

FPC CONNECTIONS

The Official Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Neola

SUNDAY JANUARY 9TH

WORSHIP 10:30AM

IN PERSON & YOUTUBE

Online Worship

YouTube Live:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE0fq93ZkAZnkLGzUPspwZQ>

- Click on the link above
- Or go to www.youtube.com and search for **First Presbyterian Church Neola** or www.fpcneola.com
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel to find it anytime
- Watch live at 10:30am or anytime at your convenience after Worship.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Herb	Korlys
Teresa	Frank
Liz	James
Mark	Mark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday 1/9 is our Christmas Carol Sing-Along in worship. We'll have some of our usual liturgy, but most of the service will be you suggesting a Christmas carol or hymn to sing: Cheryl will play it and we will sing it. For our message, we'll get to hear some of the history behind some of your favorite Christmas songs!

Next week will be our final Sunday with Pastor Martha. I hope that you will be here for a special worship together as we say our final good-byes.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY

Carole Police	2-Jan
Neil Cook	5-Jan
Brooklyn Hundt	8-Jan
Tyler Baatz	14-Jan
Kayla Miller	14-Jan
Jenna Handbury	16-Jan
Connie Barrier	18-Jan
Pauline Welbourne	22-Jan
Candace Carlson	24-Jan
James Felton	24-Jan
Jennifer Jensen	26-Jan

CALENDAR

Please check the website for the latest calendar and event information. www.fpcneola.com/calendar

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to give online click [here](#) or visit our website www.fpcneola.com. You will be asked to create a user account the first time you log in.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARTHA

Dear Church Family,

Goodbyes are hard. Transitions are hard.

I hope and pray for the well-being of this congregation and for each of you in it. I love you all so dearly and I entrust you in God's care as we part ways: it's that trust that will get us all through to the next part of the journeys God has in store for us. While it's difficult to trust God in times of transition, I pray that you lean on your faith all that much more through the uncertainty. Jesus Christ is Lord and having faith will undoubtedly get the church to where God is leading you next. The same warmth, candid humor, and easy-going manner that you shared with me will be a draw for the next pastor that God is preparing for you.

Because the rules for a departing pastor have firm boundaries, please don't be surprised that I won't be checking in with you, officiating weddings or funerals, or providing congregational support after I leave. This is all a part of the process, and it allows the church to move forward and prepare for a new pastor. The PMRV Commission on Ministry will be setting up contacts for you all so that you know where to turn when you need it until you have an interim pastor in place. As time goes on and you happen to be headed out my way, let's have coffee to say "hi" and catch up, but do know that any "church" talk will be off the table.

I hope you'll come to worship on January 16th. That will be our last Sunday together and we will have the chance to share a meaningful worship service and say our goodbyes over cake afterward.

I'll close with a prayer:

Lord,

I pray for the congregation at FPC Neola. Hold them gently and guide them gracefully. May they continue to find your Word compelling and your plans for them the top priority. I pray they follow you with confidence and boldness, resting upon the faith foundation they have cultivated and flying on the winds of the Holy Spirit wherever it may lead. Amen.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Martha

DECEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maintenance: The insurance company has allowed a claim for the roof and the Session is working through the process of receiving estimates from contractors.

Marketing/Outreach: If you are interested in writing a monthly blog please let the church office know.

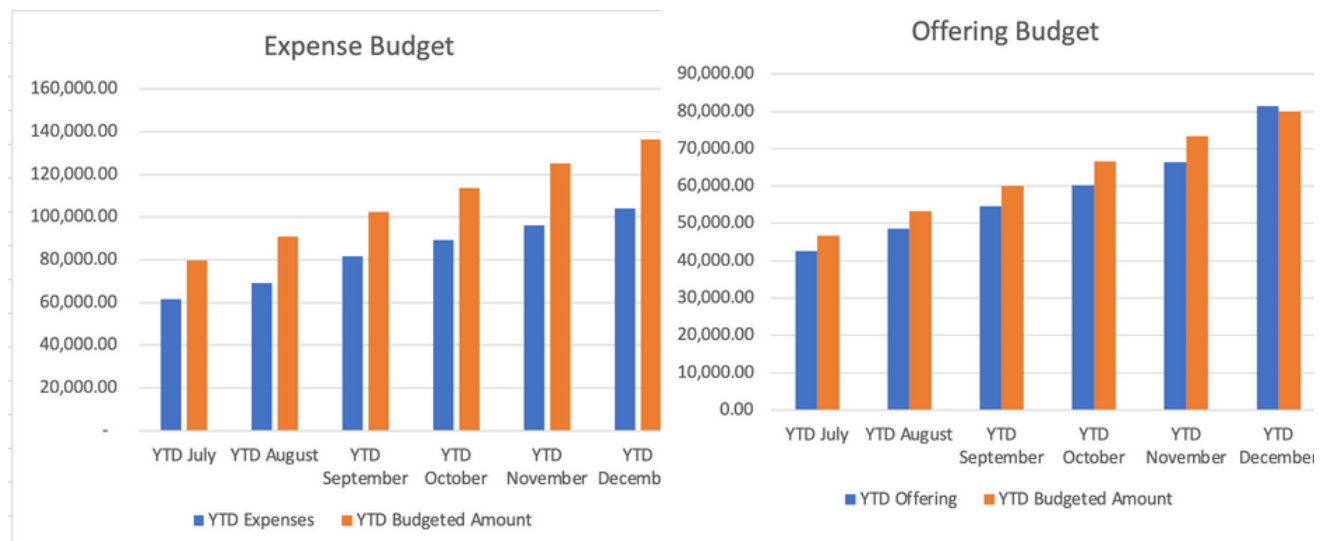
SESSION NOTES: DECEMBER 08, 2021

MOTION: to approve the 2022 budget. **CARRIED**

MOTION: to accept the resignation of Pastor Martha, effective January 31, 2022. **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Income Statement	YTD July	YTD August	YTD September	YTD October	YTD November	YTD December
General Offerings	42,547.29	48,527.82	54,510.86	60,131.06	66,500.71	81,356.42
Expense Budget	YTD July	YTD August	YTD September	YTD October	YTD November	YTD December
YTD Expenses	61,511.00	69,023.00	81,735.00	89,274.00	96,147.00	104,053.00
YTD Budgeted Amount	79,584.00	90,948.00	102,322.00	113,686.00	125,054.00	136,422.00
Over/Under Expense Budget	-22.71%	-24.11%	-20.12%	-21.47%	-23.12%	-23.73%
Offering Income Budget	YTD July	YTD August	YTD September	YTD October	YTD November	YTD December
YTD Offering	42,547.29	48,527.82	54,510.86	60,131.06	66,500.71	81,356.42
YTD Budgeted Amount	46,667.00	53,333.00	60,000.00	66,667.00	73,333.00	80,000.00
Over/Under Income Budget	-8.83%	-9.01%	-9.15%	-9.80%	-9.32%	1.70%
Offering Income and Expense Overview						
YTD General Offering	42,547.29	48,527.82	54,510.86	60,131.06	66,500.71	81,356.42
YTD Expenses	61,511.00	69,023.00	81,735.00	89,274.00	96,147.00	104,053.00
Income Deficient	-31%	-30%	-33%	-33%	-31%	-22%



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

January 9th

Greeter: Ron & Jan Elliott

Ushers: Jerry Farley

Worship leader: Renae Carlson

Session Leader: Josh Abel

Fellowship: Irene Lavine

January 16th

Greeter: Jerry Christensen

Ushers: Cliff Killpack

Worship leader: Kent Elliott

Session Leader: Jean Hartwell

Fellowship: Jean Hartwell

January 23rd

Greeter: Renae Carlson

Ushers: Dan Elliott

Session Leader: Kimberly Carlson

Fellowship: Michelle Baatz

January 30th

Greeter: Dawn Goodsell

Ushers: Bill Ambrose

Session Leader: Carol Police

Fellowship: Brenda Eckrich