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"Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you."

Refrain from *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* (ELW)

Dear Fellowship members and friends,

Hope your summer is going well and you are finding time to relax. This month I'd like to share parts of a meditation from The Rev. Dr. D. Scott Stoner (*Living Compass*, September 20, 2019) that came across my inbox this morning:

A while back, I came across a teaching story, and months later, its lesson has stayed with me. This teaching story is an additional way to think about what emerges from us, especially in times of stress or disruption.

Here is the story (origin unknown).

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and accidentally bumps you and shakes your arm, making you spill coffee everywhere.

*Why did you spill the coffee?
Because someone bumped into you, right?
Wrong answer.*

*You spilled the coffee because coffee was in the cup.
If tea had been in it, you would have spilled tea.
Whatever is inside the cup is what will come out.*

*Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you,
whatever is inside of you will come out.
So each of us has to ask ourselves..... what's in my cup?*

*When life gets bumpy, what spills over?
Joy, gratefulness, peace, and humility?
Or anger, bitterness, harsh words, and reactions?*

We choose what's in our cup!

Today, let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation to ourselves and others, kindness, gentleness, and love!

See you in church!

Pastor Robin



ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-person Worship Masks are optional for the fully vaccinated and recommended for those not vaccinated. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask due to the Delta variant and rising COVID cases in our community, please feel free to do so. We are awaiting the new CDC guidance on mask guidelines. Masks are available on the table in the narthex and more are available in my office (surgical masks and KN-95). We will continue to practice physical distancing.

Holy Communion Consecrated communion kits can be picked up in the church office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon for those unable to attend in-person.

Outdoor Worship Service & Box Lunch We are planning to have our annual outdoor service on Sunday, August 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Murphy Park in Powell. Please respond to the upcoming email and let us know if you will be attending and how many box lunches your family needs. Please bring your own chairs.

Meals on Wheels

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| Friday, August 20 | Biemel | Friday, September 17 | Biemel |
| Saturday, August 21 | Engen & Tucker | Saturday, September 18 | Wolfe |

Donation Opportunities

Smoky Row Food Pantry Needs for July, August, and September

- Peanut Butter
- Jam/Jelly
- School Supplies for all grades (needed by August 1st)
- Non-perishable food staples, i.e., beans, corn, rice, pasta
- Toiletries, i.e., shampoo, conditioner, soap
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Please bring your donations to the church during services, or the published office hours. Thank you!

Thrivent Members - For those of you with choice dollars don't forget that Fellowship can be a recipient of those dollars. Thank you to all who have donated this way in the past!

Kroger Plus Fundraising Information: If you would like to register your Kroger card for the Community Rewards Program, please contact Pastor Robin or the church office. Thank you so much for participating in this fundraiser!

Staying Connected Program for the Elderly - Did you know that Ohio has a program for the elderly to "stay connected?" We have at least one member who is enrolled in the program and really likes it. You get to pick the hour to receive the phone call. For more information, here is the link: <https://aging.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/aging/care-and-living/get-help/staying-connected/>

Do You Order From Amazon? If so, then try Amazon Smile to support Fellowship Lutheran Church! First, go to Amazon Smile and choose Fellowship Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Fellowship will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!

Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with GivePlus+ - Our EFT provider, Vanco, provides a smartphone app, Give+, to enable anyone to donate at anytime to Fellowship. It makes it easy to give instantaneously for a regular gift, a recurring gift, or a special occasion gift.

Worship Servers Needed! If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. worship service, please let either Tracy Farel or Pastor Robin know. Lectors, counters, and greeters are needed.

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
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| 6/6 | 23/6/34 views | 7/4 | 25/4/37 views |
| 6/13 | 27/5/57 views | 7/11 | 30/6/81 views |
| 6/20 | 24/6/37 views | 7/18 | 22/7/24 views |
| 6/27 | 26/8/42 views | 7/25 | 19/3/32 views |



Michael will be going off to graduate school in August. His last Sunday with us will be on August 8th. Come enjoy his recital on Sunday afternoon!

Michael Cherup

Carolina On My Mind

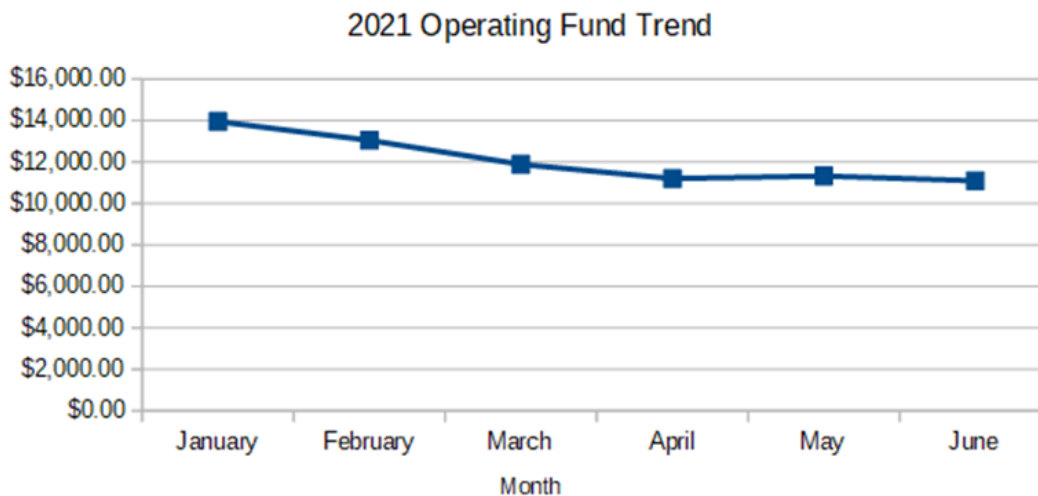


August 8th, 3:00 PM

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Michael plays his Organ favorites before leaving for East Carolina University. Come for an afternoon of Organ music and farewells!

Thank you for your support of Fellowship for the first half of the year. Thanks to your support, we are keeping up with, or surpassing, our projections. Our first half worship offering is about 2% ahead of 50% of our half year budget projection of our full year income. We also received the lease option payment from Crown Castle in the amount of \$2,000. The following graph shows how our “operating fund” is tracking so far this year. While the operating fund is slowly declining, this is better than we had projected during our budgeting.



We continue to meet our commitment to increase our benevolence to 7.5% of our worship offering. For the second quarter, we contributed \$2,612.25 to the Southern Ohio Synod. We are also making important contributions to our community. Among them are:

- Reinstalling the basketball hoop (first quarter)
- Collecting food, and now school supplies, for the Smoky Row Food Pantry
- Providing assistance to neighbors in immediate need through our Good Samaritan Fund

In the second quarter, we purchased a new camera and upgraded our wi-fi equipment to enable live-streaming of our weekly worship services. We were fortunate to be the beneficiary of the Southern Ohio Synod Digital Ministry grant of \$500 and a Thrivent Action Team grant to help offset those expenditures. The weekly services are still saved and accessible at any time on Facebook and Youtube. Our digital outreach has enabled us to reach new people. We have several new people who regularly participate with us digitally.

We try to follow the lead of the parable of the talents to use the resources you have entrusted to us wisely. Wisely means using those resources to support our mission statement of Sharing God’s love and grace through our word and actions. We will engage in ministries that move God’s work forward in our community and we trust that you will help us make that happen through your giving of your talents and financial resources. Your leadership team is always looking for new ways to reach out to our community and welcomes suggestions.

2nd Quarter Financial Report

Todd Engen, Treasurer

Below are the first half statistics of our income and expenses:

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| Operating Fund (Net Current Equity) | | | \$11,099.08 |
| Total Net Equity | | | \$2,187,514.47 |
| | Bank Account | | \$17,678.13 |
| | Savings Account (MMA) | | \$16,227.05 |
| | Mortgage Balance | | \$273,522.60 |
| | | June | Year to Date |
| INCOME | Worship Offering | \$11,349.00 | \$64,979.00 |
| | Building Use Donations | 3,100.00 | \$8,675.00 |
| | Miscellaneous Donations | 123.66 | \$639.21 |
| | Interest Income | 0.75 | \$4.20 |
| | Restricted Income | 950.00 | \$2,566.00 |
| Total Income | | \$15,523.41 | \$76,863.41 |
| Total Expenses | | 12,779.21 | \$76,622.83 |

Thank you again for your support. I am happy to answer any questions you might have about our financial status and reports.

Todd Engen, Treasurer

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FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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| Fritzi Bear | Hazel Lambert |
| Major N Crispin | Frank & Leena LeMay |
| Barb Fisher | Sonja Meighen |
| Margery Gress | Joshua Mott |
| Cheryl Hamilton | Stacy Niedecker |
| Karen Henry | Martha Sampson |
| Zach Jaeger | Ray & Carol Ward |
| Lillian Kachic | |

August Birthdays

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| Andy DeVantier | 8/01 |
| Sarah Lude | 8/01 |
| Shelby Defibaugh | 8/04 |
| Stacy Niedecker | 8/04 |
| George Biemel | 8/05 |
| Andy Lee | 8/06 |
| Yuriko Tateyama | 8/15 |
| Sonya Thelin | 8/17 |
| Katherine Terentyev | 8/23 |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother
- Jennifer Craig**, Cindy Frey's sister
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother
- Marc Hamilton**, Cheryl Hamilton's son
- Pat Henceforth**, Rev. Ron Bott's friend
- Chris Johnson**, Bruce Johnson's sister-in-law
- Jack Renner**, Pastor Robin's uncle
- Fergus Sampson**, Martha Sampson's son
- Harry Swearengen**, Bill Lude's friend
- Jenifer Takats**, Todd Engen's wife
- Hayden Valesky**, Votino's great nephew



Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month! This list reflects the information we have in our computer at this time. We welcome your corrections and additions!

DEATHS:

- Desiree Davids**, Martha Sampson's niece
- Mark McCracken**, Cheryl Hamilton's cousin
- Bob Wistner**, former member of FLC (charter member)

August Anniversaries

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| Mike & Ruth Rankin | 8/12 |
| George & Jeanine Biemel | 8/17 |
| Ray & Carol Ward | 8/23 |
| Erling & Susan Lee | 8/24 |



Church Staff

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| Pastor | Rev. Robin Wargowsky |
| Treasurer | Todd Engen |
| Financial Secretary | Tracy Farel |
| Office Secretary | Tracy Farel |
| Organist | Michael Cherup |
| Sub. Organist | David Fleisher |
| Sunday evening pianist | Amy Wargowsky |
| Choir Director | George Biemel |
| Custodian | Kenneth Hunt |

Executive Committee

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| President | Stacy Niedecker |
| Vice-President | Kathryn Tucker |
| Secretary | Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin |

Congregational Life

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| Director | Cindy Frey |
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Education & Youth

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| Director | Dianna Roll |
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Outreach

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| Director | Carol Jaeger |
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Stewardship & Support

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| Director | John Votino |
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Worship

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| Director | Karen Harris |
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Thank you for your leadership!!!

August 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship | 2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC | 6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray |
| 8 Outdoor Service 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-2:30 - CJMC 3:00 - Organ Concert 5:00 pm - worship | 9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship Team (zoom) | 11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC | 13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray |
| 15 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship | 16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council | 18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 11:00 am - SICC Pastors 8:00 pm - CJMC | 20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray |
| 22 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship | 23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC | 27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray |
| 29 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship | 30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC | 3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray |

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Our Purpose: To share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

Our Vision: To be a diverse, thriving community of faith where all are welcome to celebrate God's love and grace.

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