafton in the manner he had done, and that he is sorry therefor; and declared he would by no means do any thing that Should encourage or strengthen those who were in such an Erroneous way as he apprehended them to be in, in particularly their Separating from that Church of Christ, and the other Church of Christ in the Land, and the standing ministry thereof.

Signed James Fay.

After this, Brother Fay having askd the Churchs Forgivness, they accordingly voted it, and his Dismission also was voted, and that he Should be recommended to said Church of *Hardwick*. The like Vote passd respecting Lydia his Wife and respecting Brother *Daniel Stone* and *Mary* his Wife.

As the Meeting began with prayer, so it ended with Prayer and Blessing.

23. Nathan, of Hezekiah and Rachel Pratt was baptized by the Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty.

Sept. 20. The Church was Stopd after Exercise, and a Letter from the Second Church in Sutton was Communicated, containing a Request [80-81] of Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. *James Wellman* - The Church Voted Compliance with it. But when the Number of Delegates was proposd, there arose some Debate - which caused us to defer the Affair to Next Thursday.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. After Lecture, the Church Stayd, and there appearing an Earnest Desire to have the Result of the late Council at *Grafton* read, it was read accordingly - And then, proceeded to the Business abovesaid.

*Voted*, that Two be the Number of Delegates from this Church to accompany the Pastor in the said Ordination.

*Voted*, That Brother *S. Williams* be the First.

*Voted*, That Brother *J. Miller* be the other.

This being dispatchd, A Letter from the Church of Christ in *Narragansett No. 2*, of which Mr. *Elisha Marsh* is pastor, to this Church requesting Help, in Conjunction with Six Churches more to sit in Council on the 3rd Wednesday of October Next, upon Difficultyes and Dissensions arisen there; was read - but the Pastor refusing to go, (there having been Some disagreement between him and Said Mr. *Marsh*) this Church also refused to send. But the Pastor acquainted the Brethren that he Should make Return for the regard that had been shewn to us upon this Occasion. And then the Church was dismissd (as usual) with the Blessing.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Joseph Bowker was admitted into the Church, and the Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered.

Octob. 11. Hannah, of Samuel and Margaret Forbush of Upton, baptized.

Nov. 1. Martha, of Elijah and Sarah Rice, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. The Lords Supper was administered. N.B. Rev. Mr. *Rice* of the *Sturbridge* present, and preached p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Richard, of Richard and Elizabeth Barns[,] Ebenezer, of Ebenezer and Amy Maynard bapt. [81-82]

Dec. 27. Joseph, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, bapt.

[1748]

1748. Jan. 31. Martha, of Ebenezer Chamberlain and Gershom, of Gershom and Mary Brigham bapt.

March 7. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Phinehas, of Jonathan junior and Joanna Forbush, Bapt.

April 10. Elijah, of Stephen and Ruth Fay and Mercy, of Eleazar and Mercy Williams bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. The Lords Supper administered.

24. Phebe, of Charles and Phebe Woods, bapt.

May 1. Joseph, of Joseph and Kath. Joslin, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. John Rogers and Elizabeth his Wife offered their humble Confessions of the Sin of Fornication, and were restord - the Latter ownd the Covenant and, was baptized her Self and then their Children Persis and John were also baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Hezekiah, of Hezek. and Martha Tomlin[,] Hannah, of Solomon and Anna Rice[,] Sarah, of Joseph junior and Mary Green[,] Content, of John and Mercy Chamberlin bapt. The sacrament of the Lords Supper had been administered the same day.

29. Lucy, of Phinehas and Prudence Hardy, bapt.

June 5. Josiah, of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Samuel, of Bezaliel and Sarah Smith (of Shrewsb.) bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Elizabeth, of Francis and Abigail Whipple, bapt.

July 3. The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Abigail, of Cornelius and Eunice Cook, bapt.

Aug. 14. The Lords Supper was administered.

Oct. 2. The Lords Supper was administered. P.M. John, of Benjamin and Martha Fay, bapt. And a Letter was read to the Church from the Church of Christ in *Rutland, requesting As-* [82-83] *sistance* in Council, under their present great Difficultys. Said Letter bore Date Sept. 27th last. Their Request was voted. Voted that there be Two Delegates - Voted that Brother *Baker* (Edward Esq.) be one. Voted that Brother *James Miller* be the other. The Time for the Council to sit, they propose to be Oct. 25. The other Churches sent to The Church of Weston, Oxford, First in Sutton, Southboro, First and Second in Leicester.

Nov. 6. Jonas, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, bapt. and Benjamin Tainter was admitted into full Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. The Church was Stoppd after Lecture and *First*, Result of the Council at Rutland read and *Then*, A Letter from the first Church in Lancaster (dated Lancaster Nov. 1. 1748. Signd Joseph Wilder, Josiah White, Hooker Osgood, Israel Houghton) requesting assistance in the Installment of the Rev. Timothy Harrington, on the 16th instant, read and Voted Compliance with the request thereof. Votes the Number of Delegates to be Two. Voted Deacon Newton and Brother Miller to be the Delegates on this Occasion. The Church were dismissed with Blessing.

13. The Lords Supper administered and Mary, of Daniel and Mary Forbush, bapt. - recalled the Vote of the 10th last in which Deacon Newton was appointed Delegate and chose Ed[war]d Baker Esq. in his Stead.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Susanna, of Samuel and Susanna Baker, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Bridge of Framingham.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Jonathan Rogers and Anna his Wife owned the Covenant and Jemima, of Timothy and Rebec. Warrin, Solomon, of Solomon and Patience Woods, [83-84] and Jonathan and Abigail, Children of Jonathan and Anna Rogers, were baptized.

December 11. Mary, of Jonas and Lydia Warrin of Upton, baptized by Rev. Mr. Martyn.

[1749]

1749. Jan. 22. Thomas, of Samuel and Margaret Forbush of Upton, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Breck, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, was baptiz'd.

Feb. 12. Esther, of Jonas and Sibyl Child, baptized.

Feb. 16. The Desires of Benjamin Lawrence and Jane his Wife, and of Kezia (the wife of Nathaniel) Oake, to have their Relation to this Church transferrd from us to the Church of Christ in Bolton, were laid before the Church and voted, and that there Should be Letters of Recommendation written accordingly.

A word of Quickening was also given to the Church concerning Contribution of the Communion the Deacons having made repeated Complaint of the low state of the stock.

March 26. Samuel, of William and Sarah Pierce of Hopkinton, bapt.

April 9. A Letter from the Rev. Mr. *Joseph Champney* of *Beverley* was read, which contained the Dismission and Recommendation of *Mehetible*, the wife of Eliezer Rice; and She, as also Hephzibah Crosby, was admitted into full Communion.

16. The Lords Supper was administered.

May 28. The Lords Supper was administered.

June 4. Moses, of Hezek. and Rachel Pratt[,] and Lucy of Edwards and Sarah Whipple bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Neverson of Daniel and Martha Warrin bapt.

July 9. The Lords Supper administered.

July 23. Resign, of Hezekiah Tomlin, Levi, of Zebulon and Thankf. Rice, Mary, of James and Mary Bradish bapt.

Aug. 6. Eli, of Charles and Martha Bruce, bapt. and Charles Brigham of Grafton admitted into Church fellowship here. [84-85]

Aug. 20. David Batherick made profession of Religion, and was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. David Bathrick and Lydia his Wife were admitted into full Communion, and the Lords Supper was also administered. The same Day Hephzibah, of Stephen and Thankfull Maynard was baptized.

Sept. 3. *At the New Meeting House*, Jonathan, Solomon and Anna, of David and Lydia Bathrick, and Deborah of Eleazar and Mary Whitney were baptized.

24. Olive, of Ephraim and Mary Bruce, baptized.

Oct. 1. Eli, of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington, baptized. The Church was Stopped and a Letter to us from the first Church of Christ *in Sutton* desiring assistance in Council, with Six other Churches, on the 17th Currant But the Request of the Letter was not Voted.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. A Letter from Shrewsbury first Church was Communicated to the Church, requesting assistance in Council there, on the 11th instant, which was voted and

That there be Two Delegates.

That Brother Baker be one - That Brother Fran. Whipple be the other.

N.B. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper had been admin. (in the Forepart of the Afternoon) as usual.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. *Moses* and *Aaron*, twin Children of Solomon and Anna Rice, were baptiz'd.

Nov. 12. Daniel, of Phinehas and Prudence Hardy (being their Twelfth Child, and all now living) was baptized.

[Nov.] 19 [1749]. Elizabeth, Wife of James Millar junior and Mehitabel, wife of Moses Brigham; likewise Margaret, wife of James Millar (recommended to us from the West Church in Sudbury) were admitted into Church Fellowship and the same day

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered. [85-86]

[1749] Dec. 3. Elizabeth, of James junior and Elizabeth Millar, baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Joanna, of Jonathan junior and Joanna Forbush, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24., Margery of Ebenezer and Amy Maynard, bapt.

[1750]

1750. Jan. 14. Ezra, of Ithamar and Mary Bellows, Bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Elijah, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, bapt.

Feb. 4. Mindwell, of David and Lydia Batherick, and Thomas of John and Elizabeth Rogers were baptiz'd.

11. Abigail, of Richard and Elizabeth Barns bapt.

March 4. The Lords Supper administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Joshua, of Ebenezer Chamberlin and Elizabeth of Benjamin and Tabitha How bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Ruth, of Timothy and Rebecca Warrin, and Brown, of John and Mercy Chamberlin, bapt.

[1750] Apr. 8. James, of James junior and Eliz. Miller, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. The Lords Supper administered, and Katharine, of Joseph and Kath. Joslin baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Elizabeth, of Charles and Phebe Wood, bapt. After the usual Exercises The Church was Stoppd, and a Letter from the Church of Christ in Abington was read requesting the Assistance of the Church in the Ordination of Mr. Ezekiel Dodge over them. Voted Compliance with Said Request on Condition the pastors Affairs (particularly difficult at this Time) will allow his going -

Voted, that the Church send Two Delegates

Voted that Brother Francis Whipple be the first

Voted that Brother Simon Tainter be the other.

Concluded with prayer and Blessing.

May 27th. Administered the Lords Supper.

P.M. read a Letter from Church of Grafton desiring our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. A. Hutchinson. [86-87] Voted Compliance with the Request

- that there Should be Two Delegates.



- that Brother Edward *Baker* be the first, and

Brother Nathaniel Whitney be the other.

July 15. The Lords Supper Administered. [P.M.?] Jonathan, of Jonas and Lydia Warrin, bapt.

Aug. 5. Antipas, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, bapt.

12. Nathan, of Bezaleel and S. Smith, and (the Same Day) Elijah, of Elijah and Sarah Rice, bapt.

26. Administered the holy ordinance of the Lords Supper.

Sept. 2. Seth, of Gershom and Mary Brigham, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Jonas Twitchel having ownd the Covenant at Sherbourn and his wife being a member of the Church in Watertown their Child *Lydia*, was baptized. And Joanna, the wife of Jonathan Fay having ownd the Covenant at Southboro, their son John was baptized.

Oct. 14. The Lords Supper administered - and Eunice, of Cornel. and Mary Biglo, baptized.

Nov. 4. Hephzibah, the wife of Benj. Whipple, heretofore Haphzibah Crosby, was dismissed to the Church of Christ in Hardwick.

15. The Church met upon Occasion of the Affair of *Robert Cook*. The meeting was open by prayer but by reason of the fewness of the members present, and Several witnesses which Said *Cook* had depended upon his Defence, did not come, the Meeting was adjourned to next Monday, 2 o'Clock p. m. - and Prayer and Blessing concluded.

19. The Church met by adjournment on the Affair of Robert Cook. The meeting was open with prayer. Said Robert Cook and his wife there, and very Solemnly professed their Innocence. Several Testimonys of women were read - Several also that were present were interrogated - particularly the [87-88] Midwife, Mrs. Forbush; - After all, the Church could not be ready as yet to Vote - were theref. adjourned again to Thursday next, after the Lecture - but before adjourned, a vote passed that *Anna Bradish* (who was propounded last Lords day sennight) might be admitted into the Church next Thursday, instead of next Lords Day, tho it be otherwise than our common Custom; by reason of the Shortness of the Days: that is, if the Church be then Satisfyd with respect to her Qualifications. With prayer and the Blessing, this meeting concluded.

Nov. 22. Was Lecture Day. Rev. Mr. Cushing preachd: It being Stormy few members present. The pastor was kept at home by Lameness. Anna Bradish's admission was put off till next Lords Day. The Church meeting also was adjourned to next Monday come sennight 2 o'Clock p.m. Rev. Cushing mentiond these at the Desire of the pastor.

25. Anna Bradish was admitted into Church Fellowship and the Lords Supper was administered.

Dec. 2. Hannah, of David junior and Ann Maynard and Nathan, of Ben. and Martha Fay, baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Church Met according to the Adjournment and after Prayer and Conference together The following vote was put viz.

“If you are willing that Robert Cook and his Wife Should enjoy the Special privileges of the Gospel in this Church without an Acknowledgement please to manifest it by lifting up your Hands.”

But not one Hand was lifted up. After prayer and Blessing the meeting ended.

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[1751]

1751. March 3. Hannah Forbush junior Daughter of Deacon Jonathan Forbush, was admitted into full Communion, and the Lords Supper administered. Nahum, of Simon junior and Mary Tainter, baptized.

[88-89]

April 7. Samuel and Susanna Baker, having removed their dwelling to *Bolton*, and desiring that their Relation to us might be transferd to the Church in Said *Bolton*, their Request was Voted accordingly.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. The Lords Supper was administered, and Artemas, of Ephraim and Mary Bruce, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Joseph and Sarah Bowker having removd their Habitation to *Summers*, and requesting their Relation to us might be transferd to Them, their Request was Voted and that a Letter of Dismission and Recommendation be written in The name of the Church to the pastor of the church in *Summers* accordingly.

28. Abigail Gale, the Wife of Abijah Gale, made profession of the Christian Religion, and was baptized. And Charles Brigham Esq. was dismiss'd to the Church in *Grafton*, and Jonas Warrin and Lydia his Wife were dismissd to the Church in *Upton*.

May 19. A Letter from the Church of *Upton* was read desiring assistance in the Ordination of Mr. *Elisha Fish* on June 5th next: and the Request therein was voted. Voted to send Two Delegates with the pastor. Voted that Brother Nathaniel *Whitney* be one. Voted that Justice *Baker* be the other.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Church was Stopd and a Letter from Mr. Beriah Rice and his Wife now dwelling at *Upton* requesting Dismission from this Church to the Church there - Read; and voted the request be complyd with. The sacrament of the Lords Supper had been administered the Same Day.

June 16. Mary, of Eleazar and Mercy Williams and Sarah of Moses and Mehit. Brigham bapt.

30. Elijah, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, bapt. [89-90]

July 7. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered, and Lucretia, of Benj. and Tab. How, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. The Church Met together at the Request of *Eliezer Rice*. who desird Baptism for his Infant Child, yet was free to declare hims. tho not utterly denying the Doctrine of the Imputation of Adams Sin to his posterity, yet that he was apt to disbelieve it. The Church, after reasoning with him for Some Time, advised him to wave the matter of his Childs Baptism for a while, and let it be baptized on his wife's Right; and that he would take pains in Serious Consideration of what had been offerd him; and in other proper methods to inform hims. more thorowly in those import. Doctrines of Christianity which he appeard to be so much in the Dark about. And thst, as the Meeting was open, So it was concluded, with prayers - to which was added (as usual also) the Blessing.

Aug. 4. Sarah, of Daniel and Mary Forbush, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Alexander, of Eleazer Whitney, bapt.

18. Simeon, of Charles and Martha Bruce, bapt. and James Bradish junior and Mary his Wife Were dismissed to the Church in *Upton*. The request likewise of Elizabeth Warrin wife of Silas Warrin of *Grafton* to be dismissd from us to the Church in *Grafton*.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. The sacrament was administered, and Samuel, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, was baptized.

Oct. 6. The Lords Supper administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. The Church was Stopped and the Widow Rebecca Byles was dismissed.

Nov. 17. *Robert Cook* and *Sarah* his Wife offerd Confessions of their being guilty of the Sin of fornication, and likewise their Aggravating it by Denying it; upon which they were restord to Charity and ownd the Covenant.

[90-91]

Nov. 24. The Lords Supper was administered. P. M. The Church stopd and Letter read, from some aggrieved Brethern of the Church in *Sudbury* under the Pastoral Care of Rev. Mr. *Loring* - but nothing further done.

Dec. 1. Antipas, of Stephen and Thankfull Maynard bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Rachel, of Zebulun and Abig. Rice, and Anna, of Daniel and [blank] Garfield bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. The Church was Stopd, and a Letter was read, from the Church in *Holliston* requesting our Assistance in Council there, Jan. 8 next, there being contentions between Two of their Brethren (namely Capt. *Ephraim Littlefield* and *Daniel Millen*) which their Endeavours were unsuccessful to heal. But there was no vote. It was found there was Some uneasiness among ourselves - and therefore it was deferrd till next Lords Day, proposing to use means to remove what obstruction there was now in the way. The Church was dismissed with the Blessing.

[1752]

1752. January 5. 1752. The Church was Stopd, and the obstruction to the proceeding last Lords Day being remov'd the request in the *Holliston* Letter, was again proposd and compliance voted.

Voted that there be two Delegates.

Voted that Brother Tainter be the first - and that Brother *Baker* be the other.

Concluded with the blessing.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Mary, of Francis and Abigail Whipple, bapt.

Feb. 2. The Church was stop'd and the Result of the late Council at Holliston was read, and likewise the Desire of Eliezer Rice to have a Church meeting to hear and act, if they See Cause, on what he has to lay [91-92] before them concerning his principles, on Consideration of which the Administration of the ordination of Baptism to his Child has been deferrd. - Which was complyd with.

Feb. 3. The Church came together according to the Request of *ELiezer Rice*, as read yesterday - The Meeting being open'd by prayer. Said *Rice* gave in a paper containing his Belief, especially respecting the Doctrine of Original Sin - which was read - and read a Second Time - After Some reply made by the Pastor, and various Debating - the Members appeared ready to act upon it: and the following Vote was offerd -

Brethren, you having heard which Neighbour Rice has to offer concerning the Doctrine of Original sin, if you are now Satisfyd and if you are willing that he should enjoy the privilege of the Administration of Ordinance of Baptism to his Child, please to manifest it by Lifting up your Hands.

It passed in the Negative; no Hand being lifted up.

The Church meeting concluded with prayer and the Blessing.

23. *Jonathan Bond* and Lydia Twitchel (wife of Jonas) dismissed from Watertown Church, Eleazar Whitney dismissed from Waltham Church, and Margaret Chaddock of Hopkinton, and Mary Bond, Wife of the above mentioned Jonathan Bond, dismissed from the Second Church in Mendon, were admitted into our Communion.

March 1. The Lords Supper was administered. [92-93]

March 8. John, of Timothy and Rebecca Warrin and Lydia, of David and Lydia Batherick bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Patience, of Solomon and Patience Woods, being in a very Sick and Dangerous Condition, was baptized in private. N.B. The Request of Mr Woods and his Wife was openly made known in the precinct Meeting which was on the Day preceeding; and there was then manifested the Advice and Consent of the Members of the Church who were in Said Meeting.

22. Elizabeth, of Bezaleel and Sarah Smith of Shrewsbury, was baptized by Rev. Mr. Wellman of Sutton.

29. Elizabeth, of Jonathan and Mary Bond, and Jonathan, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple bapt.

[1752] April 5. Levi, of John and Eliz. Rogers and Fortunatus, of James junior and Elizabeth Miller bapt.

19. The Church was stopd, and another Letter from the aggrieved Brethren in West-Sudbury was read. Dated March 26 last - It was left to Consideration.

May 24. The sacrament administered. A letter from Sundry Inhabitants of the North-East part of *Brookfield*, respecting the Ordination of Mr. *Eli Forbush* on June 3 next, was read, and the request therein of our Assistance complyd with. Voted that there be two Delegates of the Church on that Occasion. Voted Brother Tainter to the first - Voted that Brother Fr. Whipple to the other.

31. The Church was Stopd and voted Dismission of Mr. *Eli Forbush* to the work of founding and Settling a Church in the North East part of *Brookfield*, or to the Church there, if there be one gatherd; in order to his being ordaind the pastor thereof. And the Dismission of Mrs. Hannah Fish (heretofore Hannah *Forbush*) to the Church in *Upton*. [93-94]

June 6. *Eli*, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, and *Mindwell*, of Samuel and Margaret Forbush (this last of Upton) were baptized by the Rev. Mr. *Eli Forbush*, being the first Children which he baptized. N.B. His Ordination was the last Wednesday, the 3rd Instant.

July 5. The Lords Supper was administered.

19. Jonathan, of *Ebenezer* and *Emma* Maynard bapt.

Aug. 9. Nathan, of Robert and [blank] Claffland, who had ownd the Covenant in Hopk. was bapt. by Rev. Eli Forbush.

Sept. 24. *New Stile*, Lydia, of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington, was baptized.

Oct. 15. Daniel, of Daniel and Martha Warrin bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. The Lords Supper administered.

Nov. 5. Lucy, of Benj. and Martha Fay, bapt. *Eunice Allen*, heretofore *Pratt*, was dismissd to the Church of Christ in *Grafton*.

The pastor read a Letter of his to the Church for their Thought upon it and Concurrence if they Should think fit; the Said Letter being a reply to a Letter of Messers. Josiah Haynes and Samuel Dakin of Sudbury dated last March 26. It was deferrd to have Time for Consideration.

30. It having been proposd the last Lords Day that the persons who Stand propounded for Church Communion namely Moses and Persis Warrin be admitted to Day, they were admitted accordingly, it being Lecture Day. And *Amy Maynard* wife of Ebenezer Maynard being Dismissd from the South Church in Shrewsbury, was admitted likewise.

The Brethern also voted that they were Satisfyd in the pastors having desird [94-95] Brother Edwards Whipple to Set the Tune; and in the Tunes which we have been wont to Sing in this Congregation. These last voted were occasiond by Some late Disturbances in our Singing.

Dec. 3. The holy Supper was administered.

10. Daniel, of Moses and Persis Warrin, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Francis, of Richard and Eliz. Barns, bapt. Memorand. The Same Day a Request was Read to the Church and Congregation, signed by *David Goodenow*, in which he represents his low and necessitous Circumstances by reason of his own and his Wife's Sickness etc. and asks a Charitable Contribution on January 7th next

[1753]

January 14. 1753. *Gregorian Style* Elisha, of Elijah and Sarah Rice, baptized.

Feb. 11. Zipporah, of Ephraim and Mary Bruce, bapt.

18. Samuel, of Jonas and Lydia and Twitchel, bapt.

25. Nathan and Lucy Maynard own'd the Covenant. N.B. After the Exercise the Church was stopt and their Advice was askd touching a Second Letter from *David Goodenow* which was read

to the Church requesting a Contribution for him, being hims. and wife greatly reduced - The Church voted in advissable that there be a Contribution for him.

March 4. The Lords Supper was administered. Nathan, of Nathan and Lucy Maynard, Baptized.

18. David, of Ebenezer and Mary Chamberlin, bapt. N.B. This Day there was a Contribution for the Relief of Mr. *David Goodenow*. It amounted to 16.13s of old Tenor besides 14 of broken and doubtfull money.

April 1. A Letter from the Church in Holliston, dated March 26, requesting assistance in Council there on Apr. 11. On account of Difficulty from Capt. *Jacob Foster*, (who also signs the Letter missive) which they cannot [95-96] get over among themselves.

Voted compliance with the Request

That Two be the Number of Delegates to go with the pastor on Said occasion.

\_\_\_\_\_ That Brother Nathanael Whitney be one

\_\_\_\_\_ That Brother *Baker (Edward Esq.)* be the other.

Concluded with the Blessing.

Apr. 8. Church stopd. Brother Baker desires to be excusd from the abovementioned service, bec: the general Court has not risen, and he must attend there. Brother Tainter was chosen in his room. - dismissed with Blessing.

15. The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Job, of Cornelius and Mary Biglo, bapt.

May 14. Silas, of Gershom and Mary Brigham was baptized at their House, the Child being dangerously sick and the desire to have the ordinance administered there, was manifested in public Assembly to the Church and Congregation yesterday - a Number of members and Neighbours did accordingly attend.

27. The Lords Supper was administered.

June 3. Moses, of Moses and Mehit. Brigham and Benjamin, of Benjamin and Hannah Tainter, were baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Phinehas, of Phinehas and Prudence Hardy, bapt.

July 29. John, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman baptized.

Aug. 19. Sarah, of Abij. and Abigail Gale, was baptiz'd.

The Lords Supper having been administered the same Day. 26. Timothy, of Gershom and Mary Brigham, was baptized. This being a twin to the which was baptized in private on April [sic] 14 last. [96-97]

Sept. 30. Administered the Lords Supper.

Oct. 28. Abigail, of Solomon and Thankf. Woods, bapt.

And this Day read the humble petition of *Cornelius Cook* for a public Contribution for him, being much reduced by the Imprisonment and Trial of his Two sons Robert and Stephen, for killing an Indian at Stockbridge.

Nov. 18. Administered the Lords Supper. And Eleanor, of Simon junior and Mary Tainter and Antipas, of Joseph and Sibyl Bruce - bapt.

Dec. 9. Elizabeth, of Stephen and Thankf. Maynard, bapt.

[1754]

1754. Jan. 13. A Contribution for the Relief of Mr. *Alpheus Newton*, whose House was burnt down in the Night between the 24th and 25th of December last; and we gathered in our Congregation 44.15s. and 6d. old Ten.

Jan. 20. The Church was detaind after the Exercises and voted that on Consideration of the Sickness and Mortality in Several Neighbouring town, a Day of Humilliation and prayer be kept on some Convenient Day of the next week. Notice to be given next Lords Day in the Congregation.

27. Susanna, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, bapt. N.B. Next Wednesday was appointed, in the Congregation, to be a Day of Fasting and prayer.

30. Was observed as a Day of *Humilliation and Prayer* on Account of a Maligament Mortal fever raging in many Neighbouring Towns. I prayd a.m. and Mr. Stone preachd on Ps. 39.4. Mr. Barrett prayd p.m. and Mr. Cushing preachd on Hosiiah 4:7.

March 10 was to have been the Communion but by Reason of Stormy Weather it was deferrd.

17. The Lords Supper was administered.

[97-98]

April 14. The Church was Stopt to hear and consider a Letter from the first Church in *Woodstock* desiring our Assistance in Council there on the Last Day of the month.



1. Voted Compliance with the request, but
2. Voted to reconsider, and therewith recall, the former vote; for this Reason, namely, because the Letter Missive expresses but *Delegate* or *Messenger* - in the singular Number.

This was to the pastors great Astonishment - However for peace Sake he gave way.

28. The Lords Supper was administered, and Lydia, of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington, bapt.
- May 26. Edward, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, baptized by Rev. Mr. Stone.

June 2. Joshua, of Eleazer Whitney, Nehemiah, of Nathan and Lucy Maynard bapt.

5. The Church was Stopd, and a Letter from a Number of agrieved breth[r]en of the West Church in Sudbury, bearing Date May 14. 1754, read - and left to Consideration till next Lords Day.

9. The Lords Supper administered. P.M. The Church being detaind, upon the Affair of the Letter abovesaid - Voted not to send. N.B. It was conceivd that the pastor was to nearly concernd, in part of that Controversy and there was yet Time for those Brethren to Send to a more disinterested Church, and where probably they may obtain a pastor.

16. The Church were desird to tarry and a Letter was communicated from *Daniel Miller of Holliston*, desiring our Assistance in Council [98-99] on July 2d next ensuring - which was voted.

Voted, that Two be the Delegates -

Voted, Brother Baker be one.

Voted, Simon Tainter be the Other.

July 7. Hannah, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple bapt. and Result of the Council at Holliston read.

14. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

[1754] Aug. 4. Mehitabel, of James junior and Elizabeth Miller, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Mary, of William and Sarah Pierce, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Stone of Southboro.

Sept. 1. *Moses Twitchell* and *Mary* his Wife, and *Susanna* the Wife of *Thomas Twitchell* being dismissd from the Church in Holliston, were admitted into this Church. The Lords Supper was administered. William, of John and Eliz. Rogers, and Reuben, of Daniel and Hannah Gashitt, bapt.

Oct. 6. Jabez, of Ebenezer and Amy Mainard bapt. A Contribution the Same Day for Mr. *Thomas Gleason* of Oxford, who was burnt out last July 2d - and gathered in old Tenor 9.6.10.

Oct. 13. The Lords Supper was administrred.

Nov. 10. A paper was read to the Church (being stopd at Evening[,] Signd by *Abijah Gale* containing his acknowledgement of acting foolishly and imprudently with the wife of Isaac Amsden now of Southboro; and the Church voted Satisfaction with what he offerd.

Also a Letter was read from *David Taylor* of Concord, being under Difficultys with the Church of Bedford, to which he belongs, and [99-100] desiring our assistance with four other Churches to sit in Council on the 12th Instant.

Voted Compliance with the Request therein. Voted that One Delegate go upon this Occasion - [two members desird it might be noted that it was "for Special Reason on this particular occasion"].

Voted, that Brother *Baker* be the Representative of the Brethren at the proposed Council.

The Church were dismissd with the Blessing (as is the Custom Constantly, whether it be recorded or no). 24. David, of David of Lydia Batherick bapt.

Dec. 15. Stephen, of Benjamin and Martha Fay bapt. by the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson of Grafton.

[1755]

1755. March 9. The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Persis, of Moses and Persis Warrin bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. The Church met upon the Affair of electing one or more Deacons.

After opening the Meeting by solemn prayer; and reading Acts 6.1-7 and 1 Tim. 3.8-14. Which were briefly Explaind, and the Occasion Original Institution, the Work and the Qualifications of Deacons, from thence briefly exhibited, the Church Voted to the Choice of a Deacon in the room of the late Deacon *Newton*, deceasd. And (by written votes) Brother *Nathaniel Whitney* was chosen. Then Voted to the Choice of Another Deacon and (after several Tryals) it appeard that Brother *Jonathan Bond* was chosen.

The meeting was adjourned to this Day fortnight, one p.m., the same place. - were dismissd with prayer and Blessing.

[100-101]

Apr. 10. The Church met by Adjournment. After prayer and Brother *Jonathan Bond*, (one of those who were lately chosen to be Deacons) gave his Answer, in which he desired to be excused, conceiving there were many others in the Church much fitter than he. But the Church manifested by Vote that they did not accept of his Said Answer but did abide by their Choice of him. To which he Submitted.

Brother Nathaniel Whitney's (the other) Answer (in writing) was read; in which he refused. The Church voted that they were not Satisfy'd with it, but abode by their former Vote by which he was chosen, and he not being present the Meeting was adjourned to the 17th Day, after Lecture.

Apr. 13. Abijah, son of Jonas and Lydia Twitchel was baptized.

This Day also (the 13th of April) *Joseph and Mary Grout*, being dismissed from the Church of *Waltham*, and *Hannah Tainter* wife of *Benj. Tainter*, dismissed from the Church in *Somers*, were admitted into Church Fellowship with us.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. After Lecture the Church met to hear Brother Whitney's final Answer which was still in the Negative.

Voted to proceed to the Choice of another to be Deacon.

Brother Jonathan Forbush junior was chosen.

And that he might have time to consider of it the meeting was further adjourn'd to next Monday come sennight 2 o'Clock p.m. Concluded with prayer and Blessing.

[101-102]

Apr. 20. The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. The Church met, and after Prayer Brother *Jonathan Forbush* junior gave his Answer in which he desired he might be excused - and gave his Reasons - which when the Church heard they voted they were not Sufficient but they continued their Desire that he would Serve in the Office. N.B. this was voted pritty generally. Then brother Forbush Submitted and accepted, requesting the prayers of the Church for him - as did also Brother Bond for *him*. The Brethren were dismissed by prayer and Blessing.

May 25. Rev. Mr. Forbush baptized, on the Right of their Mother, the following Children of Eliezer Rice, viz. Alpheus, Persis and John.

June 1. Daniel Adams and Abigail, his wife admitted into Church Fellowship. The Same Day Asaph, of Daniel and Martha Warrin was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. The Lords Supper was administered.

27. *Lucy*, of Jonathan and Mary Bond[;] Jonathan, of Benjamin and Hannah Tainter[;] and Daniel of Daniel and Abigail Adams baptized.

July 13. Solomon Woods and Martha Dunlop (the latter having a Dismission from the Church in Hopkinton) were admitted into Church Fellowship.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. The Lords Supper was administered.

27. Phinehas, of Moses and Mehitabel Brigham, bapt. by the Rev. Mr. Fish of Upton.

August 10. Hannah, of Eleazer and Mercy Williams, bapt.

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August 25. 1755. The Church met (having been timely warnd) to hear a Complaint Signed by Ebenezer Chamberlin and Mary (Wife of Ishamar) Bellows, and bearing Date July 18 last, against *Judith* (wife of *Jonathan*) *Bellows* all of them members of this Church, setting forth in substance, that the said *Judith* hath walked very Disorderly and Contrary to the Rules of the Gospel - In particular, respecting her daughter *Comfort*, who had Confessed her taking away certain Things from a Neighbour feloniously and that her Mother would not let her return said Things when She would have done it: and that said *Comfort* also declared her Mother *had burnt* them. The complaint exhibited further that Said *Judith* was guilty of *False speaking* about those things - etc.

After prayer the Complaint was read, and the Partys respectively, and the witnesses, were fully heard - the Church Voted.

1. respecting the first part of the Complaint, that although we cannot say She is guilty of Burning the Things referrd to in the Complaint, yet we find upon all that has been Said, that She has Conducted in a very Evil manner respecting her Daughter under her Guilt, and in that whole Affair respecting Said Things. And

2. Voted, as to the Second part of the Complaint, namely, her *False speaking*, that it is Supported. This was voted universally. The pastor read these votes to said sister *Judith*, and Solemnly laid the Evil before her, and Call'd her to Repentance. - Then the meeting concluded with Prayer, and the Blessing.

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Aug. 31. The Lords Supper administered.

Sept. 27. There was a Contribution for the Relief of Mr. Jesse Maynard who was lately burnt out. It amounted to 21.3.7 1/2 old Tenor.

Oct. 5. Abigail, heretofore Maynard, now *Lock* (the wife of Joshua Lock) made a Confession of the Sin of Fornication, and was restored to Charity. She also owned the Covenant and *Grace*, her Daughter, was baptiz'd. The Same day, *Eunice* the wife of Joseph Rice, and Lucy, the Wife of Ebenezer Forbush, were admitted into Church Fellowship.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. The Lords Supper administered. And Hannah, of Deacon Jonathan Forbush junior and Joanna his Wife, Eunice, of Timothy and Rebecca, Warrin, Josiah [and] Hephzibah of Josiah and Eunice, Rice, bapt. The Same Day likewise (Oct. 12) *Mary*, the wife of Rev. *Eli Forbush*, pastor of the 2nd Church in *Brookfield*, had, by Church Vote (according to her request) her Relation to us, transferrd to said Church in *Brookfield*.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Anna Sophia, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, and Ebenezer and Hannah, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush, were baptized.

Nov. 23. The Lords Supper was administered.

30. Martha, of Bezeleel and Sarah Smith, Eleazar, of Solomon and Patience Woods[,] Josiah, of Stephen and Thankfull Maynard[,] Sarah, of Elijah and Sarah Rice, bapt.

Dec. 21. Zerulah [Zeruiah?], of Zebulun and Abigail Rice, baptized.

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[1756]

1756. February 22. 1756. Jacob, of Moses and Mary Twitchel, bap. March 14. Mary Lattiner was admitted to full Communion - and the Same Day The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. The Church was Stop'd after the Exercises, and passd the following Vote Viz. That our Sister *Judith Bellows*, the wife of Brother Jonathan Bellows, be *suspended* from the Communion and from all Other Special privileges in this Church.

N.B. Previous to the above Vote, A paper was read in the Church, which was Signd by the Said Judith. Upon which the Pastor made sundry remarks - And then desird the Brethrrn to Speak their Minds if, any one had anything to offer; otherwise it must be concluded the Church were ready to pass a Vote for her Suspension notwithstanding Said paper, which was most evidently of no weight. But though Sufficient Time was given, no body Spake - thereupon the Pastor proceeded to propose the Vote abovesaid and it passd in the Affirmative.

Apr. 4. Barnabas, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, bapt. And there was a Contribution for *James Allen*, of Hopkinton, who was burnt out. The Sum collected, when counted, was in old Tenor. 17.19.0. which may God gracously accept and bless!

April 15. The Lords Supper was administered.

May 2. Samuel, of John and Mercy Chamberlin, now of Stockbridge, was baptiz'd.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Thomas, of Barachias and Zerviah Morse (recommended by Mr. Barrett) was baptized.

June 6. The Sacrament was administered. Elizabeth, of Joseph and Sibyl Bruce, bapt.

July 11. Winslow, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Forbush. [105-106]

Sept. 19. We Contributed to the Relief of Mr. *Jotham Death* of Poquaoge (so called); which upon being counted, appeared to amount to 12.13.4 old Tenor which may God graciously accept of us and bless. N.B. The said Mr. Deaths Distress was by his being burnt out last May on Lords Day whilst he and his Family were attending the public Worship.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. The Lords Supper was administered.

Oct. 3. Samuel, of Samuel Williams, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. The Church was desired to tarry after the forenoon Exercises were over. The Pastor then laid before them the present very distressed State of the parish by the holy Hand of God upon us in the Wasting Sickness and Mortality among us: and recommended the keeping a Day of Fasting and prayer in the ensuing Week by divine Leave and Help; - This being put to vote, it was clear in the Affirmative. Thursday next was proposed for the Day: and p.m. was recommended to the Congregation and their free Concurrences therein requested.

Stephen, of Nathan and Lucy Maynard was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. This day was observed by this church and people and Congregation as a Day of Fasting and Prayer as abovesaid - May G. accept the offering!

Nov. 7. The Lords Supper was administered.

Dec. 26. James, of Benj. and Martha Fay, bapt.

[1757]

1757. Jan. 16. Timothy, of the Widow Elizabeth Rogers, bapt. 27. The Church (having had seasonable Warning) met together to elect another Deacon in the room of our Brother *Jonathan Forbush* deceased [106-107] occasion and first the meeting was opened by prayer then, It was put to vote -

Whether the Church would proceed to the Choice of another Deacon as proposed -

it passed in the Affirmative. Upon which the Brethren were desired to bring in their Votes for him.

and it appeared that Brother *Simon Tainter* was chosen.

The meeting was concluded with prayer and Blessing.

Jan. 30. Stephen, of David and Lydia Batherick, bapt. Feb. 20. David, of Jonathan and Joanna Fay, bapt.

[1757] March 13. Lucy Parkman was admitted into full Communion - and the Lords Supper was administered. - John, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple[;] Eleanor, of James junior and Elizabeth Miller bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Elizabeth, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush, bapt.

Apr. 10. Eunice, of Timothy and Rebec. Warrin[,] Daniel, of Jonas and Lydia Twitchell[;] and Asa, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, baptized by Rev. Mr. Martyn.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. *Ebenezer Parkman junior* and *Elizabeth* his Wife were admitted into full Communion with this Church, and

the same Day the holy Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

May 1. Persis, of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington[,] Joel, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard, and Ebenezer

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tertius, and Elizabeth and Mary, of Ebenezer junior and Elizabeth Parkman, were baptized.  
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May 8. Abigail, of David junior and Ann Maynard, bapt.

June 5. The Lords Supper administered and Ebenezer of Jabez and Kezia Snow, bapt.

19. Stephen, of John and Ruth Belknap, members of the Church in Southboro, was baptized on the right of the Mother (expressly), and Frederick, of Joshua and Abigail Lock, was baptized also, on the Mothers Right.

July 17. The Lords Supper administered and a Letter from aggrieved Brethren in the Church of *Leominster* read and left to Consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Josiah-Wood, of Benjamin and Hannah Tainter, bapt. This day (July 24) The Church was stayd to act upon the Letter from *Leominster*. Compliance Voted. Voted two Delegates, Justice Baker one, Brother Nathaniel Whitney the other.

Aug. 21. Daniel of Daniel and Abigail Adams, bapt. by the Rev. Mr. Martyn.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. The Lords supper administered. P.M. Joseph Bowman was baptized and was admitted into Church Fellowship, and Joseph and Mary, Twins of Gershom and Mary Brigham were baptized.

Sept. 25. The Church was Stayd and the pastor consulted the Brethren about the Affair of his going to preach at *Cumberland*, the 3rd Sabbath in October, by which his own Pulpit must be vacant. A Vote was put, and it passd in the affirm.

Oct. 9. The Lords supper was administered.

Nov. 6. The Church was detaind on the Account of Brother Nathanael Whitneys failing to attend the Council on the Affair of the Church at Leominster, he being out of Health. The church voted.

1. to Send another Delegate in his room.
2. Deacon Jonathan Bond to be the person.

At this time also our Brethren Nathan Ball and Jacob Rice, and our Sisters Mary Ball and Hannah Rice, their Wives, were [108-109] dismissed and to be recommended to the Church in the North part of Town.

Nov. 20. The Lords Supper administered. December 18. The Church was stoppd to hear a Letter from the Second Church in *Shrewsbury* desiring our Assistance in Council, on Account of various Difficultys which the Pastor and Church labour under; in particular with regard to his Subsistence among them. N.B. he had heretofore addressed the Quarter Sessions according to Law; and he exhibited a Complaint to the Church Nov. 8 last which being annexed to the Letter was read; in which he has these words "That the past Conduct and present State of this Parish are Such as afford me no prospect of peace and Comfort in the Ministry among you."

But when it was put to Vote, whether this Church would Comply with their Request, there was not a Major part that lifted up their Hands. So that Church were dismiss'd as usual.

[1758]

1758. Jan. 1. 1758. Thankfull, of Stephen Maynard[;] and Jonathan, of Jonathan and Abigail Rolf, were bapt. N.B. Jonathan *Rolf* had ownd the Covenant in Middleton, and his Wife was a member of the Church in Concord.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Timothy, of Rueben and Dorothy Maynard bapt. N.B. They had ownd the Covenant in Shrewsbury 1. Church.

Feb. 12. Hannah, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, was baptiz'd. Also *Anna Green*, heretofore Bradish was dismissd and to be recommended to the Church in Hardwick.



\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Mehitabel, of Moses and Mehitabel Brigham, baptiz'd.

March 5. The Church was Stayd and Robert Cooks Paper of acknowledgment was read, with his Addition to it. And after Some Debating upon [109-110] the Matter, it was put to Vote whether what had been read was Satisfactory and they were willing to restore him to their Charity.

It passed in the Negative - for there was no vote, nor but one hand lifted up.

March 12. The Lords Supper was administered.

March 26. Daniel, of Daniel and Martha Warrin, and Antipas, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, bapt.

Apr. 23. The Lords Supper was administered.

April 30. Joseph, of Solomon and Patience Woods, bapt.

May 28. Susanna, of Joseph and Sibyl Bruce, Mary, of Barachias and Zerviah Morse bapt. The church was Stopped and I read a Letter from the 2d Church in Sutton Requesting a Council on June 13 Voted Compliance - that there be 2 Delegates - The church was stopped and I read a letter from the second Church in Sutton requesting a council on June 13.

Voted compliance - that there be 2 Delegates -

That Deacon Tainter be one -  
That Deacon Bond be the Other.

June 11. The Lords Supper was administered.

July 30. The Lords Supper was administered.

Aug. 20. Josiah, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, bapt.

Sept. 10. Hannah, Wife of Ebenezer Miller, was admitted to full Communion. And The Lord's Supper was administered.

Another Letter from North Sutton read Oct. 1. Voted Compliance and that the Same Brethren viz. the 2 Deacons be the Delegates. Council to sit Oct. 3. N.B. The Church was notifyd of it some time before; and the Letter read.

Oct. 15. Lydia (heretofore Bowman, now the wife of Solomon) *Matthews*, was baptized and was admitted into full Communion, with this Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. The Lord's Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Susanna, of Zebulun and Abigail Rice, and Elizabeth, of Alpheus and Elizabeth Newton bapt. N.B. The Mother of this last had owned the Covenant at Brookfield (of which I had a Letter from Rev. Mr. Parsons, and it was read this Day to our Church.)

Nov. 12. A Letter from the Church in Southborough, desiring our Assistance in Council, read. - the time appointed is the 28th instant.

Voted Compliance - that there be 2 Delegates.

Voted Edward Baker Esq. be the first:

Voted Brother Benj. Fay be the other. [110-111]

Nov. 19. Calvin, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard and Moses, of Moses and Mary Twitchell bapt.

Dec. 10. Abner, of Ebenezer and Hannah Miller, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Stone of Southboro.

[1759]

1759. Jan. 28. Betty, of Joshua and *Abigail Lock*, was baptiz'd, on the mothers Account.

March 11. Administered the Sacrament of the Supper of the Lord.

Apr. 22. Mehehabel, of Benj. and Martha Fay, bapt. 29. The Lord's Supper was administered and Abijah, of Abijah and Abigail Gale, bapt.

June 10. The Lords Supper was administered, and Jonathan, of Ebenezer and Joanna Chamblin, bapt.

N.B. Before the Administration of the Communion to Day John Belknap and his Wife members of the Church of Christ in Southborough, and Mary Pratt, a member of the Church in Lexington, being dismissed to us, were admitted into full Communion here.

July 29. Administered the Lord's Supper.

Sept. 9. Administered the Lord's Supper.

Before the administration Mary (the wife of Joseph junior) Knowlton was admitted into the Church.

[1759] 23 [Sept]. Lydia, of David and Lydia Batherick and Huldah, of James junior and Elizabeth Millar bapt.

30. Lucy, of Nathan and Lucy Maynard bapt.

Dec. 2. Administered the Lord's Supper.

[1760]

1760. Jan. 13. 1760. Joanna Wife of Jonathan Fay, was admitted into the Church. And the Same Day contributed to the Relief of Mr. *Jonathan Morse* of Shrewsbury, whose distress was by Fire. N.B. The sum gatherd was 6.2.0. Lawfull money or 45.15.0. old Tenor.

16. Stephen, of Stephen and Anna Maynard, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Elijah, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, baptized.

Feb. 3. Joseph and Martha Baker were admitted into Church Fellowship

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Feb. 17. John, of Joseph and Martha Baker, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. A Letter from the Church in *Cold Spring*. Signed by Rev. *Justun Forward*, dated *Jan. 16.* last; was read: It being, for substance, to acquaint us, that there were Difficultys arising among them, which they could not Settle among themselves; and to desire our Assistance in Council etc. But when it was put to Vote, whether the Church would comply with the request of Said Letter, it was not a Vote - but few hands appearing. - The Pastor requested the Brethren to let him know *why* they did not Vote - no answer being given, he repeated his Request; that he might know what Reason to send, in answer to the Letter. But none was renderd.

N.B. The Letter was directed to Me as Pastor *of the Church*, not of the *first Church* etc. It was also requested *one Delegate*. But I can't tell that those were the Reasons.

The Pastor also laid before the Church the Desire of *Robert Cook*, that the Church would recommend his Wife, that so his Children might be baptized -

Voted affirmatively.

Then the Church was dismissd with the Blessing.

March 16. *Sacrament*.

April 20. Mary Walker, wife of Josiah Walker, heretofore Chattuck, being settled at Houssatonnoc No. 4 and having desird a Dismission to the Church there; and Ruth Sibley, heretofore Bradish, now wife of Nathaniel Sibley of Sutton having desird she might be dismissd to the first Church there, the Request of each of them was voted.

Apr. 27. Thaddeus Warrin and Abigail his Wife confessing the sin of Fornication and owning the Covenant were by Church Vote, restord to Charity and their Child Abigail, was baptized.

May 4. The Lords Supper was administered.

25. Joseph, of Joseph and Eunice Rice, bapt.

June 15. Mary Chase, the wife of Thomas Chase [112-113] was admitted into Church Fellowship. The Lords Supper was administered.

P.M. Mary and Hannah, Children of the foresaid Mary Chase were baptized.

June 22. The Brethren of the Church were Stayed after the Exercises. The Pastor proposed to them the Desire of Hezekiah How and his Wife, to have two of their grandchildren baptized on their account. They are the children of their late son Noah, deceased - the Mother, being deceased: and the Said How and his Wife having taken these Children into their own Care, and are willing to be under Obligation (under God) to bring them up, or have them brought up according to the Rules of Christianity. - The Church voted in Compliance with their Request.

Also the Pastor consulted the Church upon the Difficult Case of the Child of *John and Jane-King Maynard*; *Joseph Joslin* and his wife having taken the Child to bring it up, and desired Baptism for it. This was left to further Consideration. It was furthermore proposed that the Church would Consider what Delinquencies there are among the Members - and many of those who have owned the Covenant - And how the Church will exercise their Watch over the Children of the Covenant. The Pastor recommended to Choose a Committee of the Church to make Enquiry into the Conduct of Communicants and others - But as this had not heretofore been done among us, it was left to Consideration.

July 6. *Hezekiah and Elizabeth How* Stood before the Church and Congregation and *solemnly promised* that they would take faithful Care of the Education of their two Grand Children, Viz *Thankfull and Mary How* Children of the late *Noah How* deceased; that they Should, by Gods Assistance, be brought [113-114] up in the Knowledge and Fear of God - both that Child which would be more immediately under their own Eye, and likewise that which would be put out to Some others. The Children were thereupon baptized. At the Same Time, *Lydia of Barachias and Zeruviah Morse*, was bapt. also.

July 20. *Daniel of Jonas and Persis Brigham*, and *Asa, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush*, baptized. The Church was stopd after the Public Exercises (after some Time of consideration See June 22) and debated a while upon the Affair of appointing a Committee to assist in inspecting the Morals of the Communicants. It was agreed to send a Committee to Mr. *Samuel Fay* junior to enquire into the Reasons of his Conduct in absenting himself from the Seals of the Covenant and frequently from even the word also. The Church voted that there be a Committee That the Number be Three. That Brother *Nathaniel Whitney* be one: Brother *Daniel Forbush*, be another. And Brother *Ebenezer Chamberlin* be the 3d.

The Affair of *John Maynards* Child was further deferrd, very different minds arising about it. The Church was dismissed with a Blessing.

23. The Church was Stayd to hear the Report of the Committee aforesaid. The Report was read - various Debates ensued. It was movd, by one Hand, to have it put to Vote, whether the Church would accept of Mr. *Fay* hereupon? It was urgd, on the other Hand, that they, at least he that spake, was not ready to vote on it - Hereupon it was proposd to vote first whether the Church would now act upon the Affair? - But it was requested that the Vote might rather be, whether the Church could not Suspend Acting upon it at the present? It passd that they would. Accordingly the Church was dismissd, with the Blessing.

[114-115]

27. Solomon and Sarah Baker admitted into the Church. The Lords Supper was administered.

Ebenezer, of John and Ruth Belknap and Sarah, of Solomon and Sarah Baker bapt.

Aug. 3. Moses, of Moses and Persis Warrin, bapt.

30. Mindwell, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, Joanna, [of] Jonathan and Joanna Fay - bapt.

And Sarah, wife of Cornelius Biglow junior was admitted into Church Fellowship.

Sept. 7. Asahel and Lucy, of Cornelius and Sarah Biglow, were baptized by Rev. Mr. John Martyn.

10. After the Lecture the Church met upon the Affair, which had heretofore been Mentiond to them and left to Consideration - viz *First*, relating to *John and Jane-King Maynard's* Child, taken to be brought up by *Joseph* and *Katharine Joslin* - It was proposd to the Church whether that Child Should be baptized on the account of those mentiond Foster Parents and it passd in the Affirmative.

*Secondly*, the affair of *Mr. Samuel Fay* junior his Delinquency - after Some Debates, it was voted that the same Committee that went to him before go again, and the Pastor with them to See whether there was any Misunderstanding before; and whether they can't be instrumental to effect a Reconcilement and bring him to his Duty. Then the Church was dismissd with Blessing.

N.B. This meeting was notifyd by the Rev. Mr. Martyn last Lords Day, at the Desire of the Pastor.

14. The Lords Supper was administered. *Joseph Joslin* and *Katherine*, his Wife stood before [115-116] the Assembly; and it being Solemnly put to them whether they would take Special and peculiar Care of the Education of the Child which they had *taken* and now presented to Baptism, (the Dauter of John and Jane-King Maynard), that is, to bring it up in the Nuture and Admonition of the Lord?; and they, both of them, consenting thereto, as engaging it, the Child was baptized, by the name of *Martha*. Also Daniel, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard, bapt. The Church at *Cold-Spring* has again writ to this Church desiring our Assistance in Ecclesiastical Council there. Their letter was read to the Church - but the Affair was left to Consideration.

Sept. 21. This was the Day in which the Affair of *Cold-Spring* Should have been transacted - The Church was Stopd - but there were not So many at the Meeting as if it had been a fair Day - and theref. the Brethren were askd whether they were o' Mind to go on now, or would defer the transacting the *Cold-Spring* Affair to another Time? - There was in the Votes a Tie - The Pastor was therefore obligd to adjourn - and this was done to next Wednesday 3 p.m.

24. One motive to adjourning the Church meeting was the Hope of more to attend: yet it so fell out that there were less - But the business could not be deferrd any longer. The Request of the Church in *Cold-Spring* was Voted to be complyd with, unanimously. Voted that the Number of Delegates be 2.

Voted that Brother *Edwards Whipple* be one. It was proposd to reconsider the Vote aforesaid (that the Number be two) - This was Voted; and that the Church is Satisfyd with Sending *one* Member on this Occasion.

The meeting finished with the Blessing.

Oct. 19. Stephen, of Benj. and Hannah, Tainter, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Sarah, of Elijah and Sarah Rice, bapt. and Thomas Twitchell, Joseph Grout and Sarah his wife, and Rebecca Hardy, were admitted into full Communion with this Church. Likewise Eunice Cook, wife of Cornelius Cook was dismissd, and to be recommended to the Second Church of Christ in Wrentham.

Nov. 2. The Lord's Supper was administered.

Joseph, Benjamin and William of Joseph and Sarah Grout were baptized. And Sarah, of Cornelius and Sarah Biglow, also.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Melliscent, of Joseph and Sibyl, Bruce, baptized.

[1761]

1761. January 18. 1761, was baptized Elias, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman.

Feb. 22. Jeremiah, of Moses and Mary Twitchell, bapt.

March 1. The Church was Stopd, and the Pastor acquainted them that as to the Difference there had been between him and Brother *Samuel Fay*, it was so far brought to an End, that they had mutually given their Hands - and now it remaind to see whether the Church would restore him (Said Brother *Fay*) to their Charity and admitt him again to Special Ordinances. After a short Space it was put to Vote, and it passd in the affirmative by a majority of 13 out of 24. But it was what I could not but greatly wonder at; and fear the Consequence. [117-118]

March 8. Ebenezer, of Moses and Mehit. Brigham and Jane, of Jonathan and Abigail Rolf bapt.

March 15. The Brethren of the Church were Stopt, and the Pastor informed them that he hadreceived a Petition for a Church meeting Signed by 10, to desire that the late Church Vote might be reconsidered: but as he would do everything that might preserve Peace and Harmony in the Church, he would consult the Church upon it, and having their Concurrence in what is done. Their Silence consenting that the Request Should be answered - and accordingly A Church Meeting was appointed to be next Tuesday; 1 p.m.

March 17. The Church Met in pursuance of the forementioned appointment: but Brother *Samuel Fay*, tho Seasonbly Sent to by the Pastor and notified, did not come. A Number of the Brethren movd to have the Vote of March the first reconsiderd, agreeable to the Request of the Petition for the meeting and Several Brethren who assisted in passing that Vote, said, that, upon Reflection, they conceiv'd the Church were too Sudden in their then voting, and would be glad, for their parts, that it might be reconsiderd. After which,

It was put to Vote, then, thus

Brethren if it be your Minds to re-consider the Vote of March 1, Concerning restoring Brother Samuel Fay and admitting him to special ordinances please to manifest it. It passed in the Affirmative by 18 out of 21.

After this it was Enquired into, What reasons has Brother *Fay* given for his long delinquency? In answer to which, the Report of the Committee (of last July) was read - and it was put to vote, whether those Reasons were Satisfactory? It passd in the Neg.

Then the meeting was adjourn'd to tomorrow come sennight after Lecture - (for the Church desird that the Communion might not be delay'd any longer). Concluded with prayer, and the Blessing.

[118-119]

March 22. Elijah Rice and Benj. Hills were admitted into the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. The Church was Stopt on the Occasion of the two Cases of Sister *Judith Bellows*, who presented an Acknowledgment and was restored to the Churchs Charity, and to the Enjoyment of Special privileges again: And of Brother *Samuel Fay*, who offerd also an acknowledgment which was accepted - Each of these by full Votes - after which were offerd Thanks and prayers and all was concluded with the Blessing.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. The Lord's Supper was administered. And Abner, of Timothy and Rebecca Warrin[;] Jonathan, of Thomas and Ruhamah Frost[;] and Sarah, of Joseph and Sarah Grout bapt.

Apr. 26. Seth, Sheribiah, and Hephzibah of Samuel Fay, were baptized by the Rev. Mr. Stone of Southborough.

May 3. Molly Hills Wife of Benj. and Persis Rice Dauter of Zebulun, were admitted into the Church and The Lords Supper was administered.

June 14. Daniel *Forbes* or *Forbush* junior and Persis his wife offerd Confessions of the sin of Fornication and were restord to Charity. They, both of them ownd the Covenant and their Children, Martha and William, were baptized.

21. The Lords Supper was administered.

July 12. Katharine, Ebenezer and Azuba, Children of Phinehas and Azuba Gleason, who had ownd the Covenant at Framingham, bapt.

Aug. 2. The Lord's Supper administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Anna, of Samuel Fay, bapt.

Aug. 23. The Church was Stopd at Noon - Voted unanimously that Wednesday next be kept by us, by divine leave, as a Day of Fasting and prayer on Consideration of the div. frowns in the grievous Drought, which we have long been under: to humble ourselves under the holy Dispensation of God towards his people - to Supplicate Pardon, and to beg the out-pouring of His holy Spirit upon us: And on Consideration of the *present* Favour of Heaven in the plentiful Rain *now* vouchsafd, to render hearty Thanks and praise to our most compassionate God and Saviour therefor.

P.M. Asa of Daniel and Abigail Adams, baptized.

N.B. The above Vote of the Church was communicated to the Assembly (p.m.) who were invited and desird to join us in the religious observing the Fast thereby appointed.

26. Was observd as a Day of Fasting and prayer, agreeable to the Church vote of the 23, but in too imperfect a manner. May God graciously overlook and pardon our Defects! And in His infinite Goodness Accept our humiliations and Addresses for Jesus Sake!

Sept. 13. The Lords Supper was administered.

Oct. 25. The Lords Supper was administered.

Nov. 1. Benjamin, of Samuel Junior and Rachel Hardy, the Said Rachel having ownd the Covenant at Marlb. (as Certified by Rev. Mr. Smith), was baptized.

Dec. 6. Administered the Lords Supper. [120-121]

[1762]

1762. January 3. 1762. Thankfull, Dauter of Daniel and Mary Forbes; Church [1762]

and



Ephraim, son of Artemas and Mary Bruce, baptized.

And Lucy Baldwin, heretofore Parkman, now Wife of Jeduthun Baldwin, having desired Dismission to the Church in Brookfield, whereof the Rev. Mr. Eli Forbes is Pastor, her Request was voted.

Feb. 14. Lucy, of Moses and Persis Warrin, bapt.

28. Sally, of Joseph and Martha Baker, bapt.

March 14. Lydia, of Solomon and Sarah Baker, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21 [March 1762]. Barnabas, of James and Eliz. Miller, bapt. as was Martha, of John Pratt, who had ownd the Covenant at Hopkinton.

\_\_\_\_\_ The same Day the Lords Supper was administered.

28. Jesse, of Ebenezer Maynard, baptized.

Apr. 11. David, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, bapt.

May 2. Barnabas and Eunice Newton, appearing before the Assembly, confesd the sin of Fornication, and ownd the Covenant; they were by vote of the Church restord to Charity, and their Child, *Hannah* was baptiz'd.

May 9. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered

16. David, of Barachias and Zerviah Morse, bapt.

June 20. The Lords Supper was administered.

A Letter from the first Church in Shrewsbury requesting the Assistance of this Church in the Ordination of Mr. Joseph Sumner, on the 23 instant - read -

The Church voted compliance -

That Two be the Number of the Delegates -

That Brother Whitney be one -

That Deacon Bond be the other.

- dismissed with the Blessing. [121-122]

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Martha, of Ebenezer and Hannah Miller bapt.

July 4. Lavinia Baker was admitted into the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. It was proposd to the Church to consider the sore Judgment of God in the Drought, and considering that there is no Public Fast appointed, nor was it known that there would be, it was proposd to keep the next Thursday, as a Day of Fasting and Prayer on the mentiond Account and it was Voted in the Affirmative. It was also desird that the Congregation would concur in it, which was manifested by their Silence. The Pastor also mentiond it that he Should expect the Assistance of his Rev. Brethren in the Ministry, in carrying on the Service.

14. The Pastor receiving a proclamation for a Day of Prayer to be on the 28 instant, and several Messages Sent him by neighbouring ministers that they could not assist, and having reason to doubt of most of the rest, he took advice of Such as he could consult on the Occasion; who all were of the mind that it was best to put it by: he accordingly Sent messengers and messages into every part of the parish to notify people universally that it was: And wrote Letters where they were needfull to the Same Purpose. For the Foundation being removd, it was conceivd that what was built thereon, of consequence fell.

Aug. 8. The Lords Supper was administered. [122-123]

22. Martha, the Wife of John Beton; and Sarah, the Wife of Seth Morse, were admitted into the Church.

Sept. 5. Elizabeth, of Seth and Sarah Morse, bapt.

Sept. 26. The Lords Supper was administered. P.M. James Bowman was baptized and Submit, of Thad. and Abigail Warrin, and Martha, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbes, were also. And the Said James Bowman and Mary his Wife were admitted into full Communion.

Oct. 24. Samuel Forbush (or Forbes) Junior and Abigail his Wife, were admitted into full Communion.

31. Rufus, Isaac, Abigail and Lydia, Children of Samuel junior and Abigail Forbush, were baptized.

Nov. 7. John, Anna, Martha, Thomas and William, Children of Martha Beton, were baptized, as on this Day likewise, the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

28. Edmund Rice and Hannah his Wife ownd the Covenant and the latter was admitted into the Church.

Dec. 5. Simeon, Edmund, Hannah and Dorothy, Children of Edmund and Hannah Rice, were baptized.

12. The Lords Supper administered.

[1763]

1763. January 9. Ebenezer, of Joseph and Sarah Grout, bapt.

16. Jeffery Amherst, of Stephen and Anne Maynard, was baptized, as were Elizabeth, of Phin. and Azuba Gleason and Lydia, of James and Mary Bowman

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March 13. Susanna, of Edmund and Hannah Rice and Catharine, of Cornelius junior and Sarah Boglow, were baptized, and

Seth Morse was admitted into full Communion. On the 20th the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

April 3. Priscilla Rice, Dauter of Zebulun Rice, offered her Confession of the Sin of Fornication, and the Church voted her Restoration.

10. Daniel, of Daniel and Persis Forbes, baptized.

May 1. Adam and Lois Rice were admitted into Church Fellowship: and the Lords supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Nahum of Jonathan and Joanna Fay, Samuel of Benj. and Hannah Tainter and Elizabeth, of Adam and Lois Rice, were baptized.

29. Deliverance Fay offerd her Confession of the Sin of Fornication and her Relation of her Faith and Experience and was restord to the Church Charity and admitted into the Church.

Rhoda and Sarah Fay (Dauters of Jeduthun Fay) ownd the Covenant and were baptized. Jonas, of Jonas Bradish was also baptized.

June 12. The Lords Supper was administered.

Seth and Sarah Morse having a Foster Child committed to their Care, and their Desire to have it baptized, having been laid before the Church the last Lords Day and no objection arising, they stood before [124-125] the Congregation, and the Qu. was put to them whether they did each of them Solemnly engage to take Special Care of this Child, which they now presented, to bring her up (by divine grace) in the good Knowledge and Fear of the Lord? To which They, each of them manifesting their Consent, the Child was baptized. The name given was *Sarah*.

A Contribution was made for the Relief of *Patrick Shay* of Hopkinton, who was burnt out.

The Contribution amounted to 16.9.32. old Tenor.

June 19. David and Ann Maynards Desire that a foster-Child committed to their Care, might be baptized, having been propounded to the Church, last Lords Day was Sennight; and No Objection offerd against it, it was this Day brought; and they, each of them Solemnly promising before the Assembly to bring it up (by Divine Grace) in the Fear and the good Knowledge of the Lord, it was baptized - the Name, *Daniel*.

Pricilla Rice was admitted into the Church and her Child was baptized the Name *Francis*.

July 3. Molly, Dauter of Deliverance Fay, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Sarah Parkman was admitted into full Communion with the Church.

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[July] 27. The Case of *Peletiah Metcalfe*, who lies in a dangerous Languishment was laid before the Church; and he having been last Lords Day propounded in order to his joining in full Communion with this Church, and his illness was mentiond, and that it was very unlikely that he would continue to our usual Time for Persons in Health; But now his Distemper greatly increasing upon him, - (after Lecture) the Church voted to adjourn to the House of Brother Benj. Hills, where the said Metcalf resides and is confind, that we may attend upon his profession of Religion and his admission into the Church; and to resort there immediately after the Blessing is given - our Custom in this Church of persons Standing propounded, ordinarily, a fortnight, notwithstanding.

The Church accordingly repaird to said Brother *Hills* - and the abovementioned *Pelatih Metcalf* was admitted to the Church by an unanimous Vote.

31. The Lords Supper was administered.

Aug. 14. John, of Barnabas and Eunice Newton, baptized by Rev. Mr. Martyn.

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31. The Church were Stopt in Compliance with the Request of a Number of the Brethren, exhibited in a paper signd by,

John Belknap  
Ebenezer Chamberlin  
Daniel Forbush and  
Abijah Gale. and in behalf of Several Others, who were consenting to it.

The purpose thereof was, to have the Church Confer [126-127] upon what has been for Some Time proposd to us concerning the *Posture* in which we ought to perform that part of public Worship, viz. *Singing the praises of God*: whether Sitting as has been the Custom, or standing up, as is thought most reverent, and therefore most acceptable to the great God? 28 members present.

After some Conference, and the Pastor reading (by Request of the above mentioned Brethren) several Papers containing his mind; and Answering several Objections which have been raisd against *standing*, the matter was deferr'd, for the present for further Consideration till the Next Lecture Day, to which Time the meeting is adjourn'd.

The Blessing being given, we departed.

Sept. 4. Administered the Lords Supper.

18. Moses, of Thomas Frost, was baptized.

25. Mary, of Samuel and Elizabeth Fay, bapt.

The Church Stayd after Lecture according to desire to See what the Churchs mind was about *standing up* to Sing: but there was not a Vote for it.

Oct. 16. The Lords Supper was administered.

23. Coollidge, of Samuel junior and Abigail Forbush, was baptized.

Nov. 27. Constantine Hardy was admitted into Church-Fellowship, as was also Joshua Kendal, the last being dismissd from the first Church of Christ in Suffield.

Dec. 4. The Lords Supper was administered.

Mindwell, of Constantine and Jemima Hardy, bapt.

The Church was Stopt and a Letter form the people of *Wilton* was read. Therein they Request Assistance in gathering a Church and ordaining Mr. *Jonathan Livermore* their Pastor, on the 14 instant. Voted approbation and Compliance if providence give Leave. But it being above 40 miles off, and at Such a season, it is uncertain whether we can attend.

25. Edmund and Sarah Brigham having owned the Covenant at Southborough, their son Samuel was baptized.

[127-128]

[1764]

1764. Jan. 8. Timothy, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Seth, of Barachias and Zerv. Morse, bapt.

Feb. 5. Jonathan and Hannah Grout were admitted into Church Fellowship.

12. Jemima, wife of Constantine Hardy was admitted to the Church, as was Martha How, after She had humbly confessed the Breach of the Seventh Commandment and was restored to Charity. The Same Day,

Jonathan, of Jonathan and Hannah, Grout bapt.

19. Susanna, of Martha How, bapt.

March 11. Elizabeth Beals was admitted into Church Fellowship. And

The Lords Supper was administered.

18. Martha, of Joseph and Martha Baker, bapt.

April 8. John Bowker and Tryphena his Wife, having owned the Covenant at Leicester etc. as appeared by a Certificat, presented their young Child, which was baptized - the Name Persis. And

Nathaniel of James and Mary Bowman, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. The Church met, by appointment for several Reasons - *Frist*, a Letter from Rev. Mr. *John Cleaveland* of Chebacco was read together with a Letter from the Pastor which occasioned it. - Debates upon the Affair which was the subject matter of it - But no vote was passed about it.

*Secondly*, Several Letters from one Mrs. *Hannah Child*, requesting a Contribution - but no one Member encouraged it.

*Thirdly*, Mention was made of Mr. Jonathan Cook's Desire of privilege - whereas he belongs to another Church and is under Dealing there.

A Vote was passd that there Should be a Contribution of the Church for better furnishing the Communion Table.

As the Church-Meeting was opend with Prayer, so it was ended with a prayer, and the Blessing.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 22. The Lords Supper was administered.

Robert-Breck, Son of Stephen and Anne Maynard, and Thankfull, of Elijah Rice, baptized.

May 6. Persis, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, bapt.

27. Isaac Miller was admitted into the Church, and Sibyl, of Joseph and Sibyl Bruce; Hannah, of John and [blank] Pratt and Phinehas-Gleason, of Isaac and Abigail Miller, were baptiz'd.

June 3. The Lords Supper was administered.

Aaron, of Seth and Sarah Morse baptized.

The Church was Stopped and Two letters were read - one from Rev. Mr. Wigglesworth of Ipsw. Hamlet, the other from Messrs. Sam Chandler and John Rogers of Gloucester, to the Pastor relative to Mr. Cleavelands late Letter. See May 13.

10. Lavinia, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, bapt.

July 1. Isabel, of Isaac Miller, baptized by the Rev. Mr. Stone.

8. *Dorothy* of Moses and Persis Warrin, was baptized.

15. The Lords Supper was administered.

Aug. 5. Joseph, of Rev. Joseph and Lavinia Bowman, was bapt. by Rev. Mr. Bowman, himself the forementioned Father.

12. Hannah Rice, the Wife of Adonijah Rice, was admitted into Church Fellowship.

19 [Aug. 1764]. Caleb, of James junior and Elizabeth Miller, bapt. and Sarah, Widow of the late James Ball, was dismissd and to be recommended to the Second Church in this Town.

26. The Lords Supper was administered [129-130]

\_\_\_ 30. A Petition of *Benj. Mixer*, Guardian of *Joseph Joslin*, a minor, who has been long exercisd with sickness and sores, to the exhausting of his Substance, for a Contribution for his Relief; read to the Congregation.

The Church was Stopped to communicate a Letter from the East Church in *Yarmouth* desiring Assistance of the Pastor and Messenger from this Church in the Ordination of Mr. *Nathan Stone junior* Oct. 17 next.

Voted compliance.

Voted that Deacon Bond be the Messenger from the Church on that Occasion.

Oct. [18?]. The Church Stopped at the Request of Deacon Bond, who was excusd from going as above and Chose Brother Gale.

Oct. [7?]. The Lords supper administered.

At Brother Gale's Request the Church was stayd and he also desird to be excusd from going to the mentiond Ordination - His Reason for it was accepted, and *Deacon Tainter* was chose to go in his stead.

28. A Letter was read to the Church, from *Westmorland*, desiring assistance in the Ordination of Mr. *William Goddard*: but it is too far, considering how lately we have been a great Journey - but esp. this Ordination must interfere with one we are more nearly concernd in: And therefore when Compliance was put to Vote, there was no Hand.

Another Letter was also read, viz from the Church in *Oxford*, desiring our Assistance in the Installment of the Rev. Mr. *Bowman*. Compliance Voted - Two Delegates, viz Squire Whipple and Mr. Daniel Forbush. [130-131]

Nov. 11. The Request of the Rev. Mr. *Joseph Bowman* to have his Relation to this Church transferrd to the Church in *Oxford*, Voted; and that he be recommended.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. *Amity* and *Hananiah*, Childr. of *Simon* and *Bridget Newton*, who had ownd the Covenant (as they inform me) one at *Bedford*, and the other at *Southboro*. But acknowledgd their neglect of their Duty as to the Baptism of their ChilDr. and that they were sorry for it. And if (bec: of the Distance of Bedford) a Certificat be insisted for; yet it was requested it might be done on the womans Account. Rev. Mr. *Stone* having given (orally) his Testimony concerning her. It was proposd to the Church and no Objection.

N.B. The Lords Supper had been administered the same Day.

Dec. 16. Sarah, of Edmund and Hannah Rice, baptized.

[1765]



1765. Jan. 13. 1765. Hannah, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, baptized.

20. Seth, of Joseph and Sarah Grout, bapt.

27. Ephraim Brigham, of Elijah and Martha Hardy, baptized.

Feb. 3. John Wood and Martha his Wife, were admitted into full Communion.

10. Molly, of Jno. and Martha Wood, bapt.

17. Aaron, of David junior and Persis Forbes, bapt.

March 17. Sacrament of the Supper administered. Hannah, of Benj. and Hannah Tainter, Sarah, of Edmund and Sarah Brigham bapt.

Apr. 14. Josiah of Phinehas and Azubah Gleason, bapt.

Apr. 18. Contribution for Deacon Charles Woods of Warwick - gathered 30 2d old Tenor which was deliverd him Apr. 25 of which he gave a Receipt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. The Lords Supper was administered.

May 12. John Forbes and Susanna his Wife offerd their Confessions of the Sin of Fornication and were restord to Charity; ownd the Covenant and their Children Sarah and John were baptiz'd.

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June 9. The Lords Supper administered.

July 14. Amasa, of Cornelius junior and Sarah Biglow, was baptiz'd.

28. The Sacrament of Lords Supper was administered.

Aug. 4. Winslow, of Hananiah and Abigail Parker, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Ezra, of Samuel and Eliz. Fay and Amasa, of Joseph and [blank] Morse bapt. N.B. These last parents had ownd the Covenant at Hopkinton.

Sept. 8. The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. Samuel of Barachias and Zerv. Morse, bapt.

Oct. 6. Molly, of James and Mary Bowman, bapt. John Cushing was admitted to full Communion with this Church.

The Church was Stayd to hear and act upon a Letter from the Church of Christ in Westminster containing Request to assist in the Ordination of Mr. *Asaph Rice*, on Oct. 16th.

Voted Compliance with the Request.

Voted that two be the Number of Delegates

Voted that Brother Daniel Hardy be one.

Voted that Brother Zebulun Rice be the other - The Blessing concluded.

Oct. 20. Administered the Lords Supper.

Nov. 10. Luther, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. John, of Adonijah and Hannah Rice, bapt. N.B. A Fast was proposd, on Consideration of the present Distresses in the Colonys; and Consented to. It was accordingly appointed - to be next Wednesday come Sennight.

27. Was observd as a Fast in this Parish. Rev. Mr. *Stone* of Southb. prayd and preachd a.m. his Text was Ps. 96.10, 11, 12.

Rev. Mr. *Summer* prayd and preachd p.m. his Text was Josh. 7.13. The L. Accept our Ofering! [132-133]

Dec. 1. The Lords Supper was administered.

[1766]

1766. Jan. 26. 1766. Hannah, of Joseph and Martha Baker, was baptized.

Feb. 2. Prudence, of Elijah and Prudence Rice, baptiz'd

23. *William Parkman* was admitted to full Communion.

March 16. Lucy, wife of Moses, Sever, was admitted to full Communion.

23. The Lords Supper was administered.

A Letter bearing date, *Rutland District* March 11 1766. signd by *John Caldwell* and 12 more, brethren of the Church there, requesting assistance in Council on Apr. 2 next, on account of Difficultys among them having been read last Lords Day, and left to Consideration was now read again; and it was put to the Brethren to manifest whether they would comply with the Request of Said Letter; but there was no Vote.

Apr. 27. Joseph, of Capt. Jonas and Persis, Brigham, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Stone in the Pastors absence.

May 4. The Lords Supper was administered.

June 1. Benjamin-Lazedell, of John and Mastha Wood, baptized.

15. The Lords Supper was administered.

29. Martha, of Thomas and Martha Temple was bapt. at their House. The Child being judgd to be just departing. A Number of the Church and other Neighbours were present. The woman had ownd the Covenant at Framingham and enjoyd privilege there. This was certifyd by Rev. Mr. Bridge, Pastor. N.B. The child revived a little, but [faint?] expird before night.

July 27. The Lords Supper was administered. [133-134]

Aug. 3. Aaron, of Isaac, Miller, baptized.

10. Charles, of Benj. and Eliz. Fay, bapt.

24. Thankfull Rice, wife of Josiah Rice, was dismissd to the Church in Northboro. And Mrs. Lavinia Bowman, Spouse of the Rev. Mr. Joseph Bowman, was dismissd to the Church in Oxford.

31. Abner, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush, bapt.

Sept. 7. The Lords Supper administered and Moses, of Phinehas and Azuba Gleason, bapt.

28. Mary, the Wife of Solomon Miller, was admitted into Church Fellowship, and

Joseph, of Moses and Mehetabel Brigham was baptized.

[1766] Oct. 5. Elizabeth of Edmund and Sarah Brigham, bapt.

The Brethren were stopd and a Letter signed *Eunice Andrews*, dated Oct. 2. was read. And agreeable to the Request therein, a Church meeting was appointed to be on the 17th instant, God willing, after Lecture.

Oct. 17. Church met according to appointment - Mrs. *Andrews's* Letter was again read. But She not being present it was thot best to adjourn the meeting - It was accordingly adjourn'd by div. leave, to the first Thursday in November (which will be the 6th Day) and Brother *Gale* is desird to notifie Mrs. Andrews that She is expected to attend at that time.

[1766 Oct.] 19. Francis Whipple junior offerd a Confession of his breaking the 7th Commandment and was restord to Charity.

He was also admitted into Church Fellowship, as were Ezekiel Smith and Ruth his Wife. The Lords supper was administerd and Sarah, Jacob, Olive and Mary, Children of Solomon and Mary Miller, - and Ephraim of Moses and Lucy Sever; also Abner, of Francis junior and Priscilla Whipple were baptized.

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Nov. 2. *Robert-Breck*, of Stephen and Anne *Maynard*, was baptized, as were Lucy and Sarah, of Ezekiel and Ruth Smith.

[1766] Nov. 6. The Church met by adjournment. The Meeting was open by Prayer - and those passages in ch. X of the platform were read, which shew the Power of the Eldership and privileges of the Brotherhood, together with the Rules of a Church-Meeting. The Business of the Meeting was laid open - namely 1. to consider the Request of *Eunice Andrews* to be admitted (as Member of the church in Ipsw. of which etc.) to transient Communion with this.

2. to see if the Church will not take some more Special Care, than has been of late years, of the Children of the Covenant and of those who have own'd the Covenant.

1. As to the *First*, viz *Eunice Andrews's Request*, (which was again read to the Church) - altho the Church was adjourn'd on purpose to have the Woman present; and Brother *Gale*, as sent to her to notify her, said he had done it; yet She was absent - so that we could not have her to answer to her Petition - It was declared that She was *designedly* absent, and was gone on a Journey. It was also testified that tho She had requested Communion with us, yet that She said She would not come, if her request was voted by the Church etc. Upon the whole, after much Debate concerning her, and the society She came from, it was put to vote,

Whether her Petition Should be dismiss'd? It pass'd in the Affirmative by a pretty full majority.

2. As to the *other article*, it was propos'd to the Church and urg'd and press'd upon them - Somewhat was answer'd - But it was late -

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Prayer and the Blessing concluded the Meeting.

Nov. 30. The Lords Supper administered.

December 14. Samuel of Joseph and Sarah Grout, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28 [Dec. 1766]. Phebe, of James and Eliz. Miller and Nehemiah, of Ebenezer and Hannah Miller bapt. The Brethren of the Church were stop'd, and a Letter was communicated to them from the Church and Inhabitants of *Walpole* in New-Hampshire, bearing Date Nov. 29. 1766: requesting Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. Thomas *Fessenden*, on Jan. 7, next. But

when it was put to Vote whether the Church would comply with their Request? It passd in the Negative - by Reason of the great Distance and Rigor of the Season.

Our Brother Moses Twitchel having removed to the Eastward, to a place called New Boston, and desiring that he and his Wife may be dismissd to the Church in New Gloucester, of which Rev. Mr. Samuel Foxcroft is pastor, being near to them his Request was voted in the Affirm.

[1767]

1767. Jan. 11. Constantine, of Constantine and Jemima Hardy, was baptized.

Feb. 22. Mary, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, bapt. Sacrament.

March 1. Preserved, Son of Artemas and Mary Bruce was baptized by Rev. Martyn.

March 15. *Susanna Parkman* was admitted into full Communion with the Church.

The Lords supper was administered. And William, of James and Mary, Bowman, bapt.

29. James-Swain, of Hananiah and Abigail Parker, bapt.

Apr. 23. After the Lecture the Church was stopd and after prayer was read a paper which contained an agreement betw. Timothy Warrin and his wife and the pastor. And thereto the [136-137] pastor added that considering the paper referd to, came to him unprepard, and that *Thot* was not done about it, which he expected, and depended upon to have done, as appears since, (tho he did not know this before the reading of it) he was sorry he read it, and prayd the Church to forgive what mis-step there was therein.

Then it was put to Vote, whether the Lords supper be attended upon, according to the Appointment and if it be the Mind of the Church that it *be*, and that it includes and implys therein that the Church doth hereby signify their Acceptance and Satisfaction with the Agreement aforesaid, and with what has been offerd respecting the Reading of the *paper* - It passd in the *Affirmative*. - With the Blessing the Church was dismissd.

Apr. 26. The Lords Supper was administered.

P.M. Mrs. *Anna Marbel*, wife of Mr. Jonathan *Marbel* of *Grafton*, presented two Children to Baptism - she being a member of good standing in the Church of *Grafton*, as appears by a Certificat from Rev. Mr. *Hutchinson*; there being no Objection against it, they were led up by their respective masters, *Henry* by Barnabas Newton, and *Anna* by Daniel Miller - and they were both of them baptized.

[1767] May 10. Luther of Joseph and Jemima Morse, bapt.

The Church was detain'd so long as to have a Letter to the pastor from Seven Brethren desiring a Church Meeting, to consider whether Mrs. Andrews might enjoy transient Communion with this Church? A Church Meeting was accordingly appointed to be on the 19th.

[1767 May] 19. The Church met according to appointment - The meeting was open'd by Prayer and an Exhortation. [137-138] After debating, reading sundry Letters, etc. the following vote pass'd, viz.

“That there be something drawn up by a Committee of this Church which the Church might act upon, whereby Mrs. *Andrews* may be admitted to transient Communion with this Church, under her present Situation; and yet so as that it Should not be look'd upon, as if this Church did hold Communion with the society or Church, of which She is a Member; but bears Testimony against the Disorders complain'd of among them.”

Vot. Aff.

Then a Committee of five Brethren was chose. Viz, Brother John Cushing,

Brother Francis Whipple

Deacon Bond

Brother Daniel Forbes

Brother Levi Brigham After a vote for Adjournment to this Day fortnight, at 2 o'clock, p.m. and that the Church might then elect another Deacon, This Meeting concluded with prayer and Blessing.

[1767]

May 31. Elisha, of Elijah and Prud. Rice, and Martha of Elijah and Martha, bapt. Hannah, wife of Paul, Biglow was admitted into full Communion. As was *Benj. Wood*; being dismiss'd from Hopkinton to us.

[1767] June 2. The Church Met according to adjournment. After Prayer the Report of the Committee appointed as above, was read - read repeatedly: and Some amendments being made in it, it was voted by the Brethren and as all Circumstances were, the pastor gave consent. See the Report itself. Then the Church elected a [138-139] Deacon instead of the late Deacon Tainter deceas'd. The vote, by a great Majority, was for *Benjamin Wood*.

Then two persons were appointed by Vote, to acquaint him with it, viz Brothers John Cushing and Francis Whipple (Esq.)

Also two were appointed to acquaint Mrs. Andrews with what the Church had done with regard to her. They were Brothers *Gale*, and Levi Brigh.

With prayer and Blessing the Meeting finished.

June 14. The Lords Supper was administered. Hannah, of Jonathan and Joanne Fay, and Ebenezer and John, of Paul and Hannah Biglow, were baptized.

July 19. Moses, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. The Church was desired to tarry after the Lecture and renewing their Choice of him, by an unanimous vote, they received the Answer of & Brother *Wood*, which was, *Acceptance* of it.

26. Joseph of Paul and Hannah Biglow bapt. The Lords Supper had been administered to Day.

Aug. 2. Abner-Warrin, of Seth and Sarah Morse, was baptized.

23. Stephen, of Barnabas and Eunice Newton was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson.

30. Abigail, wife of John Fessenden was admitted into full Communion.

Sept. 6. Administration of the Lords Supper.

Katharine, of John and Abigail Fessenden, bapt.

Oct. 4. Daniel, of Sol. and Mary Miller and Elizabeth of John and Abigail Fessenden bapt.

11. Fortunatus, of Abigail Lock baptized by the Rev. Mr. Nathan Stone.

25. The Church Stayd and a Letter from Northboro Signd by Jonathan Livermore, Paul Newton and Jacob Rice, dated Oct. 14. [139-140] desiring Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. *Peter Whitney*.

Voted Compliance with their Request.

Voted to send two Delegates.

Voted that Deacon Bond be one.

Voted that Deacon Wood be the other.

With the Blessing the Church were dismiss'd.

N.B. the Lords Supper had been administered this Day.

Nov. 1. Joseph and Ruth Harrington were admitted into Church Fellowship.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Lucy, of Joseph and Ruth Harrington, was baptized.

29. Hannah, of Jos. and Ruth Harrington, bapt.

December 6. Eli Whitney and Elizabeth his Wife, were admitted into the Church.

The Lords Supper was administered. - And Joel, of Francis junior and Priscilla Whipple, was baptized.

[1767 December]

13. The Church was detain'd, when a petition sign'd by Twenty one Members, requesting a Church Meeting to reconsider the votes pass'd about Mrs. Andrews, was Communicated. (It was Dated Oct. 28. but was not offer'd till December 9th). In compliance with it a Church Meeting was appointed to be on the 16th at one o'Clock p.m.

[1767 December]

16. The Church met as appointed and after Prayer the Petition was again read and the Report of the Committee therein referred to as Voted by the Church. The Matter being debated, the following vote was prepar'd and read over at least three times, - viz.

Whether the Church does now upon Condition of Mrs. Andrews' Resigning the Copys she has in her possession thereof, Reconsider and Disannull the Votes which were pass'd by this Church Concerning her on May 19 and June 2d past.

It pass'd in the Affirmative. [140-141]

Then the pastor made open proclamation offer and Demand, that if there were any who had Exception or Complaint to make against him in his Conducting these Affairs, or any other Matters relative thereto, as if he had been unfaithfull, or had misrepresented Things, they would now manifest it, with the Grounds thereof, that if it could be made to appear, he might see it and humble himself and make proper Satisfaction - which in that Case he was ready to do; but if it was otherwise, he might be properly Vindicated, and that they would be the Guardians of his Reputation.

There was no Reply to it except by one Member who mentioned something about his subscribing against the 2d Church in *Sutton* and the Pastor which was immediately answered - [and after the Church was dismiss'd, another desir'd the Liberty of private Conference at a suitable Time for it, which was readily consented to.]

After Prayer the Meeting concluded with the Blessing.

Dec. 27. Harvey, of Nathan and Lucy Maynard baptized.



[1768]

1768. Jan. 3. Bezaleel, of Ezekiel and Ruth Smith was baptized.

The same Day the Church was Stopped and informed that Mrs. *Andrews* had resigned the Copys etc. (See Dec. 16). Also a letter from Mrs. *Andrews* was communicated to the Church requesting, again, the Benefit of transient Communion. A motion was presently made by Several Brethren that since the Church has been so much worried with it, it might be dropd. It was put to vote, and it was a Tie. And the Motion to adjourn, was for a while opposd by the Same Number - At length the Pastor was obligd to interpose, and with their Consent adjourned to tomorrow come sennight, at one p.m. [141-142] (by divine Leave).

The business of the Meeting to be,

*First*, to see whether the Church will put an End to these Controversies by dropping the Affair? or *Secondly*, will come into any Methods to vote upon Mrs. *Andrews*'s Letter which was read to Day? or *Thirdly*, will call in the Help of an Ecclesiastical Council?

[1768] Jan. 11. The Church met according to the Adjournment. The meeting was open'd with Prayer.

Mrs. *Andrews*' letter was read again.

The *First* Thing was proposd - vide Supr.

It passd in the Negative 19 to 16.

The *Second* proposd; and after Debating a long Time - Concerning Mr. *Cleaveland* and the Society he Ministers to, that is, for what Reasons to be admitted, and for what Reasons they might *not*, also the Conduct of Ministers and Churches with regard to them, the Pastor addressd the Church to such Purpose as this, viz.

“That we had better put an End to these fruitless Controversies and Contests, which we have been so long in, about that society, in *Chebacco* (whether it is *one Thing*, or *another*), and the Church Transactions towards them, Laying all this aside therefore, and *without Regard to one Church or another*, Let us take this Matter before us *in General*; thus,

That Mrs. *Andrews* being (understood to be) a professing Christian, and her Lot being cast among us in this place, if She will not countenance Disorders, or whatever is contrary to the word of God, and disallowd by the Platform, whether in the place she came from or elsewhere, and will endeavour to walk according to Gospel Rule.

The Church also hereby testifying against Disorders, whether in *Chebacco*, or anywhere else, are willing, our Circumstances, on each [142-143] part, being seriously considered, to admit her to Communion with us.

This was proposed to the Church, and voted in the affirmative, by a great majority. And it was Voted that the Pastor, and the Deacons, *Bond* and *Wood*, carry this Vote of the Church to Mrs. A. and read it to her - but not give a Copy of it.

Then was read a Letter from the 2d Church in Shrewsbury, dated December 29. 1767, requesting our Assistance in Council on last Tuesday of January and voted Compliance -

Voted two Delegates -

Voted Deacon Bond to be one.

Voted Deacon Wood to be the other.

Exhortation followed that we be in Peace and Harmony. - The Meeting concluded with prayer and the Blessing.

[1768] Jan. 24. Eli, of Francis and Lydia Pratt, baptized. N.B. The Parents had owned the Covenant at Hopkinton, and were recommended by Rev. Mr. Barrett.

[1768] Feb. 7. Fannira [?], of Thomas and Martha Temple, was baptized by Rev. Mr. Sumner.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Eli and Elizabeth of Eli and Elizabeth Whitney, baptized.

[1768] Feb. 24. Sarah, of Solomon and Han. Baker, and *William Pitt*, of John and Martha Wood, baptized.

[1768] March 20. The Lords Supper was administered.

[1768] May 1. Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain were admitted into Church Fellowship. The Lords Supper was administered: and Moses, of Sam. and Eliz. Fay, baptized.

[1768 May] 15. William, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, bapt.

[May] 22 [1768]. Sarah, of George and Eunice Andrews, Persis, of Samuel and Abigail Forbes, Mary, of Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain, were baptized.

June 12. The Lords Supper was administered.

P.M. Contribution for Mr. Joseph Sherman of Shews- [143-144] bury, whose House was burnt.

June 26. Katy, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush bapt. by Rev. Mr. Stone of Southboro.

July 17. The Church was Stopd by reason of Uneasiness among Sundry Brethren concerning Deacon Wood - after some Conference adjourn'd to the 24th.

24. Church tarryd according to adjournment. Deacon Wood and his Wife offerd a Paper Signd by them in which they acknowledgd their breach of the seventh Commandment. This, with some Amendments which were agreed upon, and upon Condition that it be read before the Congregation next Lords Day, was accepted, and they were restord to Charity

31. Deacon Wood's and his Wife's address to the Pastor and Church containing their Acknowledgement as abovesaid was read to the Congregation, agreeable to the Vote of the Church. After which *Benjamin-Buckminster* their son, was bapt. as was Elizabeth, of Stephen and Anne Maynard.

August 7. The Lords Supper was administered.

Aug. 28. The Church was detain'd after Exercises and a Letter was communicated from the 1st Church in *Rochester*, desiring Assistance in ordaining Mr. *Jonathan Moore*. Voted compliance - two Delegates -

Brother John Cushing to be one -

Deacon *Bond* to be the other.

Sept. 4. Contribution for relief of the sufferers by Fire at Montreal in *Canada*. Gathered 15.16.0 old Tenor.

Sept. 18. Benjamin, of Eli and Eliz. Whitney, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. The Lords Supper was administered.

The Church was Staid after Exercises, and a Letter from Charlton signed by the Pastor, and others, dated Sept. 7. 1768. requesting Assistance with other Churches to sit in Council Oct. 4 next, read, and Voted Compliance -

- to Send two Ddelegates -

- Brother Daniel Forbes to be one -

- Deacon Bond the other. [144-145]

Oct. 2. Joseph, of Barachias and Zerv. Morse, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. The Church was desird to tarry -

A Letter from the Church of *Ashburnham* desiring assistance in the Ordination of our Brother Mr. John Cushing, on Nov. 2. Read, and Compliance voted - that there be two Delegates - Brother Whipple (viz. Francis Esq.) to be one and Brother Benj. Tainter to be the other.

30. The Church were detain'd after the Blessing, *First*, to transfer the Relation which our Brother *John Cushing* bears to this Church to the Church of *Ashburnham*, and that he be recommended to the work to which he is there called. *Secondly*, Brother *Whipple* desird to be excus'd from going to *Ashburnham*; giving his reasons - and Deacon *Wood* was chose in his stead.

Nov. 6. Samuel-Robinson, of Edmund and Hannah Rice, was baptized by Rev. Mr. Sumner.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. James, of James and Mary, Bowman, bapt.

Nov. 20. The Lords Supper was administered.

Dec. 4. Mindwell, of Joseph and Sarah, Grout, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Stone of Southboro.

[1769]

1769. Jan. 8. 1769. Abigail, of Samuel and Eliz. Fay, baptized. His 22d Child.

Feb. 5. Mary and Abigail, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, Twins, bapt.

19. John, of Thaddeus and Hannah Warrin, bapt.

March 12. Nathan of Moses and Lucy Sever, and John-Smith, of Thomas and Anne Whitney, (who had ownd the Covenant in Shrewsbury) were baptized.

19. Martha, of Thomas and Martha Temple, bapt.

N.B. The Lords Supper had been administered. [145-146]

March 26. Margaret, of Ebenezer and Hannah Miller, and Anne, of Hananiah and Abigail Parker, bapt.

April 9. The Desire of Ezekiel Smith and Ruth, his Wife, was laid before the Church, that they might be dismissed, in order to their joining with a society of Christians in *Henneker* in the Province of *New Hampshire*, who are designing to join together, to be erected into a Church of Christ in Gospel Form; was voted; and that they be recommended accordingly.

16 [Apr. 1769]. Bulah, of James and Eliz. Miller, bapt.

23. Rachel, of Constan. and Jemima Hardy, bapt.

30. The Lords Supper administered. Mary, of Adonijah and Hannah Rice, bapt.

May 7. Hannah of Benj. and Hannah Tainter, and Priscilla, of Isaac and Abig. Miller, bapt.

The Church were stayed - and the Pastor acquainted them with the Fasts which the Reverend Association have kept on account of the public Troubles, (they having turned their meetings into Fasts for some time) and that they have appointed one to be here, on the 3d Wednesday of this instant; He would therefore invite the Church to join with the Association in it, as the Cause for such Humiliation etc. is increased. It being offered to the Church it was voted unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. The Congregation were informd of the above and by Silential Vote consented to keep next Wednesday a Fast.

Anna, of Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. was observd as a Day of Fasting and Prayer: Rev. Mr. *Smith* preachd in the a.m. on Jer. 7.1-7 Rev. Mr. [146-147] *Stone* preachd p.m. on *Gen.* 18.19. May the L. graciously accept of us, forgive our Sins, pour out His holy Spirit, revive His work and restore and confirm our privileges and Libertys to us.

21. Thomas and Lydia Bond were admitted into Church Fellowship. And a Letter from *Henneker* in New-Hampshire, requesting Assistance in the Gathering a Church there and ordaining Mr. *Jacob Rice* pastor, on June 7th next, was read: but the Pastor signifying to the Church that he could not attend it, tho he left it to the Church to Send nevertheless if they saw meet, there was not a Vote for it.

June 11. The Lords Supper was administered, and Sarah, of Ebenezer and Sarah, Maynard[;] Liscomb, of Edmund Brigham, Elizabeth and Josiah, of Thomas and Lydia Bond, were baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Hannah, of Elijah and Martha Hardy, bapt.

July 16. Jabez Snow junior and Hannah his Wife, were admitted into full Communion.

23. Joel, of Benj. and Elizabeth Fay, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Whitney of Northb.

Aug. 6. Elijah and Hannah, of Jabez junior and Hannah Snow, were baptized. The Same Day the Lords Supper was administered.

Sept. 3. Abigail, of Daniel and Abigail Adams, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. The Lords Supper was administered.

Oct. 8. Sarah, of Jonathan and Hannah, Grout, bapt.

15. Charles, of Francis and Prisc. Whipple bapt. [147-148]

Oct. 22. Lois, of Sol. and Mary Miller, bapt. by Rev. Mr. John Cushing of Ashburnh.

29. John, of John and Martha Wood, bapt.

Nov. 5. The Lords Supper was administered.

26. Submitt, of Seth and Sarah Morse, bapt.

[1770]

1770. Feb. 11. Miriam of Jos. and Ruth Harrington and John of Thomas and Lydia Bond - bapt.

18. Matthew, of Benj. and Sarah Wood bapt.

March 4. Lucy, of Barn. and Eunice Newton bapt. by the Rev. Mr. Whitney of Northboro.

March 18. The Lords Supper was administered and Simeon, of James and Mary, Bowman, bapt.

Apr. 8. Josiah, of Eli and Eliz. Whitney, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Whitney of Northb.

29. The Lords Supper was administered.

Before which Daniel McAlister and Mary his Wife were admitted into Church Fellowship. And the Same Day *Molly*, their Dauter, was baptized.

May 27. Elisha, of Barachias and Zerviah Morse was baptized - and

Jabez, of Jabez and Hannah, Snow.

June 10. The Lords Supper was administered.

17. Persis, of Joseph and Martha Baker, and Abigail, of Francis and Lydia Pierce, bapt.

July 8. Abigail, of Jno. and Abig. Fessenden, bapt.

A Contribution for Mrs. *Eunice Cook*, who now dwells at *Douglass*; it was 7.13.5.2 old Tenor.

29. Prudence, wife of Elijah Rice, was admitted into full Communion - and The Lords Supper was administered.

A Contribution for the poor at *Marblehead*.

It amounted to 30.12.11.2 O.T.

Aug. 19. Elizabeth of Joseph and Sarah Grout was baptized by Rev. Mr. P. Whitney. [148-149]

Sept. 9. Mary Pratt Daughter of Hezek. was admitted into full Communion.

The Lords Supper was administered. Chloe, Dauter of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush, bapt.

Oct. 21. The Lords Supper was administered.

December 6. After the public Exercises of the Thanksgiving the Church by Desire of Mr. *Daniel Forbes* and others, was detain'd, and inform'd by the Pastor that so considerable a Number of the Church were uneasy with the Persons who now stood propounded (viz. Mr. *Levi Warren* and his Wife) that it would be likely to cause too great Disturbance, if it be let alone to the usual Time of Admission, which would be next Lord's Day, and the Day of Communion: and he desird the Church would consider what was best to be done - After Some Debate they passd the following Vote, viz.

Voted that the Admission of Levi Warrin and his Wife be deferrd for a Short Space.

The Church was dismissd with the Blessing.

Dec. 10. The Lords Supper was administered.

16. In compliance with the Request of a Number of Brethren (Deacon Bond, Daniel Hardy, Benj. Tainter, Seth Morse etc.) a Church Meeting was appointed, to consider the Affair of *Levi Warrin* and his Wife, relative to their Admission to the Church; to be at this place, God willing, on the next Tuesday 2 p.m.

18. Church met - L.Warrin present. Began with prayer. The Business of the Meeting open'd. Mr. *Warrin* offerd a paper which was sign'd by hims. and his Wife, and a Certificate from Dr. *Steph. Ball*. After Debating the following vote was put, whether the Church was Satisfyd and the way clear for the admission of these persons into the Church? - But 9 Hands out of 28.

The Pastor proposed to the Church's Consideration either to *confirm the use of the old* Psalm Books or determine upon some other. Also a Second Chorister. And to take Care of Delinquents as to Baptism. Prayer and Blessing concluded the meeting. [149-150]

Dec. 23. Isaac and Margery Parker offered their Confession of the Sin of Fornication, and were restored to Charity - They also owned the Covenant. Edward, of Moses and Lucy Sever, and Joel, of Isaac and Margery Parker bapt.

[1771]

1771. January 27. 1771. Asaph, of Thaddeus and Hannah Warrin; and Prudence, of Elijah and Martha Hardy were baptized.

Feb. 24. The Church was stopped after Exercise; and by a great Majority voted, to use that Version of the Psalms which was Set forth by Dr. *Brady* and *Nahum Tate* Esq. with the Addition of as many of Dr. *Watts's* Hymns as can Conveniently be obtained.

It was desired that if any body was on the Contrary and opposed it, Such would stand up, but no one did.

Three persons appeared not to Vote. Two of which said they Should Vote if the Congregation would come in with it. The third answered that he did not Vote, for he knew nothing about it; having never Seen one of them in his Life.

March 17. Jonathan Batherick and Abigail his Wife, were admitted into Church Fellowship: as was likewise Abigail Parker, wife of Hannaniah Parker, having been dismissed from Grafton.

The Lords Supper was Administered. Ruhamah, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard, bapt. [150-151] And A Letter was communicated to the Church from the people of *Monadnock* No. 4 requesting our Assistance in Erecting a Church there, and ordaining Mr. *Benj. Brigham* their Pastor.

Voted Compliance.

Voted to Send two Delegates.

Voted that Brother Levi Brigham be one.

Voted that Brother Benj. Fay be the other.

Concluded with the Blessing.

Apr. 28. Katharine Allen, formerly Joslin, dismissed and to be recommended to the first Church in Shrewsbury.



May 5. The Lords Supper was administered.

12. Lydia of Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain, was baptized.

At the Request of a Number of Persons, viz. the Deacons and Several others, Members of the Church, the Congregation were informed of the Vote of the Church on Feb. 24 last, to Sing *Tate and Brady's* Version of the Psalms with the Addition of *Watts's* Hymns (as many as may be convenient) and their (the Congregations) Concurrence therewith being desired, was manifested by a Silential vote. But Liberty was also given, if there was any one that had material and weighty Objection to make, who did not care to Speak publickly, to bring it to the Pastor in the Week time before the next Sabbath, or the Sabbath after. [151-152]

May 19. Richard, of Thomas and Martha Temple, and Silas of Constantine and Jemima Hardy, were baptized.

The Church was detain'd, and a Paper, sign'd by Levi and Deborah Warrin and dated Apr. 30, was communicated.

Then it was put to vote,

Whether the Church was satisfi'd with those persons, and were willing they Should enjoy special Privileges? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

26. Noadiah, of Samuel and Eliz. Fay, bapt.

June 2. Levi Warrin, and Deborah his Wife were admitted into Church Fellowship, and Olive their Dauter was baptiz'd.

12. The Church was Stay'd to consider whether it was not necessary to have more persons to lead in the singing.

Voted to have more. - But the Choice of the persons was deferr'd; willing that the Congregation Should have some Voice in this matter.

16. Solomon and Jemima Woods confess'd the Sin of Fornication. They were restord to Charity; ownd the Covenant and their Child, Jonas, was baptized.

N.B. The Lords Supper had been administered also.

27. The Church were stop'd after Lecture to young people, according to appointment on last Lords Day, to choose a Number of those who are to lead in the Singing: and that we might have peace and Harmony, the Church condescended that the Congregation Males, of the Age of 21 Years, might have Liberty to join with them therein. [152-153] Accordingly they brought in their Votes for one out of the Church and Brother *Eli Whitney* was chose. Their Votes were brot in for one out of the Congregation, and it appear'd that *Phineas Maynard* was chose. Votes were

again brought in for another out of the Church, and Brother *Seth Morse* was chose. Once more, a Second out of the Congregation was chose, viz. *Ebenezer Chamberlain junior*.

The assembly was dismissed with the Blessing.

July 28. The Lords Supper was administered.

Aug. 11. Three Children of *James Bellows*, viz. *John*, *Sarah* and *Tammazen*, were baptized. Their mother (heretofore *Tammazen Hastings* [?]), having publickly owned the Covenant and received the Ordinance of Baptism in the first Church of Christ in Cambridge, as appears by a Certificat Signd by Dr. *Appleton*, July 17. 1771. And seeing they live in the Bounds of *Hopkinton*, the Rev. Mr. *Barrett* sent a Line of his Concurrence therewith.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Noah, of Elijah and Prudence Rice, bapt.

25. Submit, of Francis jr. and Pris. Whipple, bapt.

Sept. 1. Samuel, of Samuel and Abig. Forbush, bapt. by Rev. Mr. Whitney of Northb.

8. Jonah, of Thomas and Ann Whitney, bapt. The Lords Supper having been administered the Same Day.

22. Mary, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, and Seth, of Edmund and Hannah Rice, bapt. [153-154]

The Church was also (the same Day) detain'd, the Pastor being desirous to consult the Brethren on the Affair of a Sister of the Church, *Eunice Rice*, who had fallen in to gross Sin, and desired to be propounded in order to her Humiliation and Restoration.

Oct. 20. The Lords Supper administered.

Samuel and Tabitha Hardy were dismissed and recommended to the 2d Church in Brookfield.

Nov. 17. Thankfull, of James and Mary, Bowman, bapt.

Dec. 1. The Lords Supper was administered.

22. Mary, the wife of John, Harrington was admitted into full Communion with the Church. And Moses, of Isaac and [blank] Miller was baptized.

29. Lydia of Thomas and Lydia Bond, bapt. as were William of John and Mary Harrington and John of Jonathan and Abigail Batherick.

[1772]

1772. Jan. 12. A Letter from the Church in Hopkinton requesting

Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. *Elijah Fitch*, was communicated - and the Church Voted  
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Voted Deacon Bond to be a Delegate

And Voted Deacon Wood to be another.

Then concluded with the Blessing.

Apr. 5. The Lords Supper was administered.

Apr. 19. Lois, of Levi and Deborah Warrin bapt.

May 3. The Lords Supper was administered. And *Esther*, of James and Thomasin Bellows bapt.

10. Ruth, of Joseph and Ruth Harrington bapt.

30. Dorothy, of Joseph and Sarah Grout, bapt. [154-155]

June 14. *Relief*, and Submitt, twin-Dauters of Adonijah and Hannah Rice, were baptized.

21. *Hezekiah-How*, of John and Abigail Fessenden, baptized.

*Mary Drury*, wife of *Jonathan Drury*, heretofore *Mary Pratt*, being removd to *Temple*, requests that her Relation to us may be transferrd to the Church in the said *Temple* - voted Compliance and that She be recommended to them.

*Susanna Moore* also, Wife of the Rev. *Jonathan Moore*, pastor of the Church in *Rochester*, heretofore *Susanna Parkman*, requests that Since She is removed to Said *Rochester*, her Relation to us may be transferrd to the Church there - Voted Compliance and that She be recommended to them.

N.B. The Lords Supper was Administered.

July 19. Lydia Grout, a Widow, was admitted into full Communion. And

Josiah, of Phinehas and Persis Gleason, bapt.

Aug. 2. The Lords Supper was administered.

16. Persis of Solomon and Mary Miller, bapt.

23. Dorothy Maynard, Widow of the late Phinehas Maynard, and Margery, Wife of Thomas Arnold, were admitted into full Communion with this Church.

30. Betty, and Dorothy, of Dorothy Maynard, were baptiz'd.

Sept. 13. Polly and Hepzibah, of Thomas [155-156] and Margery Arnold, and Hannah, of Gillam Bass, who had ownd the Covenant at Dr. Byles' Church in Boston, were baptized.

Sept. 20. The Lords Supper was administered. And Samuel-Willard, of Ebenezer and Margaret Miller, and Stephen, of Stephen and [blank] Cook, (these last had ownd the Covenant at Hopkinton were bapt. Oct. 4. Anne, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush, bapt.

11. Edwards, of Joseph and Martha Baker, baptized.

18. A Contribution for Brother Samuel Fay - at his Request - it was, (in old Tenor) 20.8.9.

25. John, of Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain, baptiz'd. Nov. 1. Administered the Lords Supper.

8. The Church was detain'd, after the usual Exercises. A Letter from the west Church in Sudbury was read, requesting Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. *Jacob Biglow*, on the 11th instant.

Voted Compliance with it.

- That there be two Delegates.

- That Deacon Bond be one.

- That Deacon Wood be the other.

Another Letter from the Church in Grafton, to assist in Council relative to the Dismission of the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson. Read - voted compliance.

- That two Delegates be Sent.

- That Brother John Belknap be one.

- That Fr. Whipple Esq. be the other.

to meet on the 17th instant.

Nov. 23. N.B. The Pastor was prevented by spe- [156-157] cial Providence, going to either.

Nov. 29. Lucy, of Solomon and [blank] Baker, bapt.

Dec. 13. The Lords Supper was administered.

20. Levi of Samuel and Rachel Hardy bapt. by the Rev. Mr. Fitch of Hopkinton.

27. Nathan Fay and Persis, his Wife, made humble Confession of the Sin of Fornication and were restord to Charity. They were also admitted to full Communion. Nahum, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, baptized.

[1773]

1773. Jan. 17. 1773. John, of Thomas and Margery Arnold was baptized.

Moses, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, baptized.

March 21. Elizabeth, wife of Benj. Fay, (heretofore Elizabeth Stow) dismissd and recommended from the Church in Grafton, was admitted into this Church. Also Susanna Brigham junior was admitted at the Same time. The Lords Supper was to have been, but was not administered.

28. Silas, of Barnabas and Eunice Newton, bapt.

N.B. The Administration of the Ordinance of the Supper was omitted: The meeting House was repairing, and was so open that it was inconvenient to attend the Communion, but on

June 6 it was administered. N.B. Jonathan Child and Eunice his Wife were admitted into Church Fellowship.

13. Ephraim, Samuel and Elizabeth, of Jonathan and Eunice, Child were baptiz'd.

July 4. Sarah-Bright, of Thomas and Martha Temple, was baptized.

18. The Lords Supper was administered. Lydia, of Levi and Deborah Warrin was bapt.  
[157-158]

Aug. 8. Eli, of Jonathan and Abigail Batheric was bapt.

22. Isaac and Anna Davis made Confession of the Sin of Fornication were restord to Charity and admitted onto full Communion with the Church. Submitt, of Thaddeus and Hannah Warrin, and Phineas, of Isaac and Anna Davis, bapt.

29. Ebenezer junior and Esther Chamberlain were admitted into full Communion.

The Lords Supper was administered.

Sept. 5. Persis Putnam (Wife of *Rufus* Putnam of Brookfield), heretofore Rice, was dismissd; and voted that she be recommended to the 2d Church in Brookfield.

Mansfield, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, bapt.

19. Ephraim, Martha, and Sarah of Ebenezer and Esther Chamberlin, were baptized. The Brethren of the Church were stopd after Exercises, and the pastor proposed to the Church to Shew whether it was not their mind to Enquire into the Conduct of our Sister *Eunice Rice*, since that affair had been neglected for a long time?

It was voted that they would.

It was proposed again,

Whether they would Send a Committee to her to know how She was affected? It passed in the Affirmative.

Again, that the Number be three.

Voted Deacon Bond be one.

- Brother Nathaneal Whitney another.

- Brother Benj. Fay the third.

Concluded with the Blessing. [158-159]

Oct. 6. The Brethren of the Church were desird to Stay, at the request of the Deacons. Deacon Bond acquainted the Church that the late Deacon *Simon Tainter* left a Legacy of 50 old Tenor to this Church, and the Affair having fallen into his Hands, he had let the Money to his Son, *Benj. Tainter*; but the Time was up, and he wanted to know the mind of the Church relative to what he Should do with it next: that he did not indeed desire they Should vote upon it now, but that they would take it into Consideration against next Lecture Day.

Concluded with Blessing.

Oct. 10. Joseph Belknap and Esther his Wife, Nathan Townsend and Sarah his Wife, were admitted into full Communion.

And the Lords Supper was administered.

Also, Eli, of Joseph and Esther Belknap, baptized.

24. The Church was stayd after the Exercises to hear the Return of the Committee which were sent by the Church to Mrs. *Eunice Rice*, which was for Substance, that She could make no other Satisfaction to this Church than what she had offerd. Dated Westborough Oct. 4. 1773.

Signed - Nathaniell Whitney.

Benjamin Fay.

The Church having heard this,

*Voted*, that Brother *Benjamin Tainter* go to the Secretarys office at *Boston* and endeavour to obtain Copys of the Evidences against her when the Case was laid before the Governor and Council, by Vertue of which her Husband obtaind divorce from her. [159-160]

31. Joel, of Samuel and Abigail Forbush, Katharine, of Phin. and Persis Gleason, Jacob, Nathan and John, of Nathan and Sarah Townsend, were baptized .

Nov. 18. The Church was detaind after Lecture On Mrs. *Eunice Rice*'s Affair, but Br. Tainter not having been to *Boston*, it was further [deferred?].

*Another thing* that was again mentiond, was to know the Churchs Mind concerning the *Tainter* Legacy, which was in the Hands of his son *Benjamin*, who had given a Note of Hand for it, now in the Deacons possession.

The Church voted it should lye as it was.

N.B. It is the Custom and now observd to break off with the Blessing. 21. The Holy Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered.

28. Sophia, of Hananiah and Abigail Parker, was bapt. by Rev. Mr. *Smith* of Marlboro.

Dec. 19. Rebecca, wife of Daniel, Stockwell, and Mary, wife of James, Godfrey, were admitted into full Communion.

[1774]

1774. Jan. 9. 1774. Brother *Daniel* McAllister who with his Family are gone to live at *Myrifield* (as he writes it) has sent his and his Wife's Desire to be dismissd, in order to joining with others in forming a Church there. Their Request was laid before the Church - Voted Affirmatively and that they be recommended to that Society.

Feb. 6. Amos, of Thomas and Lydia Bond, was baptized by Rev. Mr. Stone.

20. Abigail, wife of Nathan Kenney, was admitted into Church Fellowship.

Eli, of Nathan and Persis Fay, bapt.

March 13. Ebenezer, of Ebenezer junior and Esther Chamberlain, Molly, Daniel and Anson, of Daniel and Rebecca Stockwell; and Joseph, of Isaac and Anna Davis, were baptized. [160-161]

March 20. The Lords Supper was administered.

27. Phebe, of James and Mary Bowman, bapt.

Apr. 10. Ruth, of Daniel and Rebecca Stockwell, and Molly, and James, of James and Mary Godfrey, baptized.

24. Eli Harrington was admitted into the Church.

May 1. The Lords supper was administered.

Elizabeth, of Nehemiah and Dorothy Maynard (which latter had ownd the Covenant at Northboro) bapt.

8. Eunice, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, bapt.

June 12. The Lords Supper was administered.

And *Rachel Hide* (lately *Rachel Fay*, now wife of *Noah Hide*) made a profesion of Religion, owning the Covenant and was baptized.

19. Lucy, of Elijah and Martha Hardy, and Aaron, of Nathan and Sarah Townsend, bapt.

26. The Town at their late Meeting on the 20th instant agreed that on Consideration of the Great and Distressing Troubles of the present Day; *Boston* Harbour in Special blocked up etc. that Next Thursday be observd as a Day of Fasting and Prayer - We were earnestly Exhorted to do our utmost to keep such a Fast as the L. has chosen. He that observeth a Day must Observe it to the Lord.

30. Was offerd as a Day of Fasting and Prayer by the Church and Congretation in Westb. The Pastor began with Prayer and Rev. Mr. *Stone* of Southb. preachd on Deut. 29.24.25. "Even all Nations shall say" etc. P.M. he prayd and the Pastor Preachd on 2 *Chron.* 14.9. "And Asa cried unto the L." etc. May the L. pardon the Sins of our holy Things, graciously hear our humble Addresses and bless His word to us for our highest Benefit!

July 10. Joel, Eleazer and Ruth, of Nathan and Abigail Kenny, were bapt. by Reverend [161-162] Mr. Peter Whitney.

July 24. The Lords Supper was administered.

Aug. 14. Lucy, of Joseph and Sarah Grout, bapt.

21. Benajah, of Benajah and Abigail, Brigham, by Vertue of Certificat from Rev. Mr. Smith of Marlboro was baptiz'd. Sept. 4. The Lords Supper was administered.

25. Martha, of James and Tomasin Bellows, was baptized.

Oct. 2. Esther, of Jonathan and Eunice Child bapt. by Rev. Mr. Joseph Willard of Mendon.



9. Lucy, of Thomas and Anne Whitney[;] Eunice, of James and Mary Godfrey, Wentworth, of John and Mary Harrington[;] Eunice, of Solomon and Jemima Woods, were baptized by Rev. *Eli Forbes*.

23. The Lords Supper was administered.

30. Lydia, of Joseph and Martha Baker, bapt.

Nov. 6. Silas of John and [blank] Piper, bapt.

27. Joseph, of Joseph and Esther Belknap, bapt.

Dec. 11. The Lords supper was administered. [1775]

1775. January 1. 1775. The Church was Stopped to confer about a

*Church meeting* at which to Consider the Cases of several Delinquents viz. the Case of *Eunice Rice*, which has been heretofore already under our Cognizance; and that of Brother *Samuel Fay*, who has been long absent from the Lords Supper, and even from the common Exercises of the Sabbath: also to hear a Paper which I have received from a Number of the Brethren and to See what the Church would do upon it. By Agreement a meeting was appointed to be tomorrow come sennight at one o'Clock p.m. [The *place* must be where we were if no other is mentioned]. [162-163]

9th. The Church met. The Meeting was open by Prayer. The Business of the meeting was mentiond, relative to Mrs. *Eunice Rice*, and Mr. *Samuel Fay*; and the Paper of the 11 Brethen was read.

Voted 1. to hear the Case of Mrs. *Rice* and Brother *Fay* before the Said Paper. But She was not come, tho she had been sent to.

Voted 2. to Send another Committee to her.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. the Committee to be two.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Brother *Jonathan Grout* to be one.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Brother Daniel Forbes the other.

Voted 6. To Send a Committee to Brother *Fay*.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. The Number to be Three.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Brother David Maynard to be one.

\_\_\_\_\_9. Deacon *Wood* to be another.

10. Brother *Tainter* to be the third.

11. The Meeting to be adjourn'd to this Day Month, this place, at 1 p.m.

The Meeting concluded with prayer and the Blessing.

22. Lucy, of Nathan and Abigail Kenny, bapt. 1 Feb. 5. Abraham, of Francis and Lyd, Pierce and Elisha, of Paul and Hannah Biglow, baptized.

Feb. 13. The Church met by adjournment. The Meeting was open'd by Prayer. The Committee who went to Mrs. *Rice* made their Report verbally only; but we understood Mrs. *Rice* would attend - She did so - we understood from her that she Would consent to have those passages which were in her Confession displeasing to the Church, omitted. They were marked with Bracketts and then the Church Voted the Confession, with those Omissions, Satisfactory. [163-164] Then Mrs. *Rice* being call'd, it was read to her in that form (viz. with those omissions) and she consented to it. Upon which the Church agreed that She should be propounded in the Congregation in order to her being restord to Charity.

The committee who went to Brother *Samuel Fay* were call'd upon for their Report; They (verbally) deliver'd it - viz. That he was dissatisfy'd with Mr. *Parkman* and his son *Breck* on account of his mare that was dead.

Others (as Squire *Whipple* etc.) said that he (Mr. Fay) had given other Reasons, namely, want of Cloths - etc.

It was put to the vote whether his Reason given to the Committee was Satisfactory? - There was no Hand for it. - The Church was desirous to shew all Lenity - deferr'd further proceeding; and divers members requested that Mr. *Parkman* and two Brethren with him would Visit him. This being consented to, this affair was further wav'd.

Then the paper signed by Eleven was mention'd, and the Pastor, by a short Speech, shew'd their *Unseasonableness* of Disputes of this Nature at so distressing a time of public Calamity; the *Impropriety* and *Danger* of *arraigning* Such a Body of eminent and learned Men as the *Venerable Convention*, and *condemning them* who were verily the Defenders of the *Congregational Plan*, and theref. not deserving to have Solemn Testimony borne against them as is requested by the said Paper. - After formal Debates, the meeting was adjourn'd to this Day fortnight - Concluded with Prayer and Blessing

26. Elisha, of Levi and Deb. Warrin, bapt.

Feb. 27. The Church Met by adjournment. The Meeting was open'd by Prayer.

Upon the affair of Mr. *Samuel Fay*, Report was made, that the Pastor and two Brethren went to Brother *Fay's*; but he was from home, and tho waited for, did not come [N.B. No previous Notice was Sent, because it was designd only as a Personal Visit.]

The Church voted to Send another Committee to Brother *Samuel Fay* to acquaint him that the Answer which he returnd by the former Committee as the Reason why he absented himself from the public Worhsip and the Administration of the Special Ordinances was not Satisfactory; and that if he could give no other Satisfaction to the Church, they must be obligd to proceed to admonish him.

That the number be three.

That Capt. *Brigham* - Brother *Belknap*, and Capt. *Benj. Fay*, be the Persons.

The Petition of the Eleven was read again. The Pastor, for various Reasons requested it might be dropt. Sundry members desird it might be dismissd, but it could not be obtaind - A proposal was made by one of the principal of the Petitioners that the End and Design of it might be Endeavourd without any reference to the *Convention-Piece, or Association* namely, by way of *Resolves* -

A Request of Mrs. *Susanna Harrington* (wife of Eli) to be admitted to our Communion as a member of the Church in *Bolton* of which Rev. Mr. *Walley* is Pastor - when this Request was movd to the Brethren, the Pastor acquainted the Church that if he administered to her, [165-166] it must be as considering her to be a Member of the Church in *Bolton*, having joint to that Church when it was in good order; that she also has, for ought we know, *walkd orderly*; and the Providence of God having cast her Lot here, would therefore condescend to receive her to Communion. This having been said by the Pastor, and it being urgd to put her Request as it was in her Paper, it was offerd - and it passd in the Affirmative - The Pastor still declaring how *only* he could administer to her; for asmuch as he was offended with that Society in *Bolton*, and was ready to give his Reasons therefor.

The Meeting was by Vote adjourn'd to the first Monday in April, at 2 p.m.

Concluded with Prayer and Blessing.

March 16. being *public Fast*, *Eunice Rice* appeard before the Congregation: her Confession was read and the Church voted her restoration to their Charity.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. The Lords Supper administered.

26. Sarah, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, bap.

April 2. Tabitha, of Const. and Jem. Hardy, bap.

The Brethren of the Church were informd that tho the Church-Meeting Stood adjourn'd to tomorrow 1 o'Clock p.m., yet by a written Request Signd by Deacon Bond, in behalf of many others, I was desird

to have it deferrd till the next Day. It was proposd and *no Objection* [166-167] were made thereto. Wherefore,

On April 4 the Church met for the purposes above mentiond: and open'd with prayer.

The Committee appointed to go to Brother *Samuel Fay*, reported that they had been to him, as desird - but that they did not Succeed with him. He would give no Encouragement that he would return to his Duty, except upon the Terms heretofore related: It was therefore put to the Church to Signifie their minds, (that is) Whether this was Satisfactory to the Church? - There was no Hand for it.

Then it was put, Whether the Church's Dissatisfaction with him remaind - more especially considering the great Pains the Church had usd with him; and their candid Condescention towards him? - passed *Affirmatively*.

After further debating, it was conceivd to be our incumbent Duty to proceed in Church Dealing with him. It was put,

Whether it is the Churches Mind that our Brother *Samuel Fay* be *admonished* for his Conduct in Absenting himself from the public Worship and from special Ordinances for so long time, without giving any satisfactory Reason for it; or so much as Coming to such Church-Meetings as we in great [Gentleness?] have had on this Account - And that there be added, That the Church expects from him *Submission* and *Satisfaction* before he presumes to come to Special privileges? - Passed affirmatively and unaminously.

Voted that Brother *Benj. Fay* and Deacon [167-168] *Benaj. Wood* to be the Churches Messengers to Brother Fay on his Sorrowful Occasion.

On the Affair of the Petition of the 11 Brethren after various Debates, Two papers were presented in Church Meeting, and by Desire were read, tho they were but rough imperfect Draughts, neither of them Signd or dated; nor had they been discoverd to the Pastor before, that they might be prepar'd according to Order. - Nothing was, or could be Acted upon either of them.

Voted that this Meeting be further adjourn'd to this Day three Weeks, at 2 p.m. at this place.

Apr. 17. Francis, of Francis and Pris. Whipple bapt.

May 7. The Lords Supper was administered.

14. Elisha, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, and Aaron of Joseph and Ruth Harrington, were baptized by the Rev. Mr. *Fitch* of *Hopkinton*.

21. The Church meeting according to the adjournment was prevented by the public Troubles and the Alarm to the people to march against the Regulars: but a Number of the Brethren desired Rev. Mr. *Whitney* to mention a meeting to be on that Day month - and the Pastor for the sake of Peace consented thereto, and on the Day last mentioned did put the Brethren in mind of it.

May 23. The Church met after Prayer. The Pastor read what he had prepared as an Admonition to Brother *Samuel Fay* - which had the Church's approbation.

Then was read a paper signed by 15 Brethren, 9 of which were of those [168-169] who subscribed the Petition of Nov. 18. last; and contained the following Articles which were acted upon. viz.

1. To See if it is the Mind of this Church, that the Book called "Observations upon the Congregational Plan of Church Government" be Such in their opinion as they are willing to receive as a Rule to be governed by, when we do not know that this Church or any other Church had any hand in composing the Same.

Among the Brethren it passed *in the Negative*. The Pastor observing to them that he did not conceive it was expected that so high Regard should be paid to it as to make it a *Rule*, or *Standard*; what was by divine Inspiration, being our *only Rule* in that sense; nor is it imposed, but the contrary.

2. To See if it be agreeable to the minds of the Brethren of this Church to break Communion with any other Church, before admonition be given.

The Brethren's vote was *in the Negative*.

The pastor's mind was somewhat different. He observed that when there is, with persons or a Church, matter of Scandal, Division etc. and the Cause is *depending* Sub Judice Lis est. or perhaps there is faulty Neglect to have it heard: it is unfit that either party Should offer themselves to the Communion of other Churches.

3. To See if it is the Opinion of this Church that a Pastor of a Congregational Church, has a legal Right and Authority to negative and make Void the Votes which such a Church shall see Cause to pass.

The Brethren voted *in the Negative*.

The Pastor, on the other hand, previously shewed how very different the most venerable Fathers and [169-170] writers of the Congregational way, *judged* concerning this important point. Our excellent *platform* of Church discipline, Ch. 10 & 11. The Answer of the *Synod* of 1662, See Dr. *Goodwin* and *Nye's* Pref. to *Cot.* of the *Keyes* Pg. 7 & 8). Venerable Mr. *Cotton* of the *Keys* - which the venerable *Higginson* and *Hubbard* cite in the Appendix to their

*Testimony*, and which is inserted in Mr. *Wise* on Church Government - asserting the Elders *Negative*. Read also Dr. *Cotton Mathers Magnalia* B.V. p. 20. and especially See his publication of the 30 *Cases*, p. 36. 37. (which may be Seen likewise among the propositions in *Magnalia*, p. 45. 46.) The Pastor therefore, professing himself *Congregational*, and this Church having been at first settled upon that plan, and hitherto continued (now fifty years) a *Congregational* Church, agreeable to the Sacred Scriptures, the Church-Covenant the *Platform* aforesaid for the Substance of it, the other writings of the worthy Fathers who complied it, with those also who have writ since in Defence of it; and the general Practice in these Churches, - *did not Consent* to the Vote, but insisted, that, in Conformity to our B. Lord and Saviours Mind and Direction, there must be in Church Acts, *an Agreement*, that is, of both the *Elders* and the *Fraternity*. For this he says Expressly in *Mat.* 18, "What soever ye shall bind on Earth" etc. and then immediately follow the words in the 19th X, if you shall *Agree on Earth* - "if you shall agree on Earth" etc. Hence renowned Expositors say, "Quod litigat, non ligat."

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Concluded with *Prayer* and the *Blessing*. [170-171]

July 2. The Lord's Supper was administered.

Aug. 13. The Lords Supper was administered.

20. The Request of *William Parkman* to be dismissed from this Church to the Church of *Concord* was laid before the Brethren. It was voted: and that he be recommended to that Church.

Sept. 24. Jonathan *Forbes*, and *Sarah* his Wife, and *Daniel Chamberlain* and *Lydia* his Wife, were admitted into full Communion with the Church.

The Same Day the Church had been stop'd; and on Consideration of prevailing sickness and Mortality in the Town, it was proposd that a Day of Fasting and prayer be observd by this Church; and that it be recommended to the Congregation for their Concurrence herein; and it being put to Vote, it passd in the Affirm. unanimously; and that it be on the next Wednesday (which would have been otherwise proposd as by divine leave, our Lecture Day). And it being laid before the Congregation in the afternoon, it was freely voted by the people, universally, as I suppose.

27. A Day of Fasting and Prayer observd by this parish agreeable to the votes on the 24th. May G. most mercifull and gracious be pleasd to accept us in Jesus Christ our Lord!

Oct. 1. The Lords Supper was administered.

Nov. 5. Solomon Batherick made a humble Confession of the Sin of Fornication and was restord to Charity; he was also admitted into full Communion with this Church. [171-172]

Nov. 12. The Lords Supper was adminisitered.

Anna, of William Clark, who had own [*sic*] the Covenant at the [*blank*] in Boston, was baptized.

Dec. 10. *Sarah*, of *Samuel* and *Sarah Parkman* was baptised (Their former Child *Samuel*, was baptized by Rev. Mr. *John Lathrop*, at the *old North* in *Boston*, on April 17. 1774). And *Sarah*, of *Thomas* and *Lydia Bond* bapt.

[1776]

1776. Jan. 7. The following were bapt. viz. *Elijah*, of *Phinehas* and *Gleason*, *Barnabas*, of *Barnabas* and *Eunice Newton*, and *Hannah*, of *Elisha* and *Hannah Forbes*.

14. *Benjamin* and *Lucretia Warrin* Offerd their Confession of Violating the Seventh Commandment which was accepted; and they ownd the Covenant.

21. *Elijah*, of *Elijah* and *Martha Hardy* bapt. by the Rev. Mr. *Daniel Grosvenor*, of *Grafton*.

28. *Jonah*, of *Samuel* and *Abig. Forbush* bapt.

March 3. *Nathaniel*, of *Ebenezer junior* and *Esther Chamberlain*, baptized. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. *Fast Extraordinary* on Account of the War.

*Contribution* for Mr. *Malachi Nichols* of *Munson*, who was burnt out Dec. 5 last. (His Wife was *Abigail Gale* of this place.) Collected 3.5.8.2 lawf. Money.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. *Mary*, of *John Piper*, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. *Joseph*, of *James* and *Mary Bowman*, bapt.

Apr. 14. *Esther*, of *Joseph* and *Esther Belknap*, bapt. [172-173]

Apr. 21. The Lords Supper was Administered. *Levi* and *Asenath*, of *Solomon Batherick*, bapt.

May 5. The Church was Stayd to hear and Act upon a Letter from the first Church in *Gloucester* requesting the Assistance of this, in the Installment of the Rev. Mr. *Eli Forbes*, on the 5th Day of June next; as their pastor.

Voted to Comply.

Voted, to Send two Delegates.

\_\_\_\_\_ that Squire *Joseph Baker* be one, but he prayd to be excusd bec: he could not think he could go.

Voted, that Brother Daniel Forbes be one.

\_\_\_\_\_ that Brother Abijah Gale be the other.

May 12: Hephzibah Parker (heretofore Warrin) member of the first Church in Shrewsbury, presented two children to Baptism. Their names were Elizabeth and Stephen Warrin.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Asael, of Daniel and Rebecca Stockwell, was bapt. by Rev. P. Whitney.

June 16. The Confession of *Thankf.* Warrin, widow of the late *Timothy* junior was read and accepted; and She ownd the Covenant.

Joseph, of Elisha and Hannah Forbes[;] Edward, of Nehem. and Dorothy Maynard bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. The Lords Supper was administered.

Noah and Eli, Sons of the Widow Thankf. Warrin, were baptized.

July 7. Buckminster, of Benj. and Sarah, Wood - [173-174] Lucy, of Joseph and Sarah Grout, Ephraim, of Benajah and [blank] Brigham, William, Molly, Hepzy and Bernice, of Benjamin and Lucretia, Warrin were baptized.

Aug. 1. A Publick Fast through this Colony, on Consideration of the present extraordinary Crisis of our Affairs.

4. The Lords Supper was administered.

11. Three Children of Lydia Wheelock viz. *Moses-Bond, John, and Lydia*, were bapt.

18. *John and Martha Beeton* solemnly engagd before God, the Church and Congregation that a Grand Child of theirs, which they now presented, they would take Care of the Education of, and by div. help, would bring her up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord. Upon which Promise she was baptized, and called *Martha*.

Sept. 1. Timothy, of Benj. and Lucy Warrin, bapt.

Sept. 15. Administered the Lords Supper.

22. A *Contribution* was made, in Compliance with an Address of Rev. Dr. *Stiles* and Mr. *Hopkins* of *Newport* for the Support and Encouragement of Missionary to *Annamabo* in Africa. It amounted to 4.7.10. and by additions afterwards, to 4.12.0. lawful Money which may God graciously accept, thro Jesus Christ!

Oct. 6. Samuel, of Nathan and Sarah Townsend, was baptized.



27. The Lords Supper was administered.

And Silas, of Moses and Lydia Wheelock, [174-175] also Samuel-Adams, of James and Mary Godfry, were baptized.

Dec. 1. *Jonathan* and *Joanna Fay* requested the Ordinance of Baptism might be administered to a Child which they had taken to bring up; and appearing before the Church and Congregation, each of them promised to take Care of the Childs Education, and to bring him up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord. Upon which the Church voted their Consent to the Administration.

He was accordingly baptized by the name of Atkins. Also Josiah, of Jonathan and Eunice Childs was bapt. also.

29. Lucy, of Francis junior and Pris. Whipple bapt.

[1777]

1777. January 12. 1777. *Elizabeth Harrington* junior was admitted into full Communion with this Church.

*Betty*, of Phin. and Persis Gleason and Abigail, of Hananiah and Hephz. Parker, were baptized.

Feb. 16. Elizabeth of Joseph and Martha Baker bapt. March 16. *Breck Parkman* was admitted into full Communion with this Church.

And Elias, of James and Thomasin Bellows, bapt. \_\_\_\_\_

23. The Lords Supper was administered

30. Levi, of Levi and Deborah Warrin and Elisha, of Solomon and Jemima Woods, bapt.

Apr. 13. Lydia, of Francis and [blank] Pierce, bapt.

27. Jacob-Amsden, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, bapt.

May 4. Administered the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

Issac, of *Isaac* and Sarah Adams, bapt. 18. A Contribution for the Relief of Mr. *Samuel Goodnow* of Elizabeth [175-176] Town in the Jersies; who had been driven out of his possessions by the Regulars. The Sum collected was 4.10.8.2. which may G. accompany with His Blessing! and pity the poor man and his Family that they may Supported and comforted!

June 15. The sacrament of the Lords Supper administered.

And Hannah, of Paul and Hannah Biglow bapt.

July 6. Elisha of Stephen and [blank] Cook, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Submitt, of Solomon and Mary Miller, Josiah, of Noah and Hannah Hardy, and Holland, of Jonathan and Sarah Forbes, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. The Lords Supper administered.

Aug. the 3d. Anna, of Isaac and Anna Davis, baptized.

Sept. 7. The Lords Supper Administered.

And John, of Jonathan and Abigail Batherick, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Bulah Gale ownd the Covenant.

Thomas, of Thomas and Lydia Bond and Abigail, of Bulah Gale, were bapt.

[Parkman Diary: 1777 February 24 (Monday). I wanted to Visit Widow *Bulah Gale* whose Husband Mr. *Jacob Gale* dyed lately at *Ticonderoga*.]

Oct. 19. The Lords Supper was administered.

Nov. 30. The Lords Supper was administered.

Dec. 7. Prudence, of Jemima Hardy, and Joshua, of Daniel and Lydia, Chamberlain were baptized.

[1778]

1778. Feb. 15. *Anna-sophia Parkman* was admitted into full Communion with this Church.

Rachel of John and Mary Piper, bapt.

March 22. The Lords Supper administered. And Lucy, of James and Mary Godfry bapt.

Apr. 19. Was communicated to the Church a Letter from the Church of Marlb. requesting our Presence [176-177] Prayers and Assistance in determining the important Affair of Dissolving the pastoral Relation between the Rev. Mr. *Smith* and the Church there.

Voted compliance.

\_\_\_\_\_ One Delegate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Deacon Bond to go.

Apr. 22. was the *Continental Fast* and the Congregation contributed to the Relief of Mr. *John Forbes*, who, with his Family, were driven off from the Otter Creek, by the Enemy last July: and there was gathered the Sum of 22.18.0. Besides the forementioned Sufferings, Mr. Forbes was under great Trouble by the Sickness and Death of his Wife.

26. *James Miller* junior and Mercy his Wife, also *James Hawes* and Hannah his Wife, were admitted into the Church.

And Josiah, of James and Mercy Miller, was baptized.

May 3. The Lords Supper was administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Levi, of James and Mary Bowman, and Benjamin, of Ebenezer and Esther Chamberlain, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Joseph, of Joseph and Esther Belknap; and Hannah Antwistle, a Child taken and presented by James junior and Mercy Miller, were baptized by Rev. Mr. P. Whitney.

24. James junior of James and Hannah Hawes, was baptized. [177-178]

May 31. Anna, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, bapt.

June 14. The Lords Supper was administered.

Eli, of Elisha and Hannah Forbes, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Nahum, of Joseph and Ruth Harrington, was baptized.

28. Elisha, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, bapt.

July 19. The Desires of *Francis Whipple* Esq. and his Wife, they being removd to *New Braintry*, to be dismissd from us to the Church there; of *Eli Harrington*, removd to *Alsted*, to be dismissd to the Church in that place; and of Sarah, wife of Rev. *John Cushing* of *Ashburnham*, to be dismissd to the Church there, were voted, and that they be each of them recommended to those Churches respectively.

N.B. this was, at the Request of the pastor, transacted by Rev. *Elijah Fitch*.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. The Lords supper was administered.

Mary, the Wife of Joseph Keenes, ownd the Covenant.

Aug. 2. Her Children, Joseph, Mary, and Susanna, were bapt.

16. Anna, of David and Rebec. Stockwell, bapt.

Ruth Buck, offerd Confession of breacking [*sic*] the Seventh Commandment and was restord. She was also admitted into full Communion.

Sept. 6. Francis Whipple (junior) and his Wife (*Priscilla*), were dismissd and Recommended to the Church in *N. Braintry*.

13. The Lords supper administered. Oct. 4. Phinehas, and Joanna, of John Forbes; and Lucy, of Isaac and Margery Parker, were baptized. [178-179]

Oct. 18. Stephen, of John and Mary Harrington, was baptized.

25. The Lords Supper was administered.

P.M. Eunice of Barnabas and Eunice Newton and *Hannah-Breck*, of *Breck* and *Susan. Parkman*, were baptized.

Dec. 6. The Lords Supper was administered and by Vertue of a Certificat from the Rev. Mr. Fitch of Hopk. concerning *Eleazar Rider* and *Sarah* his Wife that they have been admitted into Covenant by the Church in Hopkinton, two of their Children, viz. Daniel, and Sarah, were baptized.

[1779]

Feb. 21. 1779. Anna, of James junior and Mercy Miller, bapt. \_\_\_\_\_

28. Sally, of Moses and Lydia Wheelock, and Elijah, of Levi and Deborah Warrin, bapt.

March 14. Joseph Grout junior was admitted into full Communion with this Church.

17. After Lecture the Congregation were desird to tarry, and they chose 4 *choristers* viz. Messrs. *Eli Whitney*, Ebenezer *Chamberlain* junior *Jonathan Batherick*, and *Elisha Parker*.

21. Administered the Lords Supper.

N.B. Messrs. Aaron Hutchinson junior and *Caleb Alexander*, preachers, attend with us. The pastor read a Letter from the South, or new, parish in *Bolton*, requesting Assistance from this Church in a Fast and embodying a Church there. Voted Compliance; and Dr. *Hawes* and Deacon *Wood* to be Delegates. To meet at Mr. *Benjamin Baileys* in *Bolton* on the 25th 9 a.m. [179-180]

Apr. 4. Elizabeth, of John Forbes baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Phineas, of Phin. and Persis Gleason, was bapt.

May 9. *Isaac Miller* having been for a great while deliquent, both as to the Communion, and even the usual publick worship, offerd an acknowledgement and was restored. The same day

The Lords Supper was administered

16. William, of Paul and Abigail, Lampson, who, as Rev. Mr. Cutler pastor of the third Church in Ipswich, has given a Certificat, is in Covenant with them, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Result of the late Council at the South Parish in *Bolton* was read publickly.

23. *Peter*, of Benajah and Ab. Brigh., bapt.

At the Desire of *Jonas Bradish* the Church was stopd and a Church-Meeting was appointed to be next Tuesday at 2 p.m. [N.B. when no mention of the *Place*, is formally made, it must be taken for granted, that the *Meeting House* is intended.]

25. The Church Met - a Paper from Mr. *Jonas Bradish* was read - Answer to it by the Pastor. A former Omission of waiting on the Ordinance of Baptism for one of his Children, was conceivd to be owing to a misunderstanding between him and the Pastor. Then he said,

“For what has been since, - Now these some Number of years I own and Confess has been faulty Neglect, in [180-181] that I have not used effectual Means to lay the Affair before Church when I might. For this I ask Forgiveness”

The Church voted Acceptance and he was restord to Charity.

Prayer preceded, and Prayer with the Blessing, concluded the meeting.

June 20. The Lords Supper was administered.

June 27. *Hannah Whitney* Dauter of *Eleazer Whitney* offered a Confession of the Sin of Fornication, which was accepted, and She was restord to Charity. She was also admitted into full Communion with this Church. And

Thankfull, of *Benj. and Lucretia Warrin* was baptized.

July 4. Elizabeth, of Hannah Whitney was bapt.

Aug. 1. The Lords Supper was administered.

8. Joseph, of Joseph Esq. and Martha Baker, and Lucy, of Elisha and Hannah Forbes, bapt.

29. Stephen Maynard was admitted into full Communion with the Church, and *Nathan Townsend* and Sarah, his wife having removd their Dwelling to *Fitz William*, and desird Dismission to the Church there, their Request was Voted, and that they be recommended to their Acceptance.

Sept. 12. The Lords Supper administered.

Sarah, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, bapt. as was Samuel, of Paul and Abigail Lampson.

19. Ephraim, of Jonathan and Sarah Forbes, bapt. P.M. A Contribution for *Artemas* [181-182] Bruce, and collected 4.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. *Nabby*, of Isaac and Abigail Miller, bapt.

Oct. 10. Abigail-Lyman, of John and Abigail, Wood, and Puah, of Jonathan and Abig. Batherick, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. *Sophia*, of Hananiah and Hephz. Parker, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. The Lords Supper was administered.

P.M. Isaac, of Isaac and Anne Davis, bapt.

Nov. 7. Lydia, of Daniel and Lydia Chamberlain was baptized

Dec. 5. Isaac Parker and Margery, his Wife, also Rebecca Nurse, were admitted into full Communion.

12. The Lords Supper was administered.

[1780]

1780. Feb. 20. Thankfull, of James junior and Mercy Miller, bapt. March 26. The Lords Supper administered.

Apr. 26. *Continental Fast*.

The Brethren of the Church were desired to tarry - It was to conferr upon the Affair of our Brother and Sister *Adams*. The Church voted to send a Number of Brethren to our Sister *Persis Adams*, to enquire into the Reasons of her long Absence from the Communion. They were, Brother *Joseph Harrington*, Deacon *Bond* and Brother *Isaac Davis*.

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. Sullivan and Salmon of James and Mary Godfry, Esther, of Ebenezer junior and Esther Chamberlain, Lydia, of Joseph and Esther Belknap, baptized.

May 7. The Lords supper administered.

*Submitt*, of Martha Temple, Widow, *Francis*, of Francis and Lydia Pierce, and *Samuel*, of Stephen and [blank] Cook, bapt. [182-183]

May 14. Elisha, of Paul and Hannah Biglow, bapt.

After a *Contribution* to the Relief of the Rev. Mr. *Peter Whitney*, (who was lately burnt out); the Church stopd and Mrs. *Persis Adams's* Answer by the Committee lately Sent to her, was read -

Voted that the Church meet on *next Tuesday* come Fortnight - at 2 p.m.

May 28. *Joseph Hardy* and *Lucy*, his Wife were admitted into full Communion with the Church. *Lydia*, of Solomon and Mary Miller and *Persis*, of Eleazer and Sarah, Ryder, were bapt.

*May 30.* The Church according to Appointment. The meeting was opend with Prayer. Mrs. *Persis Adams* was present, but her Husband was not. It was conceivd that since Mr. *Adams* was not here, and was not like to come, it would be most advisable to *adjourn* this Affair, and therefore *This* was Voted: and the Day to be (God-willing) the last Monday in Aug. next, at 2 p.m.

In Conformity to the Motion made by the Deacons, Deacon *Bond* esp., who is grown very infirm, the Church Voted to elect *Two more Deacons*.

Voted that Brother *James Hawes* be the first of them - who desird some time to consider of it.

Again Voted; and Brother *Jonathan Child* was chose; but refusd. - However, he was requested to take it into more mature Consideration. The Meeting concluded with Prayer and the Blessing. [183-184]

June 4. Ruth and Simon, of Joseph and Lucy Hardy, were baptized.

18. The Lords supper administered.

Joseph and Benjamin, of Gershom junior and Esther Brigham, baptized.

July 2. Lucy, of Jos. and Lucy Hardy, bapt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. *Elijah Brigham*, and *Susanna* (wife of *Jabez*) *Snow*, were admitted into full Communion. As was *Jabez Snow*, heretofore a Member of the Church in Southboro, but dismisssd and recommended to this Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Ephraim-Brigham, of Elijah and Martha Hardy, was baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. *Fast* in this State.

23. The Brethren of the Church were stopd and a Paper Dated Westboro July 21. Signd by *Daniel Adams*, was read, and inasmuch as there is an Adjournment of the Church Meeting within the month of August: it was thought most advisable to refer it into Consideration then.

The Church was dismissd with the Blessing.

N.B. Mr. *Adams* did not Stay with the Church tho he was at meeting, and it was his *own Affair*. No man forbad him.

July 30. Samuel and Sarah Thurston were admitted into full Communion and the Lords Supper was administered.

Aug. 13. A Contribution for Mr. [184-185] *Abraham Bond*, His Barn was burnt by Lightning, Friday, July 28th last, when were gathered 593¼ Dollars and thirteen Notes of Grain, Labor and other Things, necessary and usefull.

20. The following Children of Samuel and Sarah Thurston were baptiz'd, viz. Sarah, Samuel, Elizabeth[,] Joseph, Eli, Hannah.

27. *Hannah*, Wife of *Thomas Andrews*; also *John* and *Mehitabel Fay*, were admitted into full Communion.

The Brethren were stopd, and at the Request of Mrs. *Persis Adams*, the Church meeting was adjourn'd further, to Tuesday, a month after the next which will be at Sept. 26, to be at 2 p.m. at the same place. The Consideration of Mr. *Daniel Adams*'s Paper was *deferrd* to the Same Adjournment.

Sept. 3. *Nathan* and *Persis Fay* dismissd and recommended to the Church in *Alsted*.

The Church was Staid to receive the Answer of Dr. *Hawes*, and Brother *Child*. The former acquiesced in the Choice "that is, if there was no objection and if the Church were unanimous." [185-186]

Whereupon a Vote was Tryd and there was every Hand. Upon which he was declared a Deacon of this Church.

Brother *Child* made answer still in the Negative, refusing to Serve.

The Church was dismissd with the Blessing.

10. The Lords Supper was administered.

And Brother *Hawes* attended his Duty.

The same Day *Polly*, of John and Mehit. Fay, *Lettice*, of Samuel and Margaret Rider, (who had Certificat from Rev. Mr. Fitch of Hopkinton), and *Samuel*, of Thomas and Hannah Andrews were baptized.

Sept. 17. Martha, of Elisha and Hannah Forbes bapt.



Sept. 24. At the Request of Mrs. *Persis Adams* the Church Meeting by adjournment to the 26, was yet further adjourn'd, by the Consent of the Brethren, to the Second Thursday in November 2 p.m. for this Reason, that she could not get ready before that time.

Oct. 1. *Elizabeth Adams*, Wife of *Daniel Adams junior* was admitted into full Communion.

*Anson*, of Daniel and Rebecca Stockwell bapt.

15. *Polly*, and *Samuel-Hall*, of Daniel junior and Elizabeth Adams, were bapt. by Rev. Mr. *Sumner*.

22. The Lords Supper was administered.

Nov. 5. *Susanna*, of Jonathan and Han. Grout, bapt.

A Letter from the south Church in Bolton, desiring Assistance in Council, but there was No Vote for it. - I went not. [186-187]

Nov. 9. The Church met according to the adjournment on the Affair of Mrs. *Adams* against her Husband. She came; but she replyd that she had not her Evidences; but was endeavouring to get ready for an Hearing. She said that she had something to say to her Husband, but he did not come.

Mr. *Adams's* Paper, Number 7 of July 23, 1780. was read; and the Pastors Letter to him, which he refers to therein, was read likewise, but inasmuch as he (Mr. A.) had not thought it worth so much regard as to come and defend it, (though it was obnoxious to Exceptions and Resentment) it was voted to be dropt. Thus was it dismissd - and the Church-Meeting was dissolv'd - We clos'd with Prayer and Blessing.

12. *Hannah*, of James and Mary Bowman, bapt.

26. *Isaac*, of Abijah and Sus. Gale, bapt.

Dec. 3. The Lords Supper was administered.

7. Pub. *Thanksgiving*. [At Eve *Elisha Livermore* was marryd to *Lucy Maynard*.]

17. Mr. *Silas Brigham*, having remov'd to *Shrewsbury*, was by Vote of the Church, dismissd from us and recommended to the first Church there.

[1781]

1781. January 14. The Church was detain'd and a Letter dated yesterday, Sign'd *Daniel Adams*, to be communicated to the Church, was read - but there were but few members present and a snow storm, it was referred to *Consideration*. [187-188]

Feb. 18. The Church was again detain'd on Account of Brother D. *Adams* Letter of Jan. 13. By Request it was read a second time.

After debating upon it, a Motion was made to see whether the Church would do any thing upon it; but nothing was offer'd. Then whether they were of the mind to drop it? - No Vote. So that It was wav'd - Concluded with Blessing.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Mehitable, of John and Mehit. Fay, bapt.

March 18. The Church was stop'd at noon. Another Letter still, from Mr. *Daniel Adams* was read - among other Things, praying that the Communion may not be administered till his Affair is look'd into. But The Church being in no Such situation as to do anything about it, Mrs. *Adams's* Cause not being laid before us, we have nothing to Act upon; the Church voted, as to the *Communion*, that it was their Desire the Lords Supper might be appointed: and as to the Rest of the Letter, their minds were, that there was nothing to be done further; the Pastor having Answered it, in his Reply; which was read to Mr. A. in the presence of the Church, and the Brethren acquiesced in it. Mr. *Adams's* Complaint was that his Wife delay'd to prosecute, or bring her Cause to any Issue. Whereupon the Pastor proposed his writing to her: And This was accepted. Then were they Dismiss'd with the Blessing.

March 25. The Lords Supper was administered.

Apr. 15. *Susanna-Brigham*, of Breck and Susanna Parkman, was baptized.

May 3. The General Fast.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. The Lords Supper administered.

Daniel, of James junior and Mercy [Miller?] bapt.

13. Silas, of John and Mary Harrington. [188-189]

June 3. Nathan Kenny, Simon Forbes and *Susanna* his Wife were admitted into full Communion with the Church.

10. Antipas, of Barn. and Eunice Newton, and Mary and Abner of Simon and Sus. Forbes bapt.

17. The Lords Supper was administered.

July 1. Joseph, of Joseph and Ruth Harrington[;] [Silas?] of Benajah and [blank] Brigham[;] Hannah, of Joseph and Esther Belknap, baptized.

The Church was Stop'd. A Letter from Mr. D. *Adams* of the 13. of June read. Question was put Whether the Church is of the mind that there is any Thing in this Letter that requires a Church

Meeting upon it? Or is there any Thing that they would consider, and act upon, Now? It passed in the Neg.

22. Anna, of Isaac and Margery Parker, bapt.

29. The Lords Supper was administered.

P.M. *Elizabeth*, of *Eli* and *Deb. Warren* and *Anna-Sophia*, of *Elijah* and *Anna-Sophia* Brigham were baptized.

Aug. 5. *Abihail* [*sic*], Dauter of *Moses* and *Lydia Wheelock*, baptized.

Sept. 2. Joseph, of *Eleazer* and *Sarah Rider*, bapt.

9. The Lords Supper was administered.

Simon, of *Simon* and *Susanna Forbes*, baptized

Sept. 30. *Beulah*, wife of *Benj. Fay*, was admitted to full Communion.

The Church was Stopped and a Letter from our Brother *Daniel Adams* was read. In it he informs that on the 2d Tuesday of Oct. next a Number of Churches are requested to meet at his House and desires us to attend with them.

The question was put, Whether this Church does comply therewith?

There was not a Vote - But one hand was lifted up for it.

Oct. 7. Six Children of *Benjamin* and *Beulah Fay* were baptiz'd. Viz. *Benjamin* and *Solomon*, *Martha*, *Beulah*, *Lydia* and *Lucy*.

[189-190]

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

28. *Alpheus*, of *Nathan* and *Eunice Kenny*, bapt.

The Church was detain'd to hear the Request of *Enoch* and *Olive Rice*, who are gone to live in *Brookfield*, that their Confession of the Guilt of Fornication might be read to the Church and People of *Westboro* and they restord to Charity, without their personal presence here, considering the Distance of their Abode from hence, and the Difficultys of their attending here. N.B. A letter upon this Affair from the Rev. Mr. *Jos. Appleton*, Pastor of the Church, where those people dwell, and recommending them, was also read.

Voted that Said Request be granted.

Also a Letter from *Daniel Adams* dated Oct. 26 current was read - and it coming but last night, it was left to Consideration.

Nov. 4. Sarah Harrington, wife of Caleb, was admitted into full Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. The Confession of Enoch and Olive Rice was read to the Congregation and Ebenezer, Barnard, Hannah and Elizabeth, Children of Caleb and Sarah Harrington bapt.

18. Joseph, of Daniel and Rebec. Stockwell, bapt.

Dec. 2. The Church was stopd that their Minds might be shewn concerning Mr. *Adams's* Letter of Octob. 26, last in which he manifests himself ready [188-189] to come, if he may without uneasiness to any of the Members.

The Qu. was put, whether his Request may be granted?

*Voted*, that considering the Circumstances Brother *Adams* is now in, it is most proper, and it is the Mind of the Church that his Desire be deferrd for the present, inasmuch as his Case with regard to his Wife's Complaint before the Civil Authority, is now depending.

Dec. 13. *General Thanksgiving*, Contribution for the Sufferers in the Southern States, especially for those in *South Carolina* and *Georgia*.

Dec. 23. Phebe, of Hananiah and Hephzibah Parker, bapt.

[1782]

1782. Feb. 24. Abner-How, of Elijah and Martha Hardy, Samuel, of Joseph Esq. and *Martha* Baker, bapt.

March 10. *Polly*, of Caleb and Sarah Harrington bapt.

24. Lords Supper administered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. Daniel, of Daniel and [*blank*] Chamberlain bapt.

Apr. 7. Susanna, of Abijah and Susanna Gale bapt.

And the Church was Stopd to hear another Letter from B. *Daniel Adams*.

14. Mehitabel-Brigham, of John and Mehitabel Fay, baptized.

The Church was Stopd again (by Desire) to hear two Letters which the Pastor had prepar'd to Send, one to Sister *Persis Adams*; and the other to her Husband.

28. Nahum, of Joseph junior and [*blank*] Grout, bapt.

May 5. The Lords Supper was Administered.

19. Lucretia, of Benjamin and Lucretia Warrin, baptized. [189-190]

June 2. Lydia Morse, wife of *Seth* Morse, was admitted into full Communion.

Jason, of Ebenezer and [blank] Chamberlain, bap.

June 16. (which is 58 years since I gave my Answer to the Town's Call to the Ministry)  
The Lords Supper was administered.

July 7. Elijah, of James and Mary Bowman bap. by the Rev. Mr. Sumner of Shrewsbury.

28. The Sacrament of the Supper administered.

Aug. 4. Sarah, of Stephen and [blank] Cook, bap.

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. The Brethren of the Church were Stopped. A Request from Brother *Daniel Adams* to be dismissed and recommended to the Church in Hopkinton, read. An Address to the Church from Sister *Persis Adams*, read.

---- Voted that there be a Church Meeting, at which these Papers are to be considered.

---- Voted that it be (God willing) on the next thursday come sennight at 2 o'clock p.m. at this place. Each party to be faithfully notifyd.

---- Voted that Deacon *Hawes* do go to Brother Adams, to acquaint him with what the Church has done, and Serve him with a Copy of his Wife's Paper which was read to day.

----The Blessing concluded. [190-191]

Aug. 18. Lydia, of Samuel and Sarah Thurston, bap.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. *The Church met.*

The Meeting was opened by Prayer. The Business of the Meeting was declared, viz. to consider Brother *Adams* Request of Dismission and Recommendation to the Church of *Hopkinton* and his Wife's Paper of Complaint against him.

N.B. Mrs. *Adams* was present: but *the man was not*, till some while, but a Letter of his, of the 17 inst. was read. When he did come, he tarried not; but as Soon as it was known, he arose and uttering a few words, of *hope that we would do justice*, he hurried away out; against all Endeavours to detain him; and altho it was his own Affair which we were met upon yet he would not stay. - This Conduct was Surprizing and very disorderly.

*Voted to go on; and notwithstanding to read Mr. Adams's Evidences - viz. Miss Abigail Graves, Mrs. Dinah Bond, Mrs. Sarah Grout, Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, and Mr. John Tidd.*

Voted Adjournment to the 23rd of Sept. next at 2 p.m. this place. *Voted* that, at the Same time that Our Brother *Adams* is informd of the *Adjournment* and requird to attend, that he be therewith *Rebuk'd* for his Disorderliness in breaking away from the Meeting without Leave; and in such manner as to cast Contempt upon the Church.

Furthermore, [191-192] The Church saw fit to have a Day of Solemn Fasting and *Humiliation* and prayer, appointed. It was on Consideration of the *Various Frowns* of Heaven upon us, (in the Continuation of the War, and the great perplexities and Difficultys which the People are involvd in; the *Drought* etc.) The evident *Increase* of *Vice* and *Wickedness*, and the sorrowful *Decay* of *Religion* in these very degenerate Times.

*Voted*, that Thursday next, the 29 inst. be the Time; and that it be recommended to the *Congregation* to join with us herein.

Prayer and the Blessing concluded this Meeting.

25. The Congregation manifested their Concurrence with the Church in requesting a Fast on the 29th and it was accordingly appointed.

29th was Observd as a Day of Fasting and Prayer, which may G. graciously accept!

Sept. 1. The Lords *Supper* was *administered*.

23. The Church met according to Adjournement. The Meeting was open'd by Prayer. *Daniel* and *Persis* Adams present.

The Business is to consider the Complaint of the latter against her Husband.

Previous to which was a Pathetic Address to Parties, urging to Love and Peace.

It was offerd to them to choose some Wise and indif. men to hear and determine etc.

The Church being Obligd to enter upon the very difficult Affair, Mrs. Adams's Complaint being read, and, her (Sworn) [192-193] Witnesses having been read before, Mr. *Adams* produc'd his; and they having been given upon Oath (except [*blank*] *Cooks* which was deliverd in presence of two persons) they were read - also Mrs. *Adams's* Petition to the Governor and Council was read. Two living Evidences call'd by D. *Adams*, viz. Deacon Phips, and Mr. Timothy were call'd and heard.

Voted that there Should be a *Committee* chosen out of the Church to hear, consider and advise on these Differences.

Voted that the Number be Five -

That Brother Elijah Brigham be One -

That Deacon Hawes be another.

That Brother Jos. Harrington be another.

That Brother Isaac Davis, another.

and that Brother Eli Whitney be another.

That this Committee Sit at this Place, this day Fortnight, at 9 o'clock a.m. and when they Shall be ready make Report to the Church, whom the Pastor will call together to hear and determine. The above Committee to have power to call for Persons, Papers, etc.

The Meeting concluded with Prayer and the Blessing.

Oct. 20. The Lords Supper was administered.

Sarah, of Jonathan and *Sarah Forbes*, was bapt.

27. Mary of Paul and Hannah Biglow.

Dec. 22d. John of Joseph and Esther Belknap Bapt. by David Hall, D.D.

Octo. 27 1782 - last entry by Mr. Parkman.

Whole Number of Baptisms to this date, or during Mr. Parkman's Ministry is 1346.

[*Marginal notation*: Mr. Parkman died Dec. 9. 1782.]