



## The Future of Church

Recently I read an article in the Christian Century called “Which church is dying?” by Debie Thomas (Sept. 2024).

Ms. Thomas is a seminarian planning to be a pastor in the church. And people are constantly warning her that the church is dying. She writes, “I don’t blame them; I worry about the future, too. Will my classmates and I find sustainable jobs? Will we have to juggle multiple ministry settings to earn a living? Are bivocational pastors the only people who will survive this sea change?”

“The mainline Protestant church’s struggles are hardly news; the numbers have looked ominous for decades. But the level of fear, grief, and resignation I encounter these days does feel new and different. It’s one thing to grieve the closing of individual churches and quite another to pronounce the demise of the church. One thing to mourn empty pews and shuttered Sunday school classrooms and quite another to call time of death on the mystical body of Christ. Call me naive if you’d like, but I’m not quite ready to do the latter.

“Why? Because the hopes, hungers, losses, and loves that have brought people to their knees for two millennia are still alive and well. Whether we use religious language to describe it or not, we are starving for coherence, for awe, for connection, for meaning. We are still hungry for spaces, rituals, and rhythms that will help us beat despair and recover wonder. We need questions worth pondering and truths worth trusting. We still need containers spacious enough to hold our pain.

“In other words, we still need what Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection called into being 2,000 years ago. We still need what the Spirit of God ignited at Pentecost. We still need the church.”

Then Ms. Thomas goes on to say that maybe the part of church that is dying is the church of societal power and importance. “Surrendering the center is no easy thing. It hurts to get sidelined, to let go of privilege. It hurts to find ourselves in the shadows when we’ve loved the limelight for a long, long

time. It hurts, in other words, to remember and return to the language Jesus uses to describe the kingdom of God: the language of smallness, subtlety, and patience. A mustard seed. A bit of yeast. A lost coin.

“Maybe the surprise isn’t that the church of empire is dying but that we, the followers of a suffering servant, have insisted on keeping it alive for this long. In those Spirit-filled moments when I manage to lay down my sorrows and fears even briefly, I recall that the church has always been most incisive, most Christlike, when it occupies the margins. It is in our decenteredness that we have loved the world most fiercely and freely. It is from the shadows that Christ’s light has emanated from our midst with truly transformative radiance.

“The cycle of death and resurrection, in other words, has always been our wheelhouse. It has always constituted our closest point of contact with the Divine. In contrast, power has never served the body of Christ well. And prestige? Prestige has been the bane of our existence.”

The true power of the church is not that it is important or powerful in the world. The true power of the church is in transforming life. Jesus is the one who tells you not to judge (Matt. 7:1-5). Jesus says that the Spirit blows where it wills – you have no control over it (John 3:8). Jesus tells you to forgive, always (Matt. 18:21-22). St. Paul tells you that love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness are central to the way of life in the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). These are not the qualities of worldly power and control. They speak of another reality and another power in the Kingdom of God.

That reality will always be available and fruitful in the lives of Jesus’ followers. As for numbers.... “the wind blows where it chooses”. What I have seen is a church that is faithful, vibrant and alive with the Spirit of Jesus at St. Bartholomew’s.

Thanks be to God.

- Pastor Steve

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Homewood:** Alan Sterner    **Tree of Life:** Shirley Fritz    **Utz Terrace:** Stephanie Beyer

**At Home:** Pat Bechtel, Asher Brown & family, Laura Hardy, Stacey Saltzgeber, Ron Klunk, Hester Hershey, Kae Wetzel, Tawnya Peterson, and Evelyn Spotts. *Note: When a name is added to our prayer list, it remains there for three months. (If you would like a name to be on the list longer than this time, please provide us with a date for the name to be removed at the time of submitting your prayer request). This helps keep our prayer list current. Thank you for your understanding.*

## **PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP IN OCTOBER**

<b>Scripture Reader</b>	<b>Worship Asst.</b>	<b>Children's Sermon</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
6 – Faye Gobrecht	Liz Kielley	Pastor Steve	Mason Miller
13 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fam.	Karen Amoss	Amy Gobrecht	Claire Gobrecht
20 – HOPE	Ruth Neiderer	Wendy Fritz	Autumn Wetzel
27 – Pat Berwager	Deb Leppo	Deb Leppo	Jade Gass
	<b>Worship Sound</b>	<b>Screen Presenter/Streaming</b>	
	6 – Brian Butters	Erin Porter	
	13 – Barry Berwager	Ruth Niederer	
	20 – Shaun Saltzgeber	Amy Gobrecht	
	27 – Amy Gobrecht	Heather Bair	

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR IN OCTOBER**

**Sunday bulletins @ \$10.00/Sunday  
All Dates Open**

Altar Flowers: If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers for a worship service, see guideline paper in hallway or contact Ruth Neiderer. The flowers can be sponsored any Sunday.

All Dates Open





**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**


10/12 – Dennis Raubenstine  
10/19 – Dwight Wintrode  
10/20 – JoAnn Brumgard  
10/26 – Wanda Miller  
10/31 – Margery Erickson

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

11/03 – Patricia Bechtel  
11/10 – Richard Leinart  
11/13 – Geneva Stremmel  
11/19 – Roger Krumrine  
11/28 – Paul Krumrine III  
11/29 – Rebecca Alessie–Miller

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12/01 – Evelyn Mechtly  
12/03 – Edna Sterner  
12/04 – Gloria Weant  
12/06 – Mary Ann Canouse  
12/09 – Evelyn Spotts  
12/10 – Rodney Sponseller  
12/11 – Phyllis Feltch  
12/13 – Darrell Raubenstine  
12/17 – Sandy Bolden  
12/18 – Candy Frock  
12/19 – Arlene Harner  
12/21 – Allen Gobrecht  
12/24 – Glenn Gobrecht  
12/26 – Alan Sterner  
12/30 – Ron Hnat

 **THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. The agenda will be: the 2025 budget and election of new council members. A copy of the proposed budget is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions regarding the proposed budget, please see Glenn Gobrecht or a council member.

**CONVERSATION AND COFFEE** Bring your coffee/beverage and chat with the Pastor and church family. The next one is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am.



**BLESSING SUNDAY** Let's share our blessings with others on Sunday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. Donations of canned goods are always appreciated. Another choice for donations are the items needed by Hanover Area Council of Churches' - PAL, Clothing Bank, Changing Lives Shelter, Meals-on-Wheels, and Ruth's Harvest. This list is included weekly in the announcement insert and monthly newsletter. Please keep your donation in the pew with you. During the children's message your donations will be collected. Please consider giving to those in need. Thank you!

**CROPWALK** The Hanover Area Council of Churches CROP Walk will be held Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Starting point is St Paul's (Dubs) Union Church—walk continues through parts of beautiful Codorus State Park. Registration begins at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's (Dubs) Union Church, 1958 Dubs Church Road, Hanover. There will be 1,2 & 3 mile walk routes. Please see Amy M. Gobrecht for more information.



**ADULT NIGHT OUT!** Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Erickson's House (202 Bankert Rd., Hanover) beginning at 7:00 p.m. Join us for fellowship around a campfire. Bring a chair and a snack to share! BYOB. Event will be held rain or shine. Sign up on the sheet in the hallway or email [stbschristianed@comcast.net](mailto:stbschristianed@comcast.net) All are welcome! Childcare will be provided at the church if needed.

**HOPE SERVICE** On October 20<sup>th</sup> our HOPE Service is going to begin outside under the overhang. We will learn how God does not need buildings or churches to reside in. He just needs us to allow him to live within us. There will be coffee, donuts and juice available outside before the service. We will then march inside with our very own brass and rattle band to continue our service indoors. For those that cannot or do not wish to be outside there will be a worship leader inside to begin the service indoors as well.



**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH** (Our St B women will meet for bible study and lunch at JoAnn Brumgard's home on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The Brumgard home is located right by our church at 1224 Grand Valley Rd. If you have food to share, bring some. If you need a ride, call Marlene at 717-637-0185.

## Crotoberfest Scrapbook Workshop

Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 5 pm

at

St. Bartholomew's Social Hall

Do you have photos? Would you like to get them out of drawers, your phone, a shoebox? Come and get your photos organized and learn ways to preserve your memories. Fee for the day: \$25. Included: Lunch, Fun classes, goodie bags, and a door prize. If you have questions, please contact Liz Kielley, Creative Memories Advisor at 717-451-8336 or [ekielley@messiah.edu](mailto:ekielley@messiah.edu) or ask me at church.

## Fall event with Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Pavilion

Grab your costumes and come join us!

Join us for pizza, s'mores, games and activities after trick or treating. Cars decorating should arrive at 3:30 p.m. We are in need of members to decorate their cars and hand out candy for the event. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway or email [stbschristianed@comcast.net](mailto:stbschristianed@comcast.net)



**YOGA CLASSES** are held weekly on Thursdays 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. A new Yoga recording will be released to the website monthly and available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. **There will be no Yoga classes on October 31<sup>st</sup> or November 7<sup>th</sup> and no new recording in November.**



## **CAMP NAWAKWA HAPPENINGS:**

*(To register 717-677-8211, [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org))*

- **A Night for Nawakwa** – Saturday, October 19, 5-9 p.m. A night of fun and fundraising. celebrating Nawakwa's 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- **Fall Foliage Days** – Sunday, October 27, 1-6 p.m. Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon! Enjoy some of your favorite camp activities. An evening meal will be provided. Please register by October 18. Registration Fee: \$15 per person (4 & under free).
- **Quilt Auction** – November 3, 2:00 p.m. – Silent Auction, 3:00 p.m. – Live Auction. (Oct. 26 – 31 Online Bidding) All proceeds from the day benefit the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come! Register for the in-person event by October 30. This is a free event, and includes an evening meal.
- **Women's Craft Retreat** – Nov. 8 -10. Projects are provided and you bay bring your own to work on! Meals, lodging, and most supplies provided. Please register by November 1. Register early, this retreat will fill up! Registration fee is \$180.



**OCTOBER'S SPECIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING** will raise money for Four Diamonds (THON). THON is a student-run philanthropy committed to enhancing the life of children and families impacted by childhood cancer. Their mission is to

provide emotional and financial support, spread awareness and ensure funding for critical research – all in pursuit of a cure.

**THANK YOU!** \$650 was collected with August's special envelope offering for Lutheran Disaster Response.





**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SOLDIERS** Help bring some extra holiday cheer for those who are not home with their families. One of our members works with a local organization, For the Love of a Veteran. Each month they send care kits to deployed troops, as well as homeless veterans. We are asking our congregation to help fill out

Christmas cards to be included in the care kits. The cards are in boxes located in the back of the sanctuary. Detailed instructions are next to the cards on what you can do to help. Once you have completed your pack of cards, please bring them back to church and place in the designated basket located on a table in the overflow area. Please have all cards returned by November 17th. If you have any questions, call or email Erin Amoss – 717-634-8185 or [L\\_bolts@yahoo.com](mailto:L_bolts@yahoo.com)

**BLANKETS** The Women of the Church are now collecting blankets for Lutheran World Relief. There are a few guidelines to follow regarding blankets:

- LWR will accept new and like new (no stains or tears) store-bought blankets measuring approximately 60" X 80". Standard twin-size blankets are acceptable. Please do not donate electric blankets, fleece or afghans/throws.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name. LWR provides quilts, blankets and kits based on need, regardless of religion. Religious references may be misinterpreted by the governments of the receiving countries, jeopardizing the delivery to the people who need the items most. Secular symbols such as rabbits, eggs, and poinsettias are acceptable.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with holiday symbols, a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- If you would like to make a quilt to donate, please go to <https://lwr.org/quilts/resources> for instructions.



**PERSONAL CARE KITS** Women of the Church will not be collecting items for Personal Care Kits this year.

### **HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' NEEDS**

**PAL** – Canned vegetables, scalloped potatoes, sugar, vegetable or olive oil, spray oil, Ziploc bags (sandwich and gallon sizes), and grocery/shopping bags.

**Clothing Bank** – Men's jeans (waist size 30-34), Shoes and Sneakers (all sizes), white garbage bags (13 gallon), grocery/shopping and reusable bags, dryer sheets, laundry detergent, and baggies (snack size).

**Changing Lives Shelter** – Hygiene Products (Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Body Wash), Clorox Wipes, Kitchen Trash Bags, and Ziploc Bags (sandwich and gallon), razors (men's & women's), toothbrushes. (Please mark for changing lives shelter.)

**Meals-on-Wheels** – Handkerchiefs, handheld fans, no-slip slippers, journal books, sugar-free candy/snacks.

**Ruth's Harvest** – Single serve fruit cups, single serve cereals, mac & cheese cups, canned veggies.

**COMMUNITY AID** Our Community Aid partner number is 20061. If you provide this number to Community Aid when dropping off clothing items, household goods (excluding furniture), electronics, and toys to our local store, St. Bartholomew's will receive \$.13/lb.



**OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE** has put together an extensive list of local resources that provide assistance for a variety of needs. This list can be found on our website, <http://stbart-hanoverpa.org/>, by clicking on the "Community Resources" tab. It is also available by clicking on this link: [Community Outreach](#). Please check it out! You never know when you or someone you know may benefit from one of these services. **Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 22nd.**

**REPORT FROM CHURCH COUNCIL**

(September 12, 2024)

Social Hall/Church facilities requests approved. Thank you notes received from scholarship recipients. Proposed budget for 2025 approved for presentation to the congregation at congregational meeting in November. Pastor requested a one-month sabbatical leave in 2025. *Complete copies of council meeting minutes are available in the hallway.*



**OFFERINGS** Going out of town? Out of checks? No worries! St. B’s can now accept online payments through PayPal (if you have an account) using our QR code. Here’s how it works: Scan the QR code, if prompted, grant your account access to use QR code payments through the PayPal website or app. This makes it easy for you to contribute virtually using PayPal.

**AERO OIL CREDIT** Aero Energy’s House of Worship program will donate to St. B’s four cents on the gallon for every gallon of oil or propane that our members use from their company. They will also donate 10% (up to \$250/year) for HVAC/Plumbing system sales and service. If you use Aero Oil, please let them know that you are a member of St. Bartholomew’s United Church (ELCA). You can enroll in this program at [AeroEnergy.com/HOW](http://AeroEnergy.com/HOW) or call 1-888-827-1695.



**GO GREEN** Our newsletter is available online. If you would like to “go green” and receive the newsletter and calendar via email, please contact the church office at 717 632-1952 or by email at [stbartchurch@comcast.net](mailto:stbartchurch@comcast.net). Thanks!

## FIND-A-WORD

Find the words from today’s story in the puzzle below.

D	E	P	A	G	S	E	T	T	H	E	I
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G	O	G	O	A	M	O	A	R	E	D	K
A	O	R	P	U	N	I	S	H	E	D	R
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WORD LIST

ANGRY  
DESERT  
EGYPT  
ESCAPED  
FORGIVE  
GOD  
GOLD  
LEADER  
PEOPLE  
MOSES  
MOUNTAIN  
PROMISED  
PUNISHED  
SCARED  
SLAVERY  
STATUE  
TALK  
WORSHIP

**Did You Know?**

It was very common for people other than God’s people to worship statues, called ‘idols.’ Today, an idol can mean anything people worship instead of God.

**TRY IT AT HOME!**

Ask other members of your congregation about the places they’ve lived during their lives. How many places can you list where people have lived?

**PROPOSED BUDGET 2025**

	2023	Actual 2023	2024	YTD 2024	2025
<b>Source of Funds:(Income)</b>					
<b>Worship Service Offerings</b>	<b>\$332,169.00</b>	<b>\$238,232.27</b>	<b>\$315,078.00</b>	\$155,906.28	\$330,281.00
<b>Worship Service Loose Offerings</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,842.25</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	\$1,325.02	\$2,500.00
<b>Initial Envelopes</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	\$305.00	\$300.00
<b>Sunday Service Bulletins</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	\$45.00	\$100.00
Church Rentals					
Rental House Rent	\$11,400.00	\$11,400.00	\$12,000.00	\$7,900.00	\$12,000.00
Farming Ground	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Church Grounds/Social Hall	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Weddings/Funeral	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Church Rentals</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,100.00</b>	<b>\$8,100.00</b>	<b>\$13,100.00</b>
Interest					
Interest on Cemetery CD's	\$100.00	\$82.06	\$85.00	\$61.60	\$85.00
Interest on Savings Account	\$10.00	\$0.51	\$5.00	\$0.81	\$2.00
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>	<b>\$82.57</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>\$62.41</b>	<b>\$87.00</b>
Aero Energy	\$0.00	\$84.32	\$0.00	\$96.00	\$0.00
AmazonSmile	\$0.00	\$89.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Aid	\$0.00	\$126.95	\$0.00	\$169.65	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$114,009.00	\$0.00	\$0.60	\$0.00
PayPal Giving Fund				\$25.00	\$0.00
Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00	\$1,246.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$0.00
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$115,555.65</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$421.25</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Estate Gifts</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$28,912.85</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$347,579.00</b>	<b>\$401,020.59</b>	<b>\$332,168.00</b>	<b>\$166,164.96</b>	<b>\$346,368.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Benevolence					
Community	\$2,000.00	\$585.66	\$2,000.00	\$2,172.00	\$2,000.00
Hanover Area Council of Chrchs	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Synod	\$23,000.00	\$23,004.00	\$23,000.00	\$15,336.00	\$23,000.00
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>	<b>\$26,589.66</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>	<b>\$18,508.00</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>
Administrative Expense					
Church Secretary	\$21,000.00	\$24,828.44	\$26,385.00	\$17,148.58	\$27,174.00
Church Treasurer	\$3,965.00	\$3,997.26	\$3,965.00	\$2,592.65	\$4,084.00
Cleaning Staff	\$4,242.00	\$3,841.67	\$4,242.00	\$2,437.18	\$4,376.00
Director of Christian Ed	\$14,346.00	\$14,646.68	\$14,346.00	\$9,101.71	\$14,776.00
Director of Music	\$20,503.00	\$20,885.76	\$20,503.00	\$13,097.24	\$21,118.00
Director of Music Children's Choir	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Director of H.O.P.E./Bell Choir	\$8,042.00	\$8,122.00	\$8,042.00	\$5,253.46	\$8,283.00
Director of Yoga	\$5,000.00	\$2,981.57	\$3,000.00	\$1,994.21	\$3,840.00
FICA Church's half	\$6,596.00	\$6,719.86	\$6,310.00	\$3,557.22	\$6,399.00
Misc. Admn. Expenses	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Organist Continuing Education	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Pastor's Education/Book Allow.	\$1,000.00	\$883.88	\$1,000.00	\$665.00	\$1,000.00
Pastor's Travel Expense	\$3,300.00	\$1,495.54	\$3,300.00	\$117.50	\$3,300.00
Sabbatical	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Supply Musician	\$300.00	\$375.00	\$300.00	\$125.00	\$400.00
Supply Pastor	\$1,000.00	\$815.94	\$1,000.00	\$680.12	\$1,000.00
Synod Expense for Pastor	\$250.00	\$175.00	\$250.00	\$175.00	\$250.00
Thank You Gifts	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
<b>Total Administrative Expense</b>	<b>\$90,744.00</b>	<b>\$90,143.60</b>	<b>\$93,818.00</b>	<b>\$56,944.87</b>	<b>\$98,175.00</b>

Christian Education					
Adult & Youth	\$2,350.00	\$1,655.03	\$1,500.00	\$621.39	\$1,500.00
Confirmation/camps	\$2,000.00	\$1,183.65	\$2,000.00	-\$330.56	\$2,000.00
VBS	\$800.00	\$149.39	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	<b>\$5,150.00</b>	<b>\$2,988.07</b>	<b>\$4,300.00</b>	<b>\$290.83</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
Equip and Serve					
Committee - Care	\$200.00	\$37.20	\$200.00	\$7.23	\$200.00
Committee - Evangelism	\$500.00	\$190.10	\$200.00	\$151.50	\$200.00
Committee - Fellowship	\$700.00	\$649.98	\$700.00	\$79.96	\$700.00
Committee – Comm Outreach	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Committee - Worship	\$1,800.00	\$2,841.29	\$1,800.00	\$1,176.83	\$1,800.00
Conference delegate	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Congregation continuing ed.	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Congregational Related Events					\$3,000.00
Copyright	\$1,000.00	\$1,547.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,047.00	\$1,600.00
Kitchen hardware	\$100.00	\$253.34	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous expense	\$1,000.00	\$2,726.42	\$1,000.00	\$83.84	\$1,000.00
Music Ministry	\$1,000.00	\$246.12	\$1,000.00	\$586.11	\$1,000.00
Musical Groups	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
Offering Envelopes	\$500.00	\$602.83	\$625.00	\$617.60	\$625.00
Postage Expense	\$1,800.00	\$1,314.99	\$1,800.00	\$640.70	\$950.00
Professional Services	\$1,800.00	\$1,460.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,185.00	\$2,500.00
Special Gifts	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Special Occasion Flowers	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Youth Activities	\$2,550.00	\$1,002.74	\$3,400.00	-\$1,495.62	\$3,400.00
Website					\$360.00
<b>Total Equip and Serve</b>	<b>\$14,300.00</b>	<b>\$13,472.01</b>	<b>\$15,525.00</b>	<b>\$4,430.15</b>	<b>\$19,185.00</b>
General Maintenance					
General Maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$11,516.15	\$20,000.00	\$3,640.91	\$20,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$113,909.91	\$1,000.00	\$134.44	\$1,000.00
Organ & Piano	\$300.00	\$225.00	\$300.00	\$65.00	\$300.00
Rental House Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$237.84	\$1,500.00	\$42.79	\$1,500.00
Snow removal	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Tractor & Mower Supplies	\$200.00	\$53.18	\$200.00	\$43.23	\$200.00
<b>Total General Maintenance</b>	<b>\$23,200.00</b>	<b>\$125,942.08</b>	<b>\$23,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,926.37</b>	<b>\$23,200.00</b>
Insurances					
Church insurance	\$13,000.00	\$10,321.00	\$13,500.00	\$11,080.00	\$16,000.00
Workmen's Comp	\$1,600.00	\$1,445.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,425.00	\$1,600.00
Youth insurance	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$14,750.00</b>	<b>\$11,916.00</b>	<b>\$14,850.00</b>	<b>\$12,505.00</b>	<b>\$17,750.00</b>
Maintenance contracts					
Boiler Service	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$480.00	\$130.00	\$500.00
Elevator & permit	\$4,200.00	\$4,138.92	\$4,400.00	\$3,184.45	\$4,400.00
Fire extinguisher	\$300.00	\$172.60	\$300.00	\$380.59	\$400.00
Lawn mowing	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00	\$4,025.00	\$6,000.00
Security System	\$400.00	\$186.00	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$500.00
Water Laboratory Test	\$800.00	\$860.00	\$800.00	\$620.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Maintenance Contracts</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>	<b>\$11,337.52</b>	<b>\$12,180.00</b>	<b>\$8,790.04</b>	<b>\$12,800.00</b>
Office equipment					
Maintenance/Replacement	\$500.00	\$26.49	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Software update	\$200.00	\$52.99	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>\$79.48</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>



Pastoral Salary					
Base salary	\$56,357.00	\$56,357.08	\$56,357.00	\$36,055.16	\$58,048.00
Housing allowance	\$25,321.00	\$25,320.88	\$25,321.00	\$16,555.96	\$26,081.00
Pension and insurance	\$26,206.00	\$26,205.84	\$26,179.00	\$17,452.24	\$26,873.00
FICA Church's half	\$6,248.00	\$6,248.06	\$6,248.00	\$4,085.27	\$6,436.00
<b>Total Pastoral Package</b>	<b>\$114,132.00</b>	<b>\$114,131.86</b>	<b>\$114,105.00</b>	<b>\$74,148.63</b>	<b>\$117,438.00</b>
Supplies					
Cleaning & Maintenance	\$450.00	\$432.56	\$450.00	\$274.06	\$450.00
Kitchen supplies	\$500.00	\$95.72	\$300.00	\$96.15	\$300.00
Miscellaneous supplies	\$50.00	\$14.88	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Office supplies	\$3,800.00	\$3,702.62	\$3,800.00	\$3,013.38	\$4,000.00
<b>Total supplies</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>\$4,245.78</b>	<b>\$4,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,383.59</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>
Taxes					
<b>Total Property tax</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>	<b>\$3,099.98</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>	\$1,072.72	<b>\$3,700.00</b>
Utilities					
Electricity	\$6,000.00	\$4,897.92	\$5,200.00	\$3,057.75	\$5,400.00
Heating Oil	\$11,200.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,600.00	\$1,280.44	\$3,600.00
Heating Propane	\$5,200.00	\$3,638.53	\$5,200.00	\$2,201.05	\$4,000.00
Internet/Phone	\$3,700.00	\$3,674.06	\$3,700.00	\$2,648.19	\$5,300.00
Trash pickup	\$275.00	\$285.67	\$290.00	\$229.22	\$320.00
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$26,375.00</b>	<b>\$17,496.18</b>	<b>\$18,990.00</b>	<b>\$9,416.65</b>	<b>\$18,620.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$337,051.00</b>	<b>\$421,442.22</b>	<b>\$331,968.00</b>	<b>\$193,416.85</b>	<b>\$346,368.00</b>

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**Erin Gobrecht Porter, Bell Choir Director**

**Erin Gobrecht Porter, H.O.P.E. Coordinator**

**Katrina Kaintz, Christian Ed Director**

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Worship on Sunday – 9:30 a.m.**

**Also available via Live Stream**

**Sunday School classes for all ages – 10:45 a.m.**

**H.O.P.E. Worship *He Offers Peace Everyday***

Contemporary Style Worship 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

### **2024 Council Members**

Carl Bachman

Sheila Ireland

Liz Kielley

Sonya Kuhn

Mark Miller

Ruth Neiderer

Brenda Warehime

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Prayer and Care Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm	2 Conversation & Coffee 10:00 am Choir 4:30 pm Bells 6:00 pm PAL	3 Yoga 9:00 am	4 Yoga Recording 8:30 am	5
6 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	7 Worship Committee 7:00 pm	8 Prayer and Care Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm	9 Choir 4:30 pm Bells 6:00 pm	10 Yoga 9:00 am Council Meeting 7:00 pm	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12 Pavilion in Use
13 9:30 Worship Service <i>Blessing Sunday</i> 10:45 Sunday School 1:00 CROPWalk 6:30 Confirmation Class	14	15 Prayer and Care Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm <i>Office Closed</i>	16 Conversation & Coffee 10:00 am Choir 4:30 pm Bells 6:00 pm	17 Yoga 9:00 am Hanover Conference (Social Hall)	18 Apple Dumpling Baking Adult Night Out 7:00 pm	19 HOPE Practice 9:00 am Apple Dumpling Pick-Up 11:00 am
20 9:30 HOPE Service 10:45 Sunday School 6:30 Confirmation Class	21	22 Prayer and Care Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm Community Outreach 7:00 pm	23 Choir 4:30 pm Bells 6:00 pm	24 Yoga 9:00 am Women of the Church 10:30 am	25	26 Scrapbooking 9:00 am (Social Hall)
27 9:30 Worship Service <i>Reformation</i> 10:45 Sunday School 3:30 Car Set-up Trnk/Trt 4:00 Trunk or Treat	28 HOPE Planning 6:00 pm	29 Prayer and Care Gathering (Zoom) 7:00 pm	30 Choir 4:30 pm Bells 6:00 pm PAL	31 NO Yoga <i>Halloween</i>		