

# *THE PATHFINDER*

For God  
SO LO**V**ED THE WORLD  
TH**A**T HE GAVE HIS  
ON**L**Y  
BEGOTT**E**N  
SON **S**O  
TH**A**T WHOEVER  
BEL**I**EVES  
**I**N HIM SHALL  
HAV**E** EVERLASTING  
*Life*  
John 3:16



# Encounters with Christ: A Journey Through Mark

## Sermon Series - February 2024

February's sermon series will take us through a sequential journey in the Gospel of Mark. We will explore four distinct narratives where Jesus encounters individuals in need, displaying His power to heal, restore, and transform lives. Each week, we will seek to understand the deeper spiritual implications of these encounters and apply Jesus' teachings to our modern lives.

### **February 4, 2024**

"Healing at Hand: Restoring the Sabbath" (Mark 1:29-39)

Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law and many others, emphasizing the restoration that comes with the Kingdom of God.

We'll explore the significance of healing on the Sabbath and what it means to find rest in Christ. The sermon will challenge us to seek spiritual restoration in Jesus and to become agents of restoration in our communities.

### **February 11, 2024**

"The Touch of Transformation: Embracing the Outcast" (Mark 1:40-45)

Jesus heals a man with leprosy, demonstrating His willingness to touch and restore those who are marginalized.

This message will delve into the themes of compassion, social stigma, and the transformative power of Christ's touch. We'll consider how we can follow Jesus' example in reaching out to those who feel excluded or unlovable.

### **February 18, 2024**

"Faith That Breaks Barriers: The Paralytic's Plight" (Mark 2:1-12)

Four friends lower a paralyzed man through a roof to get to Jesus, showing the lengths to which faith will go for healing.

The sermon will highlight the importance of community in the journey of faith and the barriers that we must overcome to bring others to Christ. We'll be encouraged to consider what 'roofs' we need to dismantle in our efforts to help others encounter Jesus.

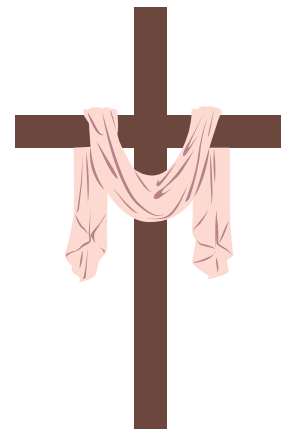
### **February 25, 2024**

"New Wine into New Wineskins: The Call for Renewal" (Mark 2:13-22)

Jesus calls Levi, eats with sinners, and teaches about the incompatibility of new wine in old wineskins. This talk will address the radical inclusivity of Jesus' call and the new way of life He inaugurates, which cannot be contained within old structures. We'll discuss the need for personal and corporate renewal in the church to fully embrace and live out the gospel.

Each sermon will offer practical steps for application and opportunities for the congregation to respond, whether through prayer, reflection, service, or community engagement. The series aims to deepen our understanding of Jesus's ministry in Mark's Gospel and inspire us to live out our faith with boldness and compassion.

## *From the Desk of Pastor Jonathan*



Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we enter the second month of our new year, the embers of new beginnings continue to warm our aspirations. February welcomes us into the contemplative embrace of Lent, a time for introspection, repentance, and preparation for the coming of Easter. The prophet Isaiah reminds us, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:18-19). This is a sacred season that beckons us closer to the heart of God, urging us to shed the old and put on the new in Christ (Ephesians 4:22-24).

As we engage with the Lenten season, we are also navigating through a period of transition within our church's Consistory. We have been blessed by the wise counsel and the expertise that our outgoing members have brought having sacrificially given of their time and resources to our community. We release them with God's manifold blessings. We also look forward with excitement at the new members that are joining us. Together, we can look forward to a renewed sense of purpose and direction.

Let us hold fast to the encouragement found in Scripture, as we read in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." As we embrace these new chapters, let us do so with the understanding that God orchestrates our beginnings and our endings for our good and God's glory.

As the excitement of the new year remains vibrant within us, may we carry this energy into the Lenten season. Let us heed the wisdom of St. Augustine, who said, "Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence." May our fasting be from all that hinders love and our feasting be on all that nurtures hope and community.

May this time of Lent be one of profound growth and spiritual enrichment for you and for the entire family of St. Paul UCC.

Walking with you in God's mercy,  
Pastor Jonathan

# Lenten Sermon Series

## **Week 1: Ash Wednesday -February 14- Pastor Jonathan Bangera**

Title: Dust to Dust: Humility and the Human Condition

Scripture: Psalm 51:17; Matthew 5:3--4

Theme: Recognizing our frailty and need for a Savior.

Focus: As we receive the ashes, we are reminded of our mortality and our need for humility in seeking justice. We will explore how understanding our human condition under the shadow of the cross can inspire us to act justly towards one another.

## **Week 2 - February 21 -Pastor Steve Barrett, Bethany Church, Columbia**

Title: The Weight of the Wait: Patience in Pursuit of Promise

Scripture: James 5:7--8; Luke 2:25--32

Waiting on God's timing in a world that demands instant solutions.

In a society that often seeks quick fixes, the cross challenges us to patient advocacy and long-term commitment to justice. We'll discuss how to faithfully serve and wait in a world of injustice, without losing hope.

## **Week 3- February 28 Pastor Julie Kies, Interim Associate Minister**

Title: Voices from the Margins: Listening to the Silenced

Scripture: Proverbs 31:8--9; Luke 4:18--19

Giving voice to those who are marginalized as Jesus did.

The message of the cross is also a call to justice. We will examine how to listen and respond to the marginalized in our society, following Jesus' example of uplifting the downtrodden.

## **Week 4 -March 6- Pastor Jonathan Bangera**

Title: Restorative Righteousness: The Justice of the Cross

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5--6; Romans 3:25--26

Understanding how the cross brings both mercy and justice together.

We will delve into the concept of restorative justice as demonstrated on the cross and discuss how we can be agents of restorative righteousness in a broken world.

## **Week 5- March 13 -Pastor Todd Mushaney, Christ UCC Dupo**

Title: The Currency of Compassion: Investing in Others

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:9; Matthew 19:16--22

Generosity as an act of worship and a reflection of Christ's sacrifice.

We will look at how the cross compels us to examine how we view our investments of time, resources, and compassion. The only way we can truly exemplify Christ's love is by surrendering our insecurities to him.

## **Week 6- March 20 -Pastor Matt Friz, St. Paul UCC Floraville**

Title: Forgiven to Forgive: The Economy of Grace

Scripture: Colossians 3:13; Matthew 18:21--22

Embracing and extending forgiveness as we reflect on Jesus' forgiveness from the cross.

The cross is the ultimate symbol of forgiveness. We'll explore how receiving grace empowers us to offer forgiveness, even within the complex arena of social justice, and how this can lead to healing and reconciliation.

## **Week 7: Holy Week March 27 -Pastor Jonathan Bangera**

Title: The Triumph of Tragedy: Hope Beyond the Grave

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:54--57; John 16:33

The hope and promise of the resurrection amidst the pain and suffering of the world.

As we approach the culmination of Lent, we will reflect on the tragedy of the cross and the triumph of the empty tomb, finding hope in Jesus' victory over death and injustice



# Congratulations

*We give a warm welcome to our new 2024 Consistory.  
We look forward to the wonderful things ahead in the upcoming year!*

President - Susan Hibbits  
Vice President - Diana Kleinschmidt  
Secretary - Wendy Stout  
Shirley Asselmeier  
Susie Busch  
Rob Dehn  
Diane Hanna  
Susan Kuergeleis  
Faye Mehrmann  
Paul Tarr  
Mark Thompson  
Chris Trowbridge

*A special thank you to those members whose terms on Consistory have come to an end.  
We greatly appreciate all you did for St. Paul UCC!*

Dennis Hoguet  
Shirley Bergmann  
Shirley Hoy  
Carrie Clayton  
Al Wolfe

# Consistory Corner

BY FAYE MEHRMANN

## 2023 was quite a year!

- Thanks to our Transition Team and Search Committee, we have Pastor Jonathan and his wonderful family. They have settled into the parsonage.
- Our church attendance is starting to recover after covid.
- We have started the fifth Sunday of the month potlucks, which have been very well attended!
- Messy Church is on the last Thursday of every month. If you haven't attended Messy Church you should. It has something for all ages – good food, crafts, fellowship, and devotional.
- We had a successful craft and cookie sale to benefit Maui. Many other successful missions were sponsored by the Mission and Stewardship Committee.
- The Little Friends Preschool is going strong.
- We have had several Parents Nights Out, with the proceeds going to various missions of the church.
- Our youth groups are meeting again.
- Our Sunday School performed a terrific Christmas program under the leadership of Denise Johnson and Jim Kimker.
- We now have liturgists to help with the Sunday morning worship services. If you are interested in being a liturgist, contact Debbie Volmert.

Our Consistory has 5 new members. We need to give special thanks to our outgoing President, Dennis Hoguet, who served on the Consistory an extra year to lead us through this transition period. Please keep our new officers and Consistory members in your prayers. Feel free to contact them with any concerns you may have regarding the church.

**Here's to a wonderful 2024!**

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## Board of Evangelism

BY DIANE HANNA

At our January meeting, we started planning the new year. Here are some of the results:

1. We are making our "Game Night" a monthly event. We will meet the third Sunday of every month from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome! Bring a favorite game and a snack to share.
2. Our 5th Sunday Potlucks will be held in June, September and December. We will skip March, since the 5th Sunday is Easter.
3. We will be distributing questionnaires about small groups. Pastor Jonathan has started his class and a group of mothers of younger children are meeting. We would like to add more groups, but need suggestions about the type of group that interests you. It could be Parents of Teens, Men's Breakfast, Cooking – the possibilities are endless, but we need to know what folks want to do. They can be a Bible study group, a mission-based group, or a social group to discuss a common issue. Watch for the questionnaires and give us your feedback.

# Maui Fundraiser

A decorative border made of bamboo stalks. At the top left and top right corners, there are clusters of green leaves and a single bright orange hibiscus flower. At the bottom left and bottom right corners, there are white rope knots tied around the bamboo stalks.

Our craft fair and cookie sale was held on December 17, in conjunction with our annual children's Christmas program.

All crafts and cookies were made by people in our church. Besides the crafts and cookies, the local Boy Scout Troop made wooden Christmas trees and donated the proceeds from the sale of those to our fund raiser. The committee wants to thank each and every one who baked cookies and made crafts.

A special thank you to the Boy Scouts.

We raised \$6,222.04. The Consistory voted to match the proceeds of our sale up to \$5,000. Our church will be honored to donate \$11,222.04 to help our brothers and sisters in Maui with their recovery after the devastating fire.

This could not have been done without the continued support and generosity of our congregation.

Faye Mehrmann  
Susan Kuergeleis  
Diana Kleinschmidt  
Shirley Bergmann

# Board of Mission and Stewardship

BY LYNDA SAUER

January turned into a very cold month. Our mission was Moms on a Mission. They sent out an emergency appeal when the cold weather hit, and you really responded in a huge way with blankets, coats, hand warmers, boots, etc. Thank you to all who helped in this mission.

Our February mission is similar to January. The Violence Prevention Center in Belleville will be the focus for this month. Following is the list they sent us.

- Pillows
- Bath towels and Wash Cloths
- Bedding (twin and full size)
- Leggings (all sizes needed)
- Comfortable Bras
- Underwear (all sizes and genders)
- Sweat shirts and pants (all sizes for men and women)
- Men's Hygiene items
- Body Wash
- African American hair products
- Gas cards
- Gift cards
- Canned meat
- Cereal
- Kid friendly snacks
- Pasta
- Quick and Easy Meals
- Cooking Oil
- Sugar
- Flower
- Rice



In the month of February, we are gearing up for our Valentine's Day celebration...creating valentines! Beginning February 1st, we will begin enrollment for returning students/families. Starting March 1st, registration will be available to the public. If you (or anyone that you know) is interested, registration can be done on our preschool portion of the church web site. All students must be 3 by September 1st and potty trained. The registration fee must be paid to secure a child's spot. We are currently working on a preschool pizza night fundraiser. Details will soon be coming!





# Care Connection

by Joanne Counce



## The Red of February

When thinking of the health focus of February, the color **RED** comes to mind! This is Heart Health month and knowing how we should prepare ourselves in numerous ways in keeping the heart healthy.

Red is also the color seen when donating blood to the RED CROSS, hospitals, etc. The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Blood is needed for lifesaving medical procedures, cancer patients when treatment affects the blood, sickle cell anemia patients, regular surgeries, etc. Blood banks say the number of people donating blood dropped sharply during and after the pandemic as people working from home stopped participating in office blood drives. Anyone age 17 years old and up are able to donate every 56 days. There is no upper age limit. If diabetic, and have trouble controlling blood sugar, then need to wait. You can schedule a donor appointment with the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS, or through [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Columbia has sites at Turners, Immaculate Conception School at various times of the year.

Red is also the color we associate with Valentine's Day to express our love and affection for our loved ones. The Bible does not have any specific message about the holiday since the dates back to the 14th century, but it does have a lot to say about love!

1 John 4:7-12

Dear friends: let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

So with this Bible verse, let us love ourselves by taking care of our health and love one another by taking a small step of blood donation in helping in their health needs

# BOOK CLUB

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

This month will feature:

- **February - The Secret Daughter by Kelly Rimmer**

A story about the enduring power of a mother's love and strength. Determined to find the woman who gave her away, what Sabine discovered will change everything for the women who have loved her all these years.

**And coming soon...**

- March - The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce
- April - Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto
- May - The Heaven and Earth Grocery Shop by James McBride



- December 3- 149
- December 10- 179
- December 17- 249
- December 24 9:30- 146
- December 24 6:30- 204
- December 24 11:00- 47
- December 31 - 146



### Health Tip!

With the cold, flu, and increase numbers of COVID-19, please feel comfortable to wear a mask at church if you desire, and be respectful of those that will do so. When Passing the Peace in the church service, give the person a wave or a nod with your smile if want to avoid direct contact.

Stay healthy!

## 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

### James K. Combs

Marine Sgt.  
Son of Jim & Debbie Combs

### Jack Augustin

U.S. Army  
Son of Jason & Shelly Augustin

### Sean Parrin

Army Ranger - Italy  
Nephew of Jody & Jeff Taake



### Luke Volmert

U.S. Peace Corp- Morraco

# Youth Ministry News

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JULIE

## Youth Fun Stuff

The cold wasn't stopping the fun at the Frostbite Fun Event at DuBois Center on Saturday, January 13. Pastor Jen from St. John's in Collinsville led the youth in mixer games, story and drama centered on Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. In the afternoon, they had unstructured/loads of free time to visit the horses, hike or play games. Pastor Julie, Molly and Nathan got all the way around the lake before the weather came in. Then we grouped up with Miss Joan and Eli for a competitive but friendly game of hangman. Kellan (and Eli) made new friends with kids from Waterloo. We shared a camp-classic mostaccioli supper and had worship and smores in Hickory Lodge before braving the snow for the trip home.

We had a fun group for our recent third-Thursday youth night. Ben, Eli, Jesse and Drew gathered for Ping Pong, cup stacking and a cocoa bar on the third floor. In our second hour we penciled a word cloud on one of the prayer room walls. Next time we will add the paint. Join the fun next time on February 1st. We meet for a couple of hours, starting at 5:30 pm.



Mark Your Calendars....  
You won't want to miss these events!

Parent Night Out is shaping up to be an energetic evening of games and crafts for youngsters and youth volunteers on Saturday, February 10

The next morning, youth are making sandwiches for the SouperBowl of Caring. No matter which team you are supporting for the big game, you can enjoy a tasty sub and give back to the community with your donation that benefits local food ministries. Youth arrive at 8:00 am on Sunday, February 11 to put sandwiches together!



On Saturday, February 17, we'll gather on the Bottom Avenue parking lot for a trip to the St. Louis Science Center for a star show and exhibits. The bus will leave at noon and return around 4:30 pm.

Please RSVP to Pastor Julie or Miss Denise if you are interested in joining us.

We are planning a trip to the Arch Museum on Sunday afternoon, March 10. We would like a sense of how many plan to join us and the level of interest in taking the tram to the top. Please RSVP (Tram tickets are about \$15.) Look for more information via email or text.

# Confirmation

Confirmands continue to explore their faith and are now looking for meaningful Bible passages to learn from memory and developing their service project to help the environment. Would you like to join our youth for a DuBois Center Work Day? Let us know! Do you have a favorite bible passage? Tell a confirmand! We will be traveling again soon, to visit other faith communities and tour the Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum. We are meeting at 9:30 am on the Bottom Avenue parking lot on February 3 for the museum and heading to the St. Clair Masjid during Ramadan in March.

## February Messy Church

Thursday, February 29  
5:30 pm



February Messy Church is Learning to live together Micah 6:6-8.  
What might God be asking from us does it feel like a burden or a gift?  
What does justice look like/ feel like to you?  
What does loving kindness look like / feel like for you? what about walking home with God?

March Messy Church will be on  
Thursday, March 21  
at 5:30 pm.

Come and join us for food, fellowship as we explore these questions?

A flyer for 'Graceful Motherhood Fellowship' with a green and gold floral design. The text includes: 'New!', 'Graceful Motherhood Fellowship', 'Small Group Bible Study for Moms with Young Kids (Newborn-4th Grade)', 'First and Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 PM', 'Starting January 2, 2024', 'Held at St. Paul UCC-Columbia', 'Strengthening Faith while raising children.', 'For inquiries and sign up please contact Carrie Clayton 618-444-2902 or carrieclayton12@gmail.com', and 'Mom of a middle or high schooler and would like to start a small group? Contact Carrie'.

# Director of Christian Ed Denise Johnson

## YOUTH UPDATES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our Youth Group is hosting a **Parents' Night Out** Valentine Fun Night on February 3, 2024, from 6:00pm to 10:00 pm. Ages 3 to fourth grade are invited to join us for a night of crafts, games, food, storytelling, and a movie.

To Register go to our website: [stpaulcolumbia.org](http://stpaulcolumbia.org)  
Free will donations for Souper Bowl of Caring: Fight Hunger.  
Come and join the fun!  
Invite your friends!



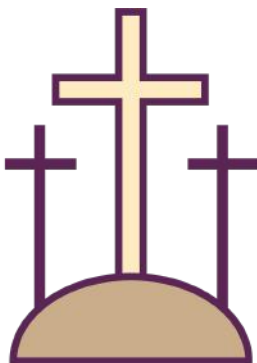
## Vacation Bible School

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School **Camp Firelight**

June 10-14 9:00 am to Noon

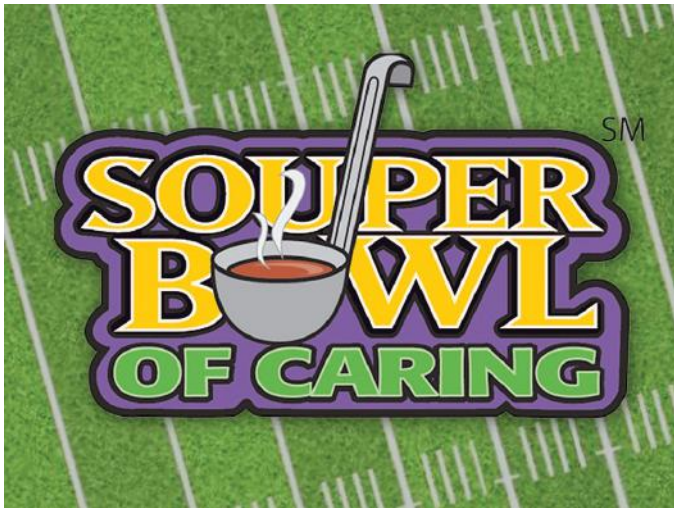
“Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in you.” (Psalm 56:3)

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.






### Be on the Lookout!

The Lenten Devotional will be available and handed out on Sunday, February 11 and also Ash Wednesday



We are excited we will again be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring: Tackle Hunger campaign. "Since 1990 over 170 million has been reported donated to local food charities across fifty states with over 300,000 unique groups participating. our Subs for Hunger this year.

The Youth Fellowship will be promoting, selling, and preparing their unique Subs for Hunger. All youth fifth grade through eighth grade are invited to help with this mission project on Sunday, February 11 at 8:30 a.m. to assemble sub sandwiches. Youth will have tables set up at 10:30 a.m. in Welcome Center and Fellowship Hall to pick up your sub sandwiches. Please fill out the order form may be put in the offering plate or return to church before Wednesday, February 7th.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS PARTICIPATING IN THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: TACKLE HUNGER CAMPAIGN. "SINCE 1990, OVER 170 MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN DONATED TO LOCAL FOOD CHARITIES ACROSS FIFTY STATES WITH OVER 300,000 UNIQUE GROUPS PARTICIPATING.

YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS EFFORT BY ORDERING SUB SANDWICHES BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7. ORDER FORMS MAY BE PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR TURNED INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE. THE SUB SANDWICHES WILL BE READY FOR PICKUP ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FROM 10:30-11:30 AM.

**COST: \$7 PER SANDWICH**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_



**NUMBER OF SANDWICHES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BREAD CHOICE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ WHITE

\_\_\_\_\_ WHEAT

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4 Scout Sunday Kindercottage Collection 9:30 Worship & communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Social Time	5 10 am Staff Mtg 6pm Band Bradford Place Swansea 7pm Property 7pm Stewardship Board	6 9 am Preschool 7pm Graceful Motherhood Fellowship 7pm Boy Scout Troop 357	7 9 am Preschool 10am Morning Bells 3:30 pm Kids Crew 6pm Evening Bells 6pm Confirmation 7pm Chancel Choir	8 9 am Preschool 7 pm Evangelism 7pm Cemetery	9 8 am Quilters	10
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# Memorials



## **General Fund**

**In Memory of Herman and Eleanora Faust given by:**

Carol Jean Faust

## **Memorials and Tributes Fund**

**In Memory of George Eckert given by:**

Carol Jean Faust

Ruby Faust

## **Labyrinth Fund**

**In Memory of Edna Dell Weinel given by:**

James Weinel

## **Nativity Set**

**In Memory of Arlen Harres given by:**

Michael and Dawn Markus

Nathan and Kristin Butler



## Our Members in Senior Living

Garden Place  
480 DD Rd.  
Columbia, IL 62236  
618-281-4200  
Clarice Giffhorn Rm. 204  
Ed Schutte Rm. Rm. 113  
Grace Volkert Rm. 110

Dammert G.C.  
The Esquiline  
Betty Lou Carle  
726 Community Dr.  
Belleville, IL 62223

Garden Place  
Gene Haller: Apt 15  
735 Columbia Ave.  
Waterloo, IL 62298  
618-223-5834

Magnolia Terrace  
Mary Fassel  
623 Hamacher St.  
Apt 122  
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## Our Members in Nursing Homes

Integrity  
Dorothy Klein  
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Columbia, IL 62236

Eden Village  
Nira Probstmeyer  
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Glen Carbon, IL 62034

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Gladys Ludwig  
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618-939-3488

# Financial Report

	December		Year to Date	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings:</b>				
Pledged & NonPledged	48,766.00	57,588.98	381,489.35	412,499.37
Misc. Contributions	379.00	1,399.00	6,946.75	9,416.00
Interest Income	743.81	1,856.25	4,667.49	6,055.11
Endowment Interest Income	0.00	0.00	55,004.19	55,339.81
Rental Income	250.00	250.00	1,150.00	2,450.00
** Misc Income	287.00	17,502.83	29,146.76	57,999.98
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>50,425.81</b>	<b>78,597.06</b>	<b>478,404.54</b>	<b>543,760.27</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personnel	33,250.63	30,770.72	343,366.80	375,124.78
General Expenses	16,970.25	15,180.31	132,910.55	148,324.14
* OCWM	5,860.73	8,036.31	34,616.77	39,278.33
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>56,081.61</b>	<b>53,987.34</b>	<b>510,894.12</b>	<b>562,727.25</b>
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>(5,655.80)</b>	<b>24,609.72</b>	<b>(32,489.58)</b>	<b>(18,966.98)</b>
<b>RESERVES</b>			<b>89,901.05</b>	<b>70,934.07</b>
*OCWM 10,000.00 out of St Paul Mission (833.33 monthly)				
**Income 2023: \$25,000.00 from Fundraising fund, \$15,000.00 from Edna Dell Weinel bequest				

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## The Pathfinder

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