

First Congregational United Church of Christ eagleriverucc.org May 2023

PASTOR'S REPORT

Well, Mother Nature has sure been playing tricks and having fun with us as I write these words. We go from one of the largest snowstorms in recent memory to summer like conditions to another snow fall. I am certainly learning the weather ways of the Northwoods! I am quite certain however that Spring is on the way followed by the warmth of summer. And I am going to stick with that story!

As I reflected on the Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter Day, I could not have been more pleased and prouder of our worship opportunities. Your feedback has confirmed for me that all of us together provided meaningful experiences that plumbed the depths of darkness and the cross and reflected the bright light of resurrection. Once again, I would like to thank everyone who worked behind the scenes and who worked front and center to make all these services happen, planning and implementation truly a group effort. It is not at all about me, but you made my life so much easier with your volunteerism. It is one of the things that makes this gem of a church that much more special.

Our next big liturgical celebration, one of what I like to call the big three, is our upcoming celebration of the Day of Pentecost, the one Church Year observance that we share, though in a different way, with our Jewish brothers and sisters. This year Pentecost takes place on Sunday, May 28th! As a part of our celebration, I would like everyone to wear something red on that special day as we highlight the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Along with Christmas and Easter, this is truly a high and holy day worthy of special consideration.

As you are aware, after shifting gears for Lent, we resumed Bible Study at 6:00 pm on April 17th. We are examining texts from the Christian scriptures that reveal the expansion of the early Church from a sectarian movement within Judaism to a brand, spanking, new religion! Of course, these are narratives that I call hospitality texts because they reflect the welcoming and inclusive message, ministry, and mission of Jesus who radically invited everyone into his world and into his faith tradition. It is easy for us to forget just how radical his motives were among a people who were naturally predisposed to exclusivity because of their fear as an occupied people.

As summer approaches we will be rolling out our schedule of activities including opportunities to worship outside in the sun. We will bring you those dates in the next edition of the *Church Mouse*! And don't forget, we are returning to two services beginning this month of May at 7:30 am and 10:00 am. Your continued feedback is appreciated!

I look to see you on Sundays!

Timothy W. Shirley

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Congregation!

Being an eternal optimist (sometimes trapped in a pessimist's brain), I firmly believe we will see Spring arrive before the month of May ends. It was wonderful to see our church so full at Easter, a trend continuing through combined services and the migration of our members back to Eagle River. And if you haven't been lately, Pastor Tim's sermons are pretty good too! Ah, and a big thank-you for the Coffee Hour treats in the parlor.

It is soul-warming to see the vibrancy of fellowship return and grow, much like those winter bulbs that have been dormant in the soil just waiting to revive and bloom. Yes, I'm ready for Spring! And it's shaping up to be a busy May here at First Congregational.

Scholarships will be awarded at Northland Pines High School at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 1st, with recipients selected from 27 applicants this year. The Women's Fellowship Luncheon will be held on May 9th at 11:00 am. The Northwoods Singers will present their public Spring Concert in the Sanctuary on May 2 1st at 4:00 pm. Then there's Bible Study, Choir, Tone Chimes, Book Club, and our various collection ministries. We'll see how we do for a no-mow May (not sure we'll make this one). Don't forget, raise your hand and we will volunteer you somewhere!

We are calling for a special congregational meeting on May 21st between services to discuss our revenue and expenses as we do face a significant deficit. If you are still considering giving, or find that you can increase your donation, or simply wish to make any special offering/endowment, it is most certainly needed and welcome. For those in attendance, you will notice that envelopes are located once more in the pews for just such "extra giving" and useful for visitors who may wish to make a cash donation.

We are also seeking input for fundraising ideas that could be adopted throughout the year. It is also hoped that we may experience a strong summer of giving.

By the way, y'all are doing really well with the Melody of Compassion. Keep those plates ringing!

I have faith and spring is coming! Donna Adams

Church Council Highlights from April 2023

The primary focus of the Church Council at its April meeting was spent on evaluating the revenue and expense projections following the first quarter results. There was considerable discussion on various ways to present the anticipated shortfall to the congregation. It was decided to hold a special congregational meeting on May 21st between services.

In discussions regarding fundraising, Women's Fellowship advised that they will coordinate two Brat & Bake fundraisers at Trigs Brat Hut on August 12th, and September 1st. Deb Stolze will be providing sign-up information to the congregation for bakers and booth volunteers.

The tactical Strategic Plan is nearing completion and is expected to be presented to the congregation in the coming months. Council voted to recommend to the congregation that we initiate the process toward becoming Open and Affirming as a church, a designation that must be approved by the Open and Affirming Coalition, an auxiliary of the national setting of the United Church of Christ. Information on the process will be discussed at an additional special congregational meeting, a date to be determined.

Council noted that the Monthly Ministries are receiving strong support from the congregation. We will return to two services at 7:30 am and 10:00 am, resuming on May 7^{th} . Unity Sunday will still be held on the last Sunday of each month.

Just a reminder that the **Church Council** meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6 pm in the Conference Room. The meeting this month will be May 8th. All are welcome to attend.



First Congregational United Church of Christ

Eagle River, Wisconsin

"SPRING LUNCHEON"

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

11:00 am

Northland Pines High School music and forensic students will provide entertainment in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am.

A delicious lunch will follow,

served by members of the Women's Fellowship.

All women of the church are welcome.

A signup sheet will be available, or you may call the Church Office.

Please RSVP by May 7th.

TWELVE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

The twelve sessions include a video by each contributor.

Led by Sharon R. Breit, Director of Christian Education

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Session 8: Mary Magdalene: Transforming from Outcast to Follower

Session 9: Mary of Bethany: Putting Our Faith into Action

Session 10: Martha: Finding Our Identity in Jesus

Session 11: The Woman at the Well: Turning Our Messes into Messages

Session 12: The Syrophenician Woman: Approaching God

Sharon has eight books but can order more. She would like to limit the class to a maximum of ten. Call or leave a message for Sharon Breit on her home phone (715-477-2163) or email her at (sharon is looking forward to great conversations.



The first thing I would like to say is, "Thank You!" to all the musicians who made Lent and Easter services so special. It's always a pleasure to work with the choir, pianists, and other instrumentalists. I was very happy that we could incorporate the Tone Chime Choir and flute into the music offerings of these seasons. Thank you to Linda Brainard, Norma Yaeger, Susan Krivichi, and Connie Pellman, as well as members of the choirs and those who usually do not have a chance to sing with the choir as a matter of practice!

We are again struggling with the organ working properly. Mark Holperin and I think that we may have solved the issue. Mark was able to order a capacitor, which we are hopeful will maintain the settings and allow for controlling volume, etc. Fingers crossed and a few prayers may be helpful!

Now that we are back to two services, the choir will resume their regular schedule of rehearsals at 8:30 am on the first and third Sundays in order to sing for the 10:00 am service. I encourage anyone who would like to join us to do so. There are some things that are not required to sing with the choir: they are the ability to read music and/or a solo voice! Choirs gain strength from the blend of voices and members support each other in learning the music. Besides, we have a lot of fun! Please consider giving it a try if you have an interest in singing!

You may have noticed that we have added a more contemporary hymn to the services. These usually appear in the *Chalice Praise* supplement (the small purple one). We hope these selections add a bit of diversity to our worship. Both Tim and I strive to bring hymns and musical selections to each service that reflect the texts and theme of each specific service while also mindful of the message the text of the hymn conveys. We hope you see the message for the day reflected in the musical choices!

Again, thanks to all who help support the music ministry of our congregation. It is much appreciated!

FLOCK

Hi Everyone -

Our next FLOCK meeting will be on Thursday, May 11th at the home of Christine Hounsell at 6:00 pm. She is planning on serving a salad bar. We are asked to bring either an ingredient to put on the salad or a dessert. Christine will provide the lettuce base, salad dressings, and homemade bread (her bread is the bomb!!!) It is so delicious! Christine's address is 1715 Hwy. 155 in St. Germain. Her email address is christinehounsell@gmail.com. If you need directions to her home, please email her and ask.

Also, please email Christine to let her know if you are coming and what you plan to bring. Some suggestions for the ingredients would be: olives, celery, tomatoes, cucumbers, mushrooms, peppers, cheese, etc., so we can build our own salad to our liking. Sounds like a fun night.

Hope to see you on the 11th of May at Christine's home.

Your Shepherdess,

Linda

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is immediately following the 9:00 am service.
There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary if you would like to provide refreshments.



ATTENTION TO THOSE PROVIDING COFFEE HOUR TREATS

<u>First of all: Thank you so much</u> for contributing some deliciousness for Coffee Hour!

<u>Second of all: We need your help!</u> Please help with the parlor 'clean-up' when it's your day to bring in treats. If you are unable to provide the clean-up, please find someone who can do it in your stead.

You are much appreciated! Thank you!

A first service attendee will most likely have the following taken care of:

- Open parlor doors
- Turn on parlor lights
- Make a full pot of coffee (12 cups)
- Make sure there are ample cups, napkins, tea bags, condiments available

Those contributing treats please help with clean up, including:

- Leftover coffee dumped, pot and filter basket rinsed and set out to dry on paper towels on the sink counter after last service
- Leftover refreshments sent home with parishioners and/or placed in plastic wrap and refrigerated if necessary. If no refrigeration is necessary, plastic wrapped leftovers may be placed on the table in the church office
- Trash collected and put in garbage can (in parlor)
- Parlor table and countertop wiped down (Clorox wipes available)
- Rug lightly vacuumed if necessary. The Dyson vacuum cleaner is hanging on its recharging station in the church office. Be sure to get it out of there before the office doors are locked after services. It can be kept in the parlor closet temporarily.

GREAT THANKS FOR MAKING COFFEE HOUR A SOCIAL SUCCESS BY PROVIDING TREATS AND HELPING WITH CLEAN-UP!

Communion Crew Needed

On Sunday, May 7th we will return to our traditional Communion service with the traditional sacraments. We've waited a long time for this, and I do not think too many of us will be greatly distressed to say goodbye to those little plastic Communion sets. The plan at this point is to serve the juice and bread throughout the pews one month (otherwise known as "Pass-out in the Pews" Communion) and to offer Communion by intinction the next month. So, we will be alternating between the two. Only when we serve Communion by intinction, will wine be offered as well as grape juice as a choice within which to dip the bread.



All that being said, there is now a need to put together a Communion Crew, a special team of folks who would love to help out in their service to the church, once a month, preparing the elements and setting up for Communion.

This would mean buying or baking the bread, cutting it into bite sized pieces, filling the serving platters with those pieces and prepping the juice by filling the little individual Communion cups. It would also mean seeing to it that the leftover bread is set out somewhere for the birds to enjoy, and putting the Communion dishes back in the cabinet after the last service.

You will not be responsible for serving the elements to the congregation or for collecting the used Communion cups at the end of a service. We will be asking our amazing ushers to help with those aspects of it.

So, perhaps your gift to the church is serving as a member of the Communion Crew. We will make sure you have all the directions and guidance you need to be successful with the job. You WILL be shown the ropes! You WILL NOT be hung out to dry!

Please consider joining this team. It is a once a month commitment that is critically important to our worship experience. If you're interested please let Joy Turpin (joyfaithchapinturpin@gmail.com), Susan Krivichi (skrivichi@gmail.com), or Sharon Breit (youthministry@eagleriverucc.org) know. We very much look forward to hearing from you! Thank you so much!

MAY COLLECTION: Wild Instincts

"Where the Wild Things Heal"

Throughout May, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River will be collecting items for Wild Instincts, a wildlife rehabilitation facility based in Rhinelander.

Wild Instincts, operated by advanced wildlife rehabilitators Mark Naniot and Sharon Larson, provides quality, ethical wildlife rehabilitation and promotes wildlife stewardship through education and research.

In 2022, Wild Instincts treated 1,074 animals. The number included 114 species from 46 counties (including Vilas) and three states! The injured animals included icons of the Northwoods: Common Loon (6), Bald Eagle (41), American Black Bear (10) and white-tailed deer (39).

The total also included dozens of other species including songbirds, hummingbirds, rabbits, raccoons, ducks, turtles, hawks, owls, snakes, raccoons, and more! A complete list is available on the Wild Instincts web site in their most recent newsletter (WildInstinctsrehab.com/newsletters).

Both Mark and Sharon operate under permits from the state of Wisconsin and must comply with state rehabbing regulations. However, neither they, nor Wild Instincts, receive any money from the state. They rely on donations and the generosity of the public to support their mission. As Mark has noted, wild animals don't have health insurance.

First Congregational UCC will support Wild Instincts' efforts to help wildlife with our May collection. The following is a list of items Wild Instincts always needs:

Paper Towels

Garbage Bags

Toilet Paper

Postage Stamps

Bedding (no pillows)

Towels

Gas Cards

Canned Cat Food

Canned Dog Food

(Note: the canned cat and dog food is used to feed bear and raccoons while they are being rehabbed. No specific brand preference, just "preferably, not the cheapest stuff.")

If you prefer, you can also contribute via the Wild Instincts Amazon wish list: Wish Lists - Wild Instincts (wildinstinctsrehab.com). If you would rather donate cash, please make your check out directly to Wild Instincts. You can place it in the offering plate or give it to Debbie Brown in the church office.

As always, **THANK YOU** for your contributions to this collection and for all that you have given in support of our church's efforts to help those in need in our area. **If you have an idea for a future monthly collection for a non-profit in our area, please reach out to Mary Lou Congdon or Barbara Helmick.**

STEPPING UP ... Pat Fox

By Barbara Helmick

Did you enjoy the Fellowship Gathering on Sunday, April 16th at church? Are you looking forward to more of these gatherings?

If you answered yes to either of these guestions, you might want to say a big THANK YOU to Pat Fox.

Pat so enjoyed the Stollen service that Pastor Tim shared the Sunday after Christmas 2021 and again this year on New Year's Day that she wanted to make these informal Sunday morning gatherings that combine both a service and fellowship more frequent.

"I noticed there were so many there that enjoyed it," Pat said. "We're a church family. It's a fun way to gather our membership together."

So, Pat talked with Pastor Tim, and he urged her to attend a Church Council meeting to get that group's support. Pat suggested having Fellowship Gatherings four times a year: One each in winter (the New Year's stollen service), spring, summer, and fall. The Council listened, asked appropriate questions, and said YES!

An estimated 45 people attended the April 16th gathering, shared food and fellowship, and participated in an informal service in a relaxing environment.

"It was cool, wasn't it? People were beginning to get to know each other a little better. More than at just the early service and the late service. This really works." Pat sees the Fellowship Gatherings helping help our church grow as a community. "That's what's going to keep us going."

Pat notes that she is not the type of person who enjoys serving on a board or committee, but "If it's something that I think is kind of fun, I'm not afraid to jump in and do it."

Several people assisted with Sunday's event – from providing food to helping with set up and cleanup. That is the norm in our church. As Pat notes, "If somebody does step up with an idea, people are going to help!"

Pat's advice to others who have an idea they'd like to see happen at our church: Start by talking to other people about it. Get some informal feedback before suggesting it to Pastor Tim or the Church Council. Worried about taking on a leadership role? Maybe someone else you share your idea with will be willing to co-lead with you.

And if you need a little help getting started, feel free to reach out to me (Barbara Helmick) because I'm passionate about helping you turn your desires for our church into reality!

As Pat says, "If we can make our church better, why not try?"

NOTE: This article is one of several that will appear in the Mouse about people who are "stepping up," pursuing their interests and passions, making our church stronger and healthier, and doing God's work.

BOOK CLUB

We are winding down our reading schedule for the year. Warmer temps and greening landscapes are going to call us outside.

Our last meeting until September is May 25th.

We will discuss "The Girl on the Cliff" by Lucinda Riley. Norma Yaeger is slated to facilitate. Hope you can join us. Here is a review from Thrift Books.

"From the author of the international bestseller The Orchid House, comes a mesmerizing story about two Irish families and the tangled ties that have bound them since World War I. From the author of the #1 international bestseller The Orchid House, the mesmerizing story of two Irish families entangled by a tragic past that seems destined to repeat itself To escape a recent heartbreak in New York, Grania Ryan returns to her family home on the rugged, wind-swept coast of Ireland. Here, on the cliff edge in the middle of a storm, she meets a young girl, Aurora Lisle, who will profoundly change her life. Despite the warnings Grania receives from her mother to be wary of the Lisle family, Aurora and Grania forge a close friendship. Through a trove of old family letters dating from 1914, Grania begins to learn just how deeply their families' histories are entwined. The horrors of World War I, the fate of a beautiful foundling child, and the irresistible lure of the ballet give rise to a legacy of heartache that leaves its imprint on each new generation. Ultimately, it will be Aurora whose intuition and spirit may be able to unlock the chains of the past. Sweeping from Edwardian England to present-day New York, from the majestic Irish coast to the crumbling splendor of a legendary London town house, The Girl on the Cliff introduces two remarkable women whose quest to understand their past sends them toward a future where love can triumph over loss."

Can you help the residents of Frederick Place? Please help us make this a church-wide mission.

Frederick Place is a 16-bed temporary emergency housing shelter for families run by the Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing (NATH). Admission is on a first come, first-serve basis. Applicants must meet the federal and state definitions of homelessness including income limits. Residents receive services to help them draft and execute a plan for obtaining permanent housing. There is a zero-tolerance policy for violence, drug use, or alcohol use in the home. Residents must be able to care for themselves without assistance. While the initial admission is for 30 days, stays may be extended for up to 90 days. There are guidelines for reapplying after 90 days to prevent additional bouts of homelessness.

Some of the ways that First Congregational United Church of Christ can assist the residence are:

- * Help prepare or shop for ingredients for the monthly meals we are currently providing.
- * Donate sides, such as bread, butter, dessert, and milk or juice.
- * Drive the meals to Rhinelander on the meal day.
- * Donate cash to help offset the cost of the meals.
- * Donate needed items for the Wish List published monthly on the Frederick Place website; items can be purchased on Amazon and shipped directly to Frederick Place. (These items are given to the residents when they obtain housing to help them set up housekeeping.)

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Frederick's Place April Meal. Please check the bulletin board outside the sanctuary to see if you could provide something for our May meal. Contact Mary Lou Congdon or Susan Krivichi for more information or sign up on the volunteer sheet attached to the poster in the church lobby on the church level.

Do you know anyone in need?

Many times during the year we reach out to members of our church (and a few others) with visits and small gifts to remind them that they are appreciated and loved. Sometimes it might be someone who is going through an extremely hard time and needs a lift in their spirits. Examples of times we make these visits would be our caroling in December, Valentine's Day flowers, Easter baskets, Fourth of July and so on. We try to make the deliveries sometime before that particular holiday, so that they can enjoy them longer.

The church staff does not always hear about someone who would benefit from this type of visit. We need YOUR help in this. If you know of anyone who you think would appreciate a visit, please contact Debbie Brown in the church office or Tobi Johannsen, so that we can add their name to the list. If you might be interested in helping with this rewarding ministry or have any questions, please let me know and we will be happy to involve you in whatever way you would like. Thanks for your help!

If you can help with preparing these items or donate a little towards this project, we would greatly appreciate it.

God Bless and have a fantastic day!

Tobi Johannsen - Email: tjharleygal56@gmail.com or call 920.450.1402.

MELODY OF COMPASSION

Ushers are now once again passing the offering plates in worship.

The place in the order of service for the Offertory, the receiving of our gifts, is listed in the Worship Folder.

The *Melody of Compassion* has been our way of helping the Eagle River area needy for many years.

Please bring your coins to keep the Melody singing for others.

If you have ideas for articles or other information you would like to see in the Church Mouse or the Sunday Concerns of the Church, please let someone in the church office know.

Church Notes

Worship service at 7:30 am and 10:00 am will resume on May 7th. A Unity Service will take place the last Sunday in the month at 9:00 am.

Offering Envelopes are still available in the church office.

Scripture readers (Lectors) and ushers are always needed as well as readers for the Concerns of the Church. You may sign up by visiting our website or you may also contact Joy Turpin at joyfaithchapinturpin@gmail.com or 715-479-6560.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, wearing masks is now optional. If we have cases of COVID within our congregation brought to our attention, we will notify everyone as soon as possible.

Online Giving is now available on the church website. With online giving, you can set up recurring or one-time gifts to be made automatically from your checking account or by debit or credit card. Online giving allows you to make gifts more conveniently, especially when not physically attending worship.

Designated offering envelopes are not necessary to make a gift and to receive a yearly contribution statement. With our new accounting software, we are recording contributions based on name and not by envelope number. Any cash offering that is placed in any envelope with a name on it, or a personal check will be recorded. If you would like to donate to a specific ministry, please indicate that designation on the envelope or on the check memo line.

Flower Calendar

If you would like to give flowers for Sunday worship, please pick a Sunday and add your name to the Flower Calendar that is in the narthex across from the elevator. Flowers are ordered from Vintage Garden at a cost of \$35. Please write a separate check made out to the church. *Please let Debbie Brown in the church office know the information you would like to have on the card.* If you choose to get your own flowers, please let Debbie in the church office know that you are doing so. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the service. It is also helpful if you bring the vase back to return to Vintage Gardens as we then get more flowers for the money. *What better way to honor anyone or anything than to share flowers with your church family on Sunday!*

May flower sponsors are:

May 7 – Tobi and Mark Johannsen May 14 – William and Ursula Charaf May 21 – Don and Paula Hendrickson

GOD IS!

God is here!
God is there!
God is everywhere!
And I see God everywhere I go!

God is up!
God is down!
I see God everywhere!
And I see God in you!
And I love God!

-Seren Spier-Olsen

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Happy May Birthday:

Ayla Sheperdson – Barb Stadler – Barbara Pevytoe – Barbara Schroeder – Bernice Gilbert –
Debbie Brown – Douglas Breit - Lori Hunter – Patricia Fox – Rodney Pevytoe –
Shirley Thompson – Sue Anderson - Marj Steiner

F.Y.I. The ushers have access to an emergency button should a crisis develop. Please let them know if there is an emergency and they will activate it.

Please check the lost and found closet in the office. We have accumulated several items.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Much discussion has taken place on how to keep the congregation informed on the finances of the church. The annual budget is presented at the Annual Meeting in September, and little is mentioned after that. The Council has decided that since we are at the end of the first quarter and it is very apparent that our revenues are not keeping up with our projected expenses, now is a good time to show in simple terms what that looks like.

The Continuing Ministry Investment Fund is earmarked to undergird the shortage of the revenue. This fund originated from the Maggie Ball endowment. We can withdraw 5% of the account balance yearly and up to 10% by Council vote. As you can see, we have had to take various amounts in the last 7 years. The exception was in 2020 and 2021 due to receiving the federal monies offered in the Payroll Protection Program.

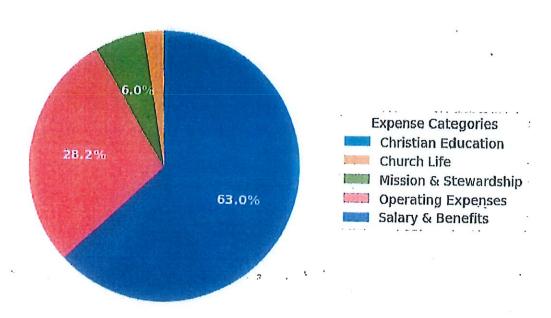
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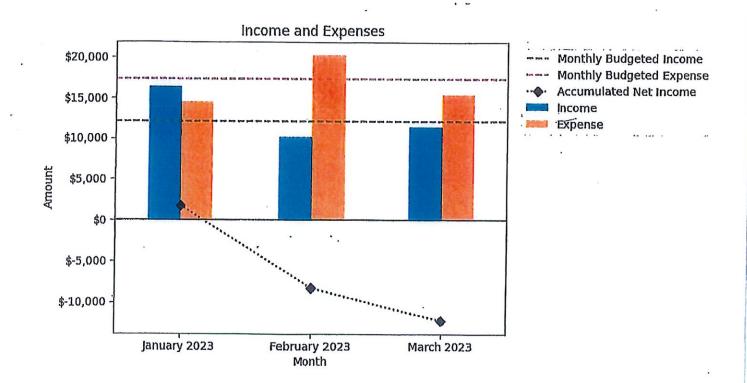
Q1 Expenses and Income and Expenses graphs show the breakdown for the first quarter of 2023. Just as an FYI, there are times when a deposit might not be reflected in the month reported due to when it is actually deposited and some one-time expenses, such as insurance are paid entirely and not pro-rated.

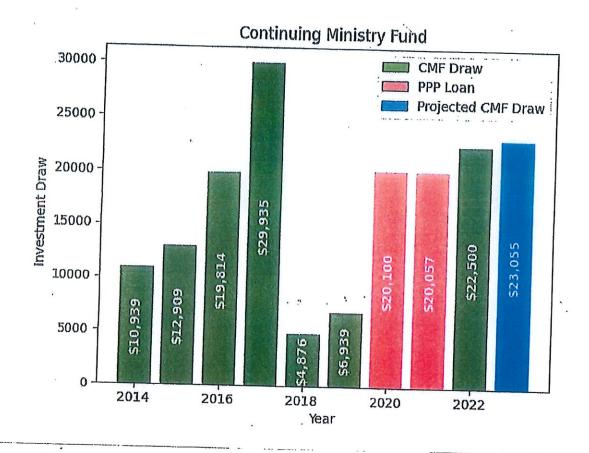
If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this, please feel free to contact a Council member or myself.

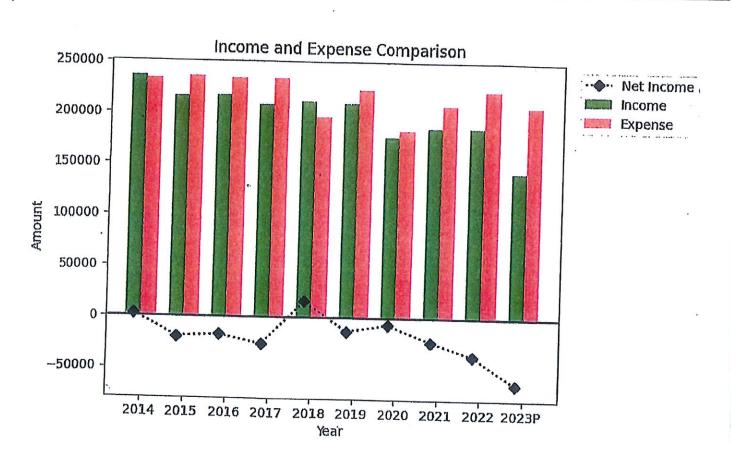
Paula Hendrickson

Q1 Expenses









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Worship Service

Sunday at 7:30 am and 10:00 am

A Unity Service, last Sunday of the month at 9:00 am

May 2023 (Central Time - Chicago) Sat	13	50	27	6
Fri 5 7pm - AA Meeting @ First	7pm - AA Meeting @ First	7pm - AA Meeting @ First	7pm - AA Meeting @ First	7
Thu 4	11:30am - Bridge Group	11:30am - Bridge Group	11:30am - Bridge Group	
Wed 3 11am - Many Ways of Peace 6pm - Bible Study	11am - Many Ways of Peace 6pm - Bible Study	17 11am - Many Ways of Peace 6pm - Bible Study	11am - Many Ways of Peace 6pm - Bible Study	11am - Many Ways of Peace 6pm - Bible Study
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