

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CHRIS



“Pitching a Big Enough Tent”

There’s a great story told about Max DePree, the former legendary CEO of Herman Miller office furniture. It seems that Mr. DePree was asked to consult with another company’s board of directors. The morning came, and the conference room filled with the men who led the company. The appointed time arrived to begin the meeting, and Max DePree was supposed to offer the welcome to get the meeting started. However, he instead sat in silence and looked at his hands as minutes ticked by. Finally, someone tapped his shoulder and said, “Mr. DePree, everyone is waiting; we are ready for you to begin the meeting.” It is then that this organizational genius looked around the room and

asked, “How can we begin? Not everyone is here. There are no women or persons of color here.” He went on to point out how this company lacked diversity in its leadership, and so was losing its edge in the marketplace.

This story about a great Michigan leader also holds a lesson for the Church. I’ve come to believe the Church is strongest when our vision leads us to build relationship with a wide range of diverse people. Christ’s gospel of new life, release from sin, and abundant joy is so compelling that it calls us to invite everyone along.

Some religious groups require strict adherence to a long list of doctrines & beliefs. The fancy word for right beliefs is “orthodoxy”, and is generally a positive thing unless it is used to punish or exclude those who do not hold all the “right beliefs”. United Methodists are generally more interested in “orthopraxy”, meaning right actions. The behaviors for living out our faith in Christ - through mercy, witness, justice, tolerance - we place greater emphasis on than holding to the exact same doctrines with the exact same conviction. For United Methodists we do well to follow John Wesley’s 3 simple rules:

- Do no harm;
- Do good;
- Stay in love with God

I celebrate when I look around Central Church to the places where ministry happens among diverse groups. I see it when our youngest and oldest sit together at a Wednesday meal. I see it when Community Outreach guests meet for bible study and offer their wisdom for how they see the world. I see it when the Boyz of Oz, a service group of gay men who meet in our building, join church members to serve dinner to Safe Harbor guests. I also see it when people at Central disagree respectfully over social issues, listening to one another as if there is actually something to learn.

In these and other graced moments, we are living the gospel together. We are pitching a big enough tent to include the whole world. We are building relationships out of which love and redemption can sprout. What makes a church great? For me, more than having its members believing exactly the same things, it is the Christ-honoring nature of our actions. Or to quote Max De Pree in the secular realm, “As I get older, I’m more and more convinced of one thing: What really counts in our lives is not our technical competence, but the quality of our relationships.”

Inspired at what God is growing,

Pastor Chris

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What if church were more than a building?

Have you seen this tag line on our recent church advertising in the newspaper and elsewhere? What does it mean to you?

To me, it means that our experience of church should be more than a place we come on Sunday. Church is not only a physical location, but also a frame of mind, an activity, a family of people aspiring to do the work of Christ. When we take this view of church, it becomes so much more meaningful and deep. Corporate worship is very important for us as individuals as well as our faith community, but many people see church as just that, a beautiful building where they spend an hour every week or a few times a year. What else is Central Church besides a 100 year old, beautiful Traverse City Landmark?

Right now I'm thinking about our Chinese New Year celebration that took place in Fellowship hall yesterday. Many of you might not have heard about it, the idea came up last minute and the planning took place quickly. Jojo Atkinson, a member of Central Church and recently from China, dreamed up this wonderful way to teach the congregation about her heritage, as well as reach out to the Chinese Interlochen students and help them celebrate this very important holiday in an authentic way. 30 or more Interlochen students came in on a bus to Central Church, they participated in games, listened to traditional music, helped make dumplings, and ate a delicious meal together. About 40 or 50 people from Central and the Traverse City community also attended and had the chance to meet some of the students, as well as learn more about Chinese culture. All this took place in Fellowship Hall, which was transformed for the afternoon into a festive room filled with red lanterns, glittery decorations and Chinese symbols. This is one example of how Central Church is more than just a building.

We have many other examples as well. Hopefully you are aware of the many ways you can become connected and involved at Central. There are many opportunities, from participating in an ongoing Junction Group with others, or serving breakfast or lunch to Traverse City's hungry and homeless during Community Outreach. Or, maybe playing on the church volleyball team or coming to a

presentation about the Boardman River Restoration Project is more your interest. If you would like to talk with someone about the many possibilities at Central, please email me and I'll arrange for you to meet with a member of the connections team.

If Central is where you come to worship, I hope you find ways to make your experience more meaningful no matter your needs or interests. Growing in your relationship with God through study and discussion, while doing Christ's work in the community and elsewhere is a very important part of Central Church, both at an individual level, as well as the whole church family collectively.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Alline Beutler,
Director of Adult Christian Education
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Coming up in February



- Family Love Letters
- Estate Planning: Following your life through General Estate Planning- Assisted Living- & Long-Term Care planning
- Boardman River Restoration Project
- Parenting is a Journey
- Justice for the Poor
- Cabin Fever Fun Night
- Why? Making Sense of God's Will
- Parables and Proverbs
- Faithlink



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CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In today's society of after school sports and activities at all hours of the evening, dinner as a family is a hard thing to come by, but there are certain dates that my family can plan on resting their arms on our cold granite counter top and digging into a predictable meal.

A few years ago, in an effort to educate myself and my family on the history of certain holidays on our calendar each year, I began to cook my way through a history lesson. For example, did you know Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite foods included fried pork chops, sweet potatoes, mac and cheese, biscuits and sweet tea? This is not normal fair for our family and when I first set it down in front of the four of us, the questioning started, and the lesson began.....

In an effort to bring more faith lessons to our home this year, I'm planning on adding a few more religious holidays to our annual meal plan. Coming up next; Fat Tuesday, in order to be intentional around a Lenten conversation. Try this website for some history and recipes: http://catholicism.about.com/od/catholicliving/tp/Fat_Tuesday_Recipes.htm

Though the food is the conversation starter, I also come to the table armed with a history lesson, and a challenge for the upcoming year. I look forward to our Lenten conversation and how the span of time between Ash Wednesday and Easter is set aside for us to put more Jesus into our lives, not just picking something to sacrifice without knowing where that tradition started. What we do in Lent by Anne Kitch is a great resource for this. I will put copies to purchase or borrow in the church office.

Knowledge is power, and I pray that you find a way to bring faith home this year.

Ann Porter, Children's Education Director
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Coming Events:

Family Movie Night

Friday, February 10

6:00 p.m. dinner, 6:45 movie

Enjoy a simple pizza dinner, then snuggle in for a G-rated movie and popcorn with your Central Church family!

Cabin Fever Fun Night

Wednesday, February 15

6:30-7:30 p.m.

You won't want to miss this inter-generational night of fellowship in midwinter, just as we are feeling antsy for spring!

Parent's Night Out

Friday, February 17

6:00-9:30 p.m.

FREE childcare and activities for kids of all ages, while parents enjoy a night out. Pre-registration required.

Heroes Elementary Youth Group

EVERY Wednesday

6:15-8:00 p.m.

Plan to join us on February 22 for a special Ash Wednesday lesson with Pastor Chris. 1st through 5th graders are invited to enjoy a mix of fun, fellowship, games and spiritual growth after the Wonderful Wednesday meal.

MISSIONS MINISTRIES



Our Mission Ministry team hopes that by becoming aware of all that is being done to help others locally and globally, that opportunities to work together will strengthen our efforts in our local and global communities. *Please join us.*



FEBRUARY MISSION PRAYERS

- **Henderson Settlement, Kentucky:** Pray for healing for David Teague, farm manager, who was in a serious tractor accident.
- **Rio Colorado Agricultural and Technical High School, Bolivia:** Pray for successful delivery and hook ups of computers we have helped to purchase.
- **Soaring Unlimited, Haiti:** Pray for healing for patients who come to the health clinic Central helped to build.
- **Vietnam Initiative:** Pray for spiritual and physical health for missionaries Karen and Ut Vo-To in their rigorous schedules.



CENTRAL MISSION PROJECT *Update*

FEBRUARY COIN OFFERING HELPS YOUTH

Our February coin offering will go to Bolivia to support the Methodist teaching ministry at Rio Colorado Agricultural and Technical High School. This is the only high school in a large radius in the Amazon River Basin. Most students are boarders and spend the school week at the high school. Central has helped to enhance the technical learning process by recently sending \$4,700 to buy new computers. They are to be purchased in Bolivia to provide computers geared to Spanish-speaking people. Our coin offering goes to provide all-around support for the school.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY - SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS IN MISSION

The Sonneman Family and the Mission Ministry team will serve the Wonderful Wednesday meal on March 7. The donated funds will become a part of the Kyle Sonneman Scholarship Fund. These funds will then be disbursed to assist young people to participate in Central's work mission projects.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Central is supporting two new missionaries in 2012:

- Dieudonne Karihano: He is serving in community development in Mozambique.
- Charissa Shawcross: She works in United Methodist medical facilities in Detroit.

These additions come as missionaries we have supported in recent years are now back living in the United States and not serving as missionaries: John and Suzanne Funk, Lori and Mike Tupper. We will continue our support of Karen and Ut Vo-To in their vigorous ministries in Vietnam.

About DIEUDONNE KARIHANO - His home country is Burundi and he is a graduate of Africa University. He works as an agriculturist and a community developer. Some of the programs in his work include: developing a herd of goats for milk, managing the United Methodist Center for Rural Development for production of chickens, eggs, pigs and vegetables, and helping to raise funds and crops for an orphanage.

TWO TRUCKS, ORPHANS and a GROWING COMMUNITY

- Soaring Unlimited in Haiti now has two pickup trucks to help transport people and freight. Members of Central church generously contributed to solve the transportation problem.
- There are a growing number of orphans in the area near Soaring Unlimited. Soaring Unlimited is cooperating with others on the possibility of a new facility for them. Soaring Unlimited's clinic is several miles outside of town but growth is heading toward its area. This includes a university and a factory to manufacture clothing.
- The excellence of the medical clinic Central helped build has received the attention of Michigan State's Medical School. Faculty and students have visited the clinic and a nearby hospital. There is anticipation that this will be a growing and continuing relationship.

PARISH NURSE NOTES & STEPHEN MINISTRY

Dear Friends,

As a member of this congregation and your Parish Nurse, I am challenged to deal with the emotions of my every day life and at times, yours. Amongst all the good that happens here at Central there is also sadness. We have friends who are dying, people packing up their homes and memories to start a new journey in assisted living, people working through the grief of losing a spouse or even two spouses, a child, a dear lifetime friend, a sister, a brother. Some of us are fighting cancer, and the side effects of treatments. We are healing from physical injuries and surgery. We know the labor of mental illness, and the struggles of financial distress.

How can I best help? I found this, and would like to share it with you, because as a church family we face these tough issues together. Nurses serve people through presence, companionship, and assurance of palliative (comfort) care. An empathetic presence is something everyone can offer to one who is suffering and their families. This is a commitment to listening and staying with them. We do not need to try to find “the right thing to say,” but rather make comments that are true, reliable, supportive, and caring. It will not be possible to make all fear, anger, and sadness disappear. These are real feelings that have to be experienced.

Our role is that of a companion on the journey.

- Companionship is about being present to another person’s pain; it is not about taking the pain away.
- Companionship is about going to the wilderness of the soul with another human being; it is not about thinking you are responsible for finding the way out.
- Companionship is about honoring the spirit; it is not about focusing on the intellect.
- Companionship is about listening with the heart; it is not about analyzing with the head.
- Companionship is about bearing witness to the struggles of others; it is not about judging or directing these struggles.
- Companionship is about walking alongside; it is not about leading or being lead.
- Companionship is about sacred silence; it does not require filling up every moment with words.
- Companionship is about being still; it is not about frantic movement forward.
- Companionship is about respecting disorder and confusion; it is not about imposing order and logic.
- Companionship is about learning from others; it is not about teaching them.
- Companionship is about curiosity; it is not about expertise.

May God help me be a good companion to each of you, and all of us to be good companions to each other.

Beth Whiting
Parish Nurse

“Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another.” Romans 12:10



“Illness”

The doctor called. More tests.
It’s been dragging on so long already.
The whole family is feeling the strain.

Illness.

Are you or someone you care for going into the hospital?

A Stephen Minister would like to be there for you both now and during your recovery.

A Stephen Minister will listen and help you find the resources to make it through this difficult time.

To learn more about this ministry contact one of the Stephen Leaders.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

2011 UMW year end report

Many thanks to all of the UMW members and other Church Members who assisted us in our projects during the year, and our wonderful maintenance staff of Dave and Bob. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

Through our rummage sales, Wednesday night dinners, Advent Cookie Walk, individual pledges. and other smaller projects, we have been able to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$9,692.00 in our mission to women, children and youth, as well as other special projects. Listed below are those we supported:

- Grand Traverse District pledge to mission and special gifts
- Grand Rapids Community House
- W. Michigan Conference - Clark Retirement Home Benevolent Fund
- W. Michigan Conference - Haiti Well Project

In Church we supported:

- CUMC Community Outreach
- CUMC Nursery Ministries
- CUMC Jr. and Sr. High Youth
- CUMC Van Ministry
- CUMC Christmas Broadcast
- CUMC Kid's Hope

In Community we supported

- Goodwill Inn
- Women's Resource Center
- Church Women United
- Abba House
- Pine Rest Clinic
- TCAPS Music program

Individual Fellowship projects

- Grand Traverse Baby Pantry
- Christmas Gift Cards for needy families
- Michael's Place
- Haiti School Supplies
- CUMC Nursery Ministries

We currently have four Fellowships with a total membership of 104, including life members. We have lost several members this year and also added some. We invite all women of the Church to attend any of our individual Fellowships and our General Meetings. We are grateful for our entire Church Family and welcome your prayers and support in our ongoing mission work for women, children and youth locally, nationally and globally in the coming year.



FEBRUARY GATHERINGS

UMW Executive Board Meeting

Feb. 1 at 9:45 am in the Church Library

Lunch Bunch

Feb. 1 at Noon in the Church Lounge

UMW General Meeting

Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge

Our speaker will be Cristy Allen from "My Sister's House" in the Kingsley area. Refreshments will be served by the Phoebe Fellowship.

Rebekah Fellowship

Feb. 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Lounge

Mickie Jannazzo from Third Level Crisis Center will be our guest speaker. Please join us for coffee and fellowship. Let's give Mickie a warm Rebekah welcome. Bring a friend! All are welcome! Any questions? Call Sally Warner at 947-2036

Phoebe Fellowship

Brief meeting at church following Feb. 14

General Meeting

Service Fellowship

No meeting in February

**All women of the church are invited
to attend UMW gatherings!**

QUESTIONS? WANT MORE INFO?
email: cplough@charter.net
call: Corinne at 922-4978

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & NURSERY NOTES

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!

The elevation of numbers we have experienced in our community outreach program over the last few months is holding...they have become the "new normal".

The main concern with the increased numbers is the additional costs of serving more food per week and attempting to keep up with the requests for BATA passes. There is also curiosity with the increase in numbers at Safe Harbor (even with a mild winter) as to what the plan will be with churches that are now at capacity. The conversations are underway.

We have been giving out four BATA coupons (one round trip ticket) to everyone on Tuesday mornings, with an exception to those who do have cars or access to transportation. We have now exceeded the budget into March and continue to dip into the Outreach money for those purchases. It may be time to not pass them out, but to limit it to specific requests and criteria (to doctor, for employment interview, etc).

We have added a library cart, which is very popular! The excess books from church classes are on the cart, as well as donations. I have two main donators so far...two men with ferocious reading habits and a great array of subjects.

We have also added a clothing rack. As we get donations of coats, boots and such, we just place them out on a first-come first-serve basis. The donations go quickly, with gratitude and the receiver usually recycles what they have been using, which we wash and put back into circulation. **Jackets, sweaters, boots, mittens, hats and socks are the items most in demand.**

Thank you to all that have contributed food, hygiene products, clothing, financial support and countless volunteer hours to this important part of Central Church's downtown ministry.

Jacque Thomas
Community Outreach Coordinator
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2012 has brought some notable changes to Central's Nursery ministries to our littlest members and friends. We have designed a new format for the children on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings that includes learning worship songs, a bible verse and participating in activities that carry out the bible verse and story of the day.

In addition, our Nursery Staff has learned some basic sign language, and will be teaching the children to sign along with the song "Jesus Loves Me", what fun! The daily agenda is always posted on the Nursery door, so please take a moment to check out our monthly plans.

As we continue with our new format, the Nursery Staff will be meeting on the 1st Sunday of the month after the second services in Room 104 for a planning session. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us, as we truly value YOUR input in creating a meaningful experience for your children.

Finally, we are in need a few volunteers to be on a substitute list in case one of our Nursery Staff members is ill or otherwise unable to come in to work. We would like to maintain a list of several people willing to volunteer Wednesday evenings and/or Sunday mornings and would call when the need arises. If you are willing to be on this list, or would like more information, please contact Ann Porter in the church office, or Brenda Ondrajka, Nursery Director at 275-7012.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the next Parent's Night Out on Friday, February 17. Our January event was a great success with 16 children attending and participating in games, crafts and enjoying fellowship time with their church friends. Thank you for sharing them with us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CARE NOTES



GETTING CONNECTED AT CENTRAL CHURCH-If you are new at Central Church and want to learn more about our many programs and mission opportunities the Starting Points Group is a great place to begin. Starting Points will meet on Wednesday evenings 2/1 and 2/8, from 6:30-7:30 in the Church Library. These two sessions offer the chance to learn more about the various ministries of the church, as well as a time to get to know others who are exploring a deeper involvement at Central. Starting Points also offers important information for those who desire to explore membership at Central.

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE JOIN CENTRAL CHURCH AS A COMMITTED MEMBER- Pastors Dale and Chris are offering Membership Orientation Classes on Sunday, February 12 and 19 following the 11 a.m. services. New members will be received on Sunday, February 26.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING THIS WINTER-please share ideas you see at other churches. Please bring back ministry guides, newsletters or bulletin announcements if you think they have program ideas you'd like to see at Central Church. You can drop them off in the Christian Education office, inside the main office of the church. Thank you!

SPRING BREAK INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP TO JOPLIN, MO FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Trip Leader: Kurt Pellegrino, 231-922-2997 keys-kurt@chartermi.net

Who: Anyone 14 or older or youth 8-13 with a family member

When: March 23-30, 2012; Travel via church van or arrange for private transportation

What: Assist in re-building efforts with side trips to area attractions including Branson!

Accommodations: Area families and churches

Estimated Cost: \$500 (could be less; plan on 50% out-of-pocket)

Covenant: 25 hours group fundraising

THANK YOU

Our first blow of winter weather did not deter wonderful volunteers on Jan. 3 with degreening and putting the church back in order for the New Year. Our sincere thanks to Linda Button, Chuck Button, Irene Brown, Bob Deneen, Dan Ahrns, Emma Kloska, Candice Wallace, Phyllis Garn, Jeannette Tavener, Douglas Dodge, Arno von Walthausen, Warren Lange, Jeanne Harbold, Betsy Sortor, Linda Holzworth, Katy Ramsdell, Bette Wattles-Williams, Georgina Hosmer.

Everything was back in place in two hours. *Thanks* for your efforts. We look forward to working with you again.

The Worship Team

Dear Central Church Family-

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia that I received at Christmas time. Especially thank you for all your cards and prayers when Norm passed away. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful Church Family that cares so much.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Kline

CARE NOTES

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Bette Wattles-Williams-bereavement on the passing of her brother, home recovery following a fall

Bill Ramsdell-home recovery

David Weeks-ongoing recovery

Kelly Johnston-ongoing recovery and treatment

Mike and Shanna Shea-bereavement on the passing of Mike's nephew

Cindy and Al Bush-bereavement on the passing of Cindy's mother

Michael Coonrod-hospital

Jeannette Tavener-hospital

Fred Hoxie-home recovery

Jack Covey-hospital

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Meetings and Events

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Group
9:45 AM UMW Executive Board
10:00 AM Painting Group
12:00 PM Lunch Bunch
4:00 PM Mahjongg Class

Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM Women of Grace
1:00 PM Archive Workshop
6:00 PM Journey Group
7:00 PM Men's Fellowship

Monday, February 6

9:30 AM Community Bible Study
10:00 AM Women Who Wonder

Tuesday, February 7

9:30 AM Disciple III
10:30 AM Bridge
1:00 PM Cookie Bakers
4:00 PM Staff Pastor Parish
5:00 PM Health Ministries Team
5:45 PM Civic Prelude Strings
6:30 PM Women's Group

Wednesday, February 8

9:30 AM Writing Group
4:00 PM Finance Meeting
4:00 PM Mahjongg Class
6:30 PM HS Generation Change
8:30 PM Chancel Choir Party

Thursday, February 9

10:00 AM Central Comforters
7:00 PM Men's Fellowship

Friday, February 10

6:00 PM Family Movie Night

Sunday, February 12

12:15 PM Mission Possible
Dessert Auction

Monday, February 13

9:30 AM Community Bible Study

Tuesday, February 14

9:30 AM Disciple III
1:00 PM UMW General Meeting
4:00 PM Staff Pastor Parish
5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervisory
5:45 PM Civic Prelude Strings
6:30 PM Garden Club
7:00 PM Worship Team

Wednesday, February 15

9:30 AM Rebekah Fellowship
12:00 PM Family Partnership Mentor Meeting
4:00 PM Mahjongg Class
4:00 PM Memory Keepers

Thursday, February 16

9:30 AM Women of Grace
1:00 PM Archive Workshop
1:00 PM Stephen Minister Leaders
5:30 PM Connection Team
6:00 PM Cookie Bakers
7:00 PM Men's Fellowship

Friday, February 17

12:30 PM Bridge
6:00 PM Parent's Night Out

Sunday, February 19

8:00 AM Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
12:00 PM Blood Pressures

Monday, February 20

9:30 AM Community Bible Study
10:00 AM Women Who Wonder
1:30 PM Service Fellowship
5:00 PM Board of Trustees
5:30 PM Mission Team

Tuesday, February 21

9:30 AM Disciple III
10:30 AM Bridge
11:00 AM Family Systems Peer Group
11:00 AM UMW District Annual Meeting Committee
5:45 PM Civic Prelude Strings
6:30 PM Women's Group
7:00 PM Book Women Group

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday
7:00 AM Ash Wednesday Communion Service
8:00 AM Ash Wednesday Communion Service
9:00 AM Ash Wednesday Communion Service
12:15 PM Ash Wednesday Communion Service
4:00 PM Mahjongg Class
4:00 PM Reconciling Ministries Planning Team
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Communion Service

Thursday, February 23

5:00 PM Family Partnership Dinner
7:00 PM Men's Fellowship

Monday, February 27

9:30 AM Community Bible Study

Tuesday, February 28

9:30 AM Disciple III
5:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervisory
5:45 PM Civic Prelude Strings

Wednesday, February 29

4:00 PM Mahjongg Class

Every Week* at Central

Sunday

8:30 AM Disciple II
9:00 AM Traditional Worship
Worship at The WELL Choristers
9:45 AM Sunday School-All ages
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
Worship at The WELL
5:30 PM Confirmation Class
6:30 PM H.S. Youth Group

Monday

8:30 AM Community Outreach
2:00 PM Study Group
6:00 PM GT Pipes & Drums
6:00 PM Trillium Singers
6:30 PM Dual Recovery Anonymous

Tuesday

8:30 AM Community Outreach
4:30 PM Pilates
7:00 PM Civic Chamber Strings

Wednesday

8:30 AM Community Outreach
10:00 AM Painting Group
12:00 PM AA Meeting
5:30 PM Youth Handbells
5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesday Meal
6:15 PM Education Classes
Heroes Group
6:30 PM H.S. MVL Discussion
6:30 PM M.S. Youth Group
7:00 PM Adult Handbells
7:45 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday

8:30 AM Community Outreach
12:00 PM Community Meal
4:30 PM Pilates
6:30 PM Boys of OZ
6:30 PM Dual Recovery Anonymous
7:00 PM NA Meeting
Boy Scout Troop 36
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday

8:30 AM Community Outreach
9:30 AM Sparrow's Story Time
12:00 PM Open Prayer

Saturday

No Regularly Scheduled Events

***All Events Subject to Change**

Greetings to everyone from the Finance Committee,

We had a very strong finish, which enabled us to finish the year with a small surplus balance. This is a huge swing as we were at one point in the year running at a \$40K deficit. We have spent the last few months working with all of the various committees in the church to arrive at a balanced budget that we feel will continue to support the work of the Church. This budget was presented to the Ad Council in January and approved. We also welcomed several new members to the finance committee. As a committee we will continue to look for new and positive ways to be good stewards of the church's financial resources.

Thank you to everyone for your gifts of time, money and talents.

Together we will continue to do great things in Christ's name.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 1

Elizabeth Leavey
Betty Leden
Allison Millar
Steve Smith

FEBRUARY 2

Gavin Hamilton
Cathie Terrill

FEBRUARY 3

Jean Brittain
Jack Covey
Ernest Teichman
Bruce Wilson

FEBRUARY 4

Deb Jackson
Helen Keitchen
Antony Pavlishin
Al Siefert

FEBRUARY 5

Marc Burkholder
Sydney Denoyer
Tucker Grumley
Scott Williams

FEBRUARY 6

Abby Burfiend
Tyler DuBois
Erica Heffner
Sarah Keyes

FEBRUARY 7

Elizabeth Johnson
Laura Larson
Mila Mac Naughton
Taven Medler
Ken Peavler
Tom Urban

FEBRUARY 8

Phyllis Donberg
Dawn Humphreys

FEBRUARY 9

Sharon Flesher
Sarah Smith

FEBRUARY 10

Dale Hunt

FEBRUARY 11

John Blank
Gary Drew
Jessica Harrigan
Cindy Hull

FEBRUARY 12

Eunice Crockett
Jill Henry
Madeline Henry
Jackie Laing
William Unger

FEBRUARY 13

Rich Cenci
Linda Deneen
Paula Eyman
Willa Hayes

FEBRUARY 14

Keith Gillings
Mark Gleason
Mickey Kaufman
Judy Pratt
Sarah Riker
Chelsea Saunders
Calista Trowbridge

FEBRUARY 15

Meredith Hack
Donald Harbold
Doris Purvis

FEBRUARY 16

JoAnn Larimer
Christine Olsen
George Stamatakis

FEBRUARY 17

Ima Jean Crane
Anna Peavler
Katy Rosa

FEBRUARY 18

Gary Dluge

FEBRUARY 19

Lilly Fewins
Jenny Lawton
Robert Mittelstaedt

FEBRUARY 20

Christopher DuBois
Leora Izatt
Erick Takayama

FEBRUARY 21

John Anderson
Jamie Brubaker
Tom Buss
Perry Williamson

FEBRUARY 22

Wally Bunt
Eleanor Edgcomb
Mary Joslin
Hannah Schramski

FEBRUARY 23

Phyllis Mansfield
David Sheldon
Molly Whiting

FEBRUARY 24

Barbara Meyers
Reva Newman

FEBRUARY 25

Ed Neithercut
Annie Rife
Darrell Rogers

FEBRUARY 26

Julie Grumley
Jane Miller
Sarah Murray
Dawn Rogers
Annette Rosa

FEBRUARY 27

Corinne Fair
Gavin Hack
Byron Hanson
Ken Hoekwater
Eric Keyes
Ken Schopieray

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