

THE PATHFINDER



To every thing there is a
Season,

and a time to every purpose

under *Heaven.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

Sermon Series - April 2024

Welcome to our sermon series for April! In this series, we will embark on a journey through the lectionary readings, exploring the profound truths and teachings of Jesus Christ. Each sermon will draw inspiration from a popular movie title, helping us connect the biblical narratives with contemporary stories and themes. As we delve into the post-resurrection events around Jesus - doubting Thomas, the road to Emmaus, the Good Shepherd, the vine and the branches - may our hearts be open to the transformative power of God's Word. Join us as we uncover the depth and richness of these passages, and may our faith be strengthened and renewed through the living presence of Jesus Christ.

April 7, 2024

"A Beautiful Mind" (John 20:19-31)

We delve into Thomas' struggle with doubt and how Jesus meets him in his uncertainty, offering peace and faith.

April 14, 2024

"Encountering the Unexpected" (Luke 24:13-35)

We explore how the risen Jesus reveals Himself to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, reminding us that He is always with us, even when we feel lost or confused.

April 21, 2024

"Leading with Love" (John 10:11-18)

This Sunday will explore Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep and calls us to follow His example of sacrificial love.

April 28, 2024

"A Fruitful Life" (John 15:1-8)

Our focus here is Jesus' teaching on the vine and the branches, encouraging us to abide in Him and bear fruit that lasts.

May the truths we have discovered through these passages continue to resonate in our hearts and minds, and leave this series with a renewed commitment to follow Him, abide in Him, and love others as He has loved us. Thank you for joining us on this journey, and may God bless you abundantly as you continue to walk with Him.

From the Desk of Pastor Jonathan

Dear Beloved in Christ,

As the vibrant hues of spring begin to adorn the world around us, we find ourselves in the wake of the Resurrection season - a time when our hearts are still echoing with the joyous refrains of Easter. We have proclaimed with fervent voices, "He is risen!" and now, we are beckoned to live in the light of this transcendent truth.

The services for April will invite us to delve deeper into the implications of the Resurrection and the transformative power it holds for our daily lives. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, provides a profound meditation on this theme:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV).

In this season of renewal, as nature awakens from its wintry slumber, let us also awaken to the new creation that we have become in Christ. The Resurrection is not merely a past event but an ongoing reality that invites us into a life marked by hope, purpose, and the promise of new beginnings.

As we step into the freshness of spring, let us embrace the work of the Divine Craftsman in our lives. He is indeed making all things new - within us and around us. The buds blooming on the trees, the gentle warmth of the sun, the melody of birdsong - all of these are parables of the new life that we are invited to embrace and embody.

The Gospel of John offers us a glimpse into the heart of the Resurrected Christ, who stands among His disciples, offering peace and breathing upon them the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23). In this act, Jesus is not only calming their troubled hearts but also empowering them for the mission ahead. Likewise, He stands among us, His presence calming our fears, His breath empowering us for the tasks to which He has called us.

In this post-Easter season, let us not lose the momentum of the Resurrection but instead carry it forward into our homes, workplaces, and communities. Let us be bearers of peace in a world fraught with turmoil. Let us be agents of reconciliation, as Paul urges us, for we have been given the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18).

Moreover, let us not forget the power of communal worship and fellowship. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who knew the cost of discipleship, once wrote, "The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer." As we gather together - whether in the pews of our beloved church or through acts of loving service in our community - let us draw strength from one another, spurring each other on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24-25).

May this spring be a testament to the work of God in our midst, as we witness the earth's transformation and participate in the renewal of our own lives. Let the words of Isaiah resonate in our hearts: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland" (Isaiah 43:19, NIV).

With a heart full of hope and hands ready to serve,

Consistory Corner

BY MARK THOMPSON

Hello, great people of our congregation of St. Paul UCC Columbia, IL.

Let me share a few key updates and changes for your awareness this coming year.

The 175th anniversary celebration of our church continues in the planning stages. If you are able or have interest in being a part of this team, I am certain they would love your help. Please contact Diane Hanna or Susan Kuergeleis.

The revisions to our church constitution and by-laws were approved during our annual meeting at the beginning of this year. One change made is related to the customary way we refer to our boards and committees. These groups will now be referred to as a TEAM. For example, the board of Evangelism will be the Evangelism team, or maybe team Evangelism (I prefer this way). Although this change reflects more current language, it certainly doesn't change how these teams get things done, and they are going like gangbusters! Thanks to all of the new and continuing team members for your great work!

Barb Gerstenecker's retirement continues to impact the church office. Our own Amanda Stapf has taken on much of the extra workload with significant assistance from Shirley Bergmann and a host of other volunteers. We thank all of them for their support as the work to determine optimal structure and function continues. We appreciate your patience during this transition period.

You may or not notice but our technology has been under continued improvement. I have a saying when it comes to technology, meant as the utmost compliment: "If it is working right, I wouldn't even notice."

In closing, I am writing my final Pathfinder article. My three-year tenure on Consistory will come to a close at the end of this year. The time I have spent has been extremely rewarding. You elected me to serve on one of the consistory's open seats but, first I had to make my own decision to volunteer. Volunteering can come in many forms but, first off you have to make up your mind towards the commitment.

The experience has been life fulfilling, purposefully working alongside some of the most helpful, caring, and compassionate people and teams, each getting things done all year long. I have been a part of decision-making teams that have driven positive change for the church, it's people, and the further ministry outreach. In addition to the people I see in the pews on Sundays, I now have even more friendships of like-minded and spirited individuals. I am very satisfied with my decision to take on this role but, I am most humbled for Jesus leading me to this place. He has opened my eyes, my mind, and especially my heart.

Mark Thompson

Board of Evangelism

BY CARRIE CLAYTON

This year St. Paul's has been blessed with the start of two new small groups- Graceful Motherhood Fellowship (Moms with children Birth-4th grade) and Next Chapter Moms (Moms with children college age/empty nesters). The Evangelism Team would love to help you find your next small group!

Small Group FAQ:

- **What is a small group?** A group of 6-10 individuals who meet to offer a supportive, empowering, and transformative space for individuals to enhance their connection with God and express their faith authentically.
- **Why are they important?** In the church, small groups serve as the main environment for nurturing discipleship, fostering both relational and spiritual growth. A disciple embraces Jesus' teachings to love, learn, and live according to His ways. Small Groups provide the platform to understand and embody this lifestyle, while also guiding others to do the same. They also help members feel a connection and a sense of belonging.
- **What do they do?** Whatever the group chooses to accomplish! We encourage each group to do Bible Study, but how that looks for each group will vary. Your group may want to meet once a month for Bible Study and once a month for social time. You can do a book study, study the biblical text or whatever speaks to your group.
- **How often and where do they meet?** That all depends on each group. Some groups may meet monthly, some twice a month, others may choose to meet weekly. As each group begins, they can choose what works best for their group. We encourage at least twice a month. Where your group meets is also up to you! There are plenty of locations in the church to meet, but you could also meet at a restaurant, someone's home, the park, etc. If you need help finding a location, let us know and we would be happy to help!
- **How can I join one?** Fill out the survey here: tinyurl.com/smallgroupsucc or reach out to a member of the Evangelism Team and they will help you start getting the word out! It really just starts with a few people who can meet at the same time and want to accomplish the same goals! Be on the lookout for new groups forming!

We invite everyone to become a part of a spiritual family found in small groups to share life, grow closer to God and serve the community together.

Board of Mission and Stewardship

BY LYNDA SAUER

March is flying by as I sit to write this. Our collection of clothing and other items for the Violence Prevention Center was very successful, thanks to all of you. Two vehicles full of clothing and other items were delivered. Thank you.

Our April mission will be for TWIGS. There will be a collection box in the Welcome Center. We will also have a collection box in the Eagle's Wing during the rummage sale April 19th and 20th. TWIGS is the summer lunch program for children in the area. Each child receives a lunch and a book. This program helps provide children with books to start their own libraries at home, plus helps them with much needed food during the summer when school is not in session.

May is Foster Care Aware month. There will be more information coming about Restore Network, a Monroe County program.



St. Paul UCC Book Club meets monthly on the 4th Monday of the month. All are welcome to join.

This month will feature:

- **April - Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto**

Steeped in the patina of the 1940s, the novel follows two women who have fled their American lives for a chance of independence, freedom, and duty as a part of the Red Cross, delivering coffee and doughnuts and cheer to the U.S. Troops. A story of survival and courage on the front lines.

And coming soon...

- May - The Heaven and Earth Grocery Shop by James McBride



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Care Connection

by Joanne Counce

April is Stress Awareness Month

Why is any stress month so important?

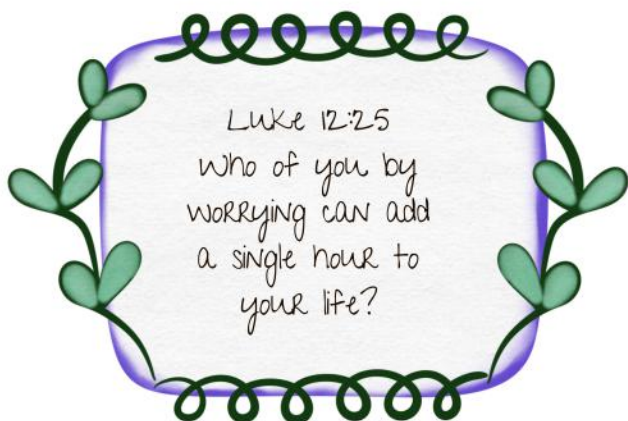
Stress can be debilitating and can cause or aggravate health problems. Every April, healthcare professionals from around the country unite to increase public awareness about not only the causes, but also the treatment for the growing stress epidemic in the country.



There are 3 types of stress which are known as acute stress, episodic acute stress, and chronic stress.

- **Acute Stress**-Usually brief, most common, caused by reactive thinking which include negative thoughts or events that have occurred or are upcoming.
- **Episodic Acute Stress**-This includes people who frequently have acute stress, or whose lives are presented with frequent triggers. This person has a life of chaos and crisis.
- **Chronic Stress**-This is the most harmful type of stress. If left untreated for a long period of time, it can damage both physical and mental health.

Methods to help relieve stress are exercise, relaxation (yoga meditation, journaling, breathing exercises) JOIN THE NEW CLASS BEING OFFERED by Joan Weinel. Eating well, having fun, visit your doctor and sleep and rest will get you over the stress!



Combat the stress-- If you cannot change the situation then know you will need a change of your approach. This may have you being flexible and knowing you have the right to choose your approach. Recognize when you don't have control, and let it go! Don't get anxious about situations that you cannot change! Focus on something that makes you feel calm and in control!

We all have stress triggers! Those of us writing a monthly Pathfinder article feel it! New job descriptions in our office must feel it! The Rummage Sale Committee has felt overwhelmed with all the treasures! New Consistory members may have a hint of stress! Those are very minor compared to the crisis some people are dealt.

Reduce- Reuse- Recycle- Rummage Sale



The donations, the preparation, the anticipation will finally take place!
Yes, it is the Columbia City Wide Rummage Sale on **April 19 and 20.**

Dates for drop off at the Eagle's Wing will be on
Saturdays-April 6 and 13 from 9am-12pm.

If Saturdays are not good for you, workers will probably be working most
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-12pm.

Any additional time needed, please contact Kathleen Habermehl
314-440-4152 or Joanne Counce 618-791-6916 to arrange a time.

With all of the offering of dates, you can bring your "treasures" for our
church fundraiser!

Items NOT ACCEPTED this year are ANY TV, large stereos, mattresses, and
clothing. Any electrical appliance/lights with cords, wire will be used for
recycle if not sold. Please let us know working status of gas lawn tools!

Online selling is also done year around to various groups. If you have
furniture, we can often sell before you need to move to the Eagle's Wing
which helps save you a step! Contact Joanne for information.

As the title states, we use the 3 R's for the Rummage Sale. Leftovers are
donated to Monroe County Helping Strays, Mom's on a Mission, Uni-Pres
Kindercottage, Twigs Library Program, Columbia Library, and to Ralph's
Recycling in Red Bud.

As always, MOST items available are a freewill donation given both from the
heart of the person donating as well as the buyer being very generous to us.
This sale is only a success by ALL involved in each and any way. Everyone is
invited to help according to their time commitment. You will see the
treasures and hear the stories of the people attending! We try to help the
buyers in other ways as we hear their stories. Workers at the sale have been
called the "nicest people around", which no one takes lightly!

IT IS JUST PART OF OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE!!

PRAYERS
FOR OUR MILITARY
And Their Families

Nathan Schnittger

U.S. Army

Nephew of Cathy Huels

Roberto DeMarquez

Army National Guard

Son of Ursula DeMarquez

Jack Augustin

U.S. Army

Son of Jason & Shelly Augustin

Sean Parrin

Army Ranger - Italy

Nephew of Jody & Jeff Taake

THANK YOU
— for —
your
SERVICE



Luke Volmert

U.S. Peace Corp- Morocco

Youth Ministry News

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JULIE

Youth Fun Stuff

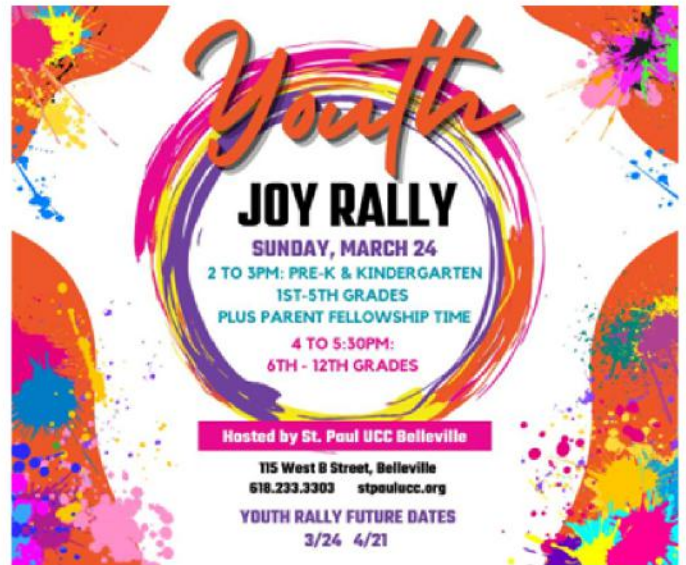


Thursday Youth Night in March started with pizza and quiz prep and ended in a raucus game of “Throw, Throw Burrito.” This is not your usual card game. (It’s a bit of a free-for-all). Evie Madden joined Ben, Eli, Jesse and Drew. Pastor Julie and Joan Daab chaperoned. Everyone got up and into the action. Our third-Thursday night coincided with Messy Church in March, so youth joined in for Easter Around the World crafts and games.

God is doing a new thing in Illinois South. All youth are invited to St Paul UCC in Belleville on the 4th Sunday of the month to meet and share in activities, worship and discussion.

This is a great opportunity to connect with youth from around our conference, deepening both friendships and faith.

6th to 12th graders gather on the Bottom Avenue parking lot to board our church bus at 3:30 pm. Event starts at 4:00, we’ll return around 6:00 pm. There is a gathering also for grades 1-5. Please plan to family carpool for this age group. We will revisit the plan as needed.



Confirmation



Confirmands and Faith Partners visited St. Clair Islamic Center on Friday, March 22. We were welcomed to an introduction to Islam lecture; we attended evening prayer service and shared a fast-breaking meal (iftar) with our Muslim friends. On April 27, we will travel to Central Reform Congregation to become more familiar with Jewish practices and faith.

Confirmands service project has an environmental theme this year.

Did you know? “Oaks are the keystone tree species at the Trail of Tears State Forest” near the Southern tip of our state. Oaks provide food for birds and mammals but had declined in number there over several decades. The forest conservation plan includes selectively removing some other trees to encourage wildlife and new Oak growth. Our class has a plan to volunteer with Green DuBois to clear invasive species at camp on Saturday, April 6 (mostly bush honeysuckle).



Let Pastor Julie know if you would like to chaperone or join us from 9-noon.

Confirmation Save the Dates

Confirmands are choosing bible memory verses and preparing to write their faith statements. This year we will hear from a different confirmand each week, starting Sunday, April 14th. We are also looking forward to a couple of baptisms as well. (Hooray!)

- April 14/ 21st Dexter Crawford Baptism and Faith Statement
- April 28th Nathan Jackson Baptism and Faith Statement
- May 5th Molly Harres & Mason Ax
- May 12th Kellan Brunkhorst
- May 19th Eli Kirk
- May 26th Grant Bolyard

Director of Christian Ed Denise Johnson

Youth updates and important information

Vacation Bible School

Time to Register for Vacation Bible School Camp Firelight

June 10-14 9:00 am to Noon

Register using this link or QR Code

<https://www.stpaulcolumbia.org/event-registration.html>



“Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in you.” (Psalm 56:3)

During Vacation Bible School, we will join Counselor Sam and Lumen, “Lu,” the lightning bug puppet, for a summer adventure at Camp Firelight. We accompany Counselor Sam and Lu as they learn to face their fears while trusting in God. We will explore timeless Bible stories showing how Old and New Testament Bible figures trusted God, faced their fears, and went on to do wonderful things in God’s name. As we experience the stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, we will learn ways to connect with and trust God. And best of all, we will understand how we can connect with God at VBS, church, home, and every area of our lives. We are invited on an exciting journey where we will learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with us, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God’s love through Jesus Christ. Adults and Youth entering sixth grade to 12th grade in the fall can be volunteers! Please contact Denise Johnson for questions or to volunteer at christianed@stpaulcolumbia.org or 618-340-2952.



April Messy Church

Thursday, April 25

5:30 pm

Be Who You Are Called to Be! Isaiah 6:8 “Then I heard the Lord’s voice saying, “Whom should I send, and who will go for us?” I said, “I’m here, send me!” We will explore what it means to make a difference by being who you are called to be. We are all called. Have you ever felt as if God was calling you to a specific task? What gifts do you have that can help make a difference in our community? Come and explore with us join in the fun, food and fellowship!

HERE I AM
LORD
SEND ME
ISAIAH 6 : 8



We will be celebrating “Senior Recognition Sunday” on Sunday, May 19, at our 9:30 am church service. During the service, we will invite our graduates to the front of the sanctuary, where they will be recognized, honored, and blessed. A special gift will be presented to each senior. After the service, we will celebrate in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments provided by the Board of Christian Education, and the congregation will have a chance to congratulate the Class of 2024.



Summer Camp at Camp DuBois

It’s time to unplug and jump into a week of awesome, low-tech fun.

At Dubois Center kids can be kids and get dirty, have fun and make memories that last a lifetime. Camp is about connecting face to face with cabin-mates and leaders. Camp is a safe place to try new things, learn about God and grow as a person. Camp is a place to laugh, sing, play and pray together.

For more information go to: www.DuBoisCenter.org

Note: **St. Paul covers half of the cost of sending your child to camp.** Fill out the registration form, pay your half of the camp fee to DuBois Center, make a copy of the registration form and turn it in to the church office.

Give your child the gift of a faith-filled summer camp experience this year.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Free Mindfulness Meditation Course

A Mindfulness Meditation course, for beginners and those who want to refresh their practice, is being offered on a complimentary basis to St. Paul United Church of Christ members.

Sundays from April 7- May 5
10:45-11:45 am

Mindfulness Meditation is secular and appropriate for people from all cultures and religious traditions. Students will be in a comfortable seated position for this course. The maximum class size is 12 students, on a first come, first served basis.



Why Meditate?

- Increased Compassion for Self and Others,
- Loving-Kindness,
- Reduced Stress and Anxiety,
- Emotional Balance,
- Reduced Reactivity,
- Increased Focus, Creativity, Productivity and Joy,
- Lower Blood Pressure,
- Increased Immune Functioning

This Years Topics Include:
Intro/Review, Forgiveness, Grief, Gratitude, Joy

The Mindfulness Meditation Facilitator is Joan Gibbs, a retired international hotel sales executive who has been meditating since 1996, and has graduated from a two year Mindfulness Meditation Teachers Training Program certified by the Greater Good Science Center at the University of California-Berkeley and the Awareness Training Institute.

Sign up in the Welcome Center today or email
Denise Johnson christianed@stpaulcolumbia.org.


SAVE THE DATE

Birthday POTLUCK

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Join us as we celebrate everyone’s birthday and kick off the year of the 175th birthday of St. Paul UCC!

Watch for signups in the Welcome Center coming soon!



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<p>Kindercottage</p>	<p>1 10 am Staff Mtg 7pm Property 7pm Stewardship Board</p>	<p>2 9 am Preschool 6pm Daisy Scouts 7pm Graceful Motherhood Fellowship 7pm Next Chapter Moms 7pm Boy Scout Troop 357</p>	<p>3 9 am Preschool 10am Morning Bells 3:30 pm Kids Crew 6pm Evening Bells 6pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4 9am Preschool 5:30 pm Youth Night 5:30 pm Personnel 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Executive Committee</p>	<p>5 8 am Quilters</p>	<p>6 8 am Men's Group 10 am Faith Recharge Class</p>
<p>7 Collections 9:30 Worship & communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Social Time 10:45 Mindfulness Meditation 11:00 am New Member Class</p>	<p>8 10 am Staff Mtg 6pm Band Practice 6pm Daisy Troop 449 6pm Finance 7pm Consistory</p>	<p>9 9am Preschool 7pm Boy Scout Troop 357</p>	<p>10 9 am Preschool 10am Morning Bells 3:30 pm Kids Crew 6pm Evening Bells 6pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11 9 am Preschool 7 pm Evangelism 7pm Cemetery</p>	<p>12 8 am Quilters</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 9:30 Worship and New Member Welcome 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Social Time 10:45 Mindfulness Meditation</p>	<p>15 10 am Staff Meeting 6 pm Grand Manor Swansea 7:30 pm Board of Worship</p>	<p>16 9 am Preschool 7pm Graceful Motherhood Fellowship</p>	<p>17 9 am Preschool 10am Morning Bells 3:30 pm Kids Crew 6pm Evening Bells 6pm Girl Scout Troop Leaders 6pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18 9 am Preschool 5:30 pm Youth Night 7pm Pastoral Relations</p>	<p>19 8 am Quilters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rummage Sale</p>	<p>20 10 am Faith Recharge Class</p>
<p>21 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Social Time 10:45 Mindfulness Meditation 3:00 pm Game Night</p>	<p>22 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Tech Team 6 pm Band Practice 6pm Girl Scout Daisy Troop 449 7pm Book Club</p>	<p>23 9am Preschool</p>	<p>24 9 am Preschool 10am Morning Bells 3:30 pm Kids Crew 6pm Evening Bells 6pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>25 9 am Preschool 5:30 pm Messy Church</p>	<p>26 8 am Quilters</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Social Time 10:45 Mindfulness Meditation</p>	<p>29 10 am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Band Practice</p>	<p>30 9am Preschool</p>				

Memorials



Memorial and Tribute Fund

In Memory of Betty Jean Kirk given by:

Bill and Ellen Lewis

Sheldon Culver

Patricia Rauch

LaVonna Propst

Carol Reichert

Lea Berry

Linda Kresko

Penny Eplin

Debbie Franke

Alan and Sherry Dooley

Martin and Jacqueline Kaempfe

Will and Shirley Myers

Memorial and Tribute Fund

In Memory of Eileen Stumpf given by:

Bob and Lisa Goessling

Barry and Cathy Hoffmann

Bob and Tara Schulmeister

Patty and Steve Crook

Rosalaie Fauerbash

Eunice Miller

Nativity Set

In Memory of Arlen Harres given by:

Rich and Gail Hollis

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Financial Report

	February		Year to Date	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Revenue				
Tithes & Offerings:				
Pledged & NonPledged	33,392.00	30,312.00	66,120.54	66,246.87
Misc. Contributions	731.00	264.00	1,010.00	646.00
Interest Income	29.66	81.82	693.67	723.06
Endowment Interest Income	0.00	0.00	13,673.91	13,928.30
Rental Income	250.00	0.00	850.00	0.00
Misc Income	2,439.94	5,260.94	2,543.94	8,337.43
Total Revenues	36,842.60	35,918.76	84,892.06	89,881.66
Expenses				
Personnel	32,489.89	32,662.82	64,641.93	65,614.93
General Expenses	8,835.01	9,948.31	18,167.86	17,632.60
* OCWM	0.00	4,255.30	0.00	4,255.30
Total Expenses	41,324.90	46,866.43	82,809.79	87,502.83
Net Receipts	(4,482.30)	(10,947.67)	2,082.27	2,378.83
RESERVES			98,537.89	86,639.40
*OCWM 10,000.00 out of St Paul Mission (833.33 monthly)				

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your current contact information?

We don't want you to miss out on any information. If you haven't been receiving emails, chances are we don't have a current email address for you, or the email went to your spam.

If you are unsure, please contact Amanda in the office by email (see below) or call 618-281-5102.

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