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## *Pastor's Page*

*"Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6*

Dear Fellowship members and friends!

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord! As the month of May unfolds and we witness the beauty of nature coming to life with lush greenery and the blossoming of flowers and trees, we are reminded of the beauty of new beginnings, the magnificence of God's creation and God's never-ending faithfulness. The birds are singing and there is a sense of hope and renewal in the air! This is also a time when we celebrate the season of Easter and reflect on the gift of new life that Christ has given us. It is truly a season of renewal and revival, both in nature and in our spiritual lives. During the seven weeks of the Easter season, my hope for all of us is that we let the joy and hope of the empty tomb continue to resonate in our hearts as we carry the message of the Gospel to the world around us.

I want to thank everyone who helped make our Easter service so special this year. The music was beautiful and the flowers brought much color to our sanctuary. It was a joy to see so many members of our church family come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. I also want to thank all who have been serving with unwavering commitment and dedication in various ministries and activities, including the soup suppers and the extra services of Lent. Your faithfulness and willingness to serve are a blessing to our church and a testimony to God's grace at work in our midst. Let us continue to work together, in unity and love, as we strive to fulfill our mission to share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

On May 14th, we will recognize our 2022-2023 Sunday School teachers (Susan Wolfe, Pete Cardimen, and Lilly Cardimen). Then on the following Sunday, May 21st, Charlotte Tonn will be confirmed and we will recognize our 2023 graduate, Amy Wargowsky. Please try to attend these Sundays (as a bonus, we will have cake after worship on the 21st!)

As we enter the month of May, let us be reminded of the words of the Psalmist above: "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!" May our hearts be filled with gratitude and worship as we continue to grow in our relationship with God and serve God with our lives. May God's blessings abound in our church and in our individual lives, now and always.

See you in church!

*Pastor Robin*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In-person Worship** Masks are now optional. Please feel free to wear a mask if you are more comfortable with one on.

**5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service** Come join us for our 5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service on the 1st Sunday of each month.

**The Smoky Row Food Pantry** is at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus. The most needed items for April, May, and June include:

- Toilet paper
- Baby items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
- Toothpaste (regular, not sample size)
- Laundry detergent
- Kitchen cleaning items, such as dishwasher liquid, and dish soap



Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!



**Youth Sunday School News** Come join us for Youth Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.! This year, we are using Sparkhouse, *Activate Faith - All Kids* for the curriculum, and classes are taught by Pete and Lilly Cardimen. **The last day of classes will be on**

**Sunday, May 21st.**

**Adult Sunday School** Susan Wolfe is facilitating a study on Martin Luther.

### Meals on Wheels

Saturday, May 20 Biemel

Saturday, June 17 Cardimen



**Worship Servers Needed!** If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. worship service, please let Pastor Robin know. Assisting ministers, lectors, counters, and greeters are needed. Not sure what these roles involve or never done it before? We will be happy to help you out! Also beginning in May, we will be offering a fellowship time with

drinks and goodies following worship on the 1st Sunday of each month. Sign-up on the table in the narthex.

**Women's Dinner and Guys Night Out Update** We are planning to resume our women's dinners and guys night outs in May. The **women's dinner** will be on **Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** at **Anna's Greek Cuisine** next to the church. The **guys night out** will be on **May 24th at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Revelry Tavern** (6711 Dublin Center Dr.). All are welcome!

**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!

**One Rollator Still Available** Two rollators have been donated to Fellowship from Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church and one is still available in the coat rack area. If you are in need of a rollator, please let Pastor Robin know and take one. Please return to the church when you no longer need the rollator.

**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!

**Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with Vanco Mobile** - If you would like to give to Fellowship with your smartphone, please download Vanco's new smartphone app, **Vanco Mobile**. Vanco Mobile will 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.



**Pastoral Care Request** If you have a pastoral care request (hospitalization, upcoming surgery, need for counseling, etc.), please call Pastor Robin at (937) 725-4930. If you would like a home visit by Pastor Robin, please let Pastor Robin know so it can be scheduled. It does not need to be a pastoral emergency...just an opportunity to get to know you better.

**Staying Connected Program for the Elderly** - Did you know that Ohio has a program for the elderly to "stay connected?" 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/>.

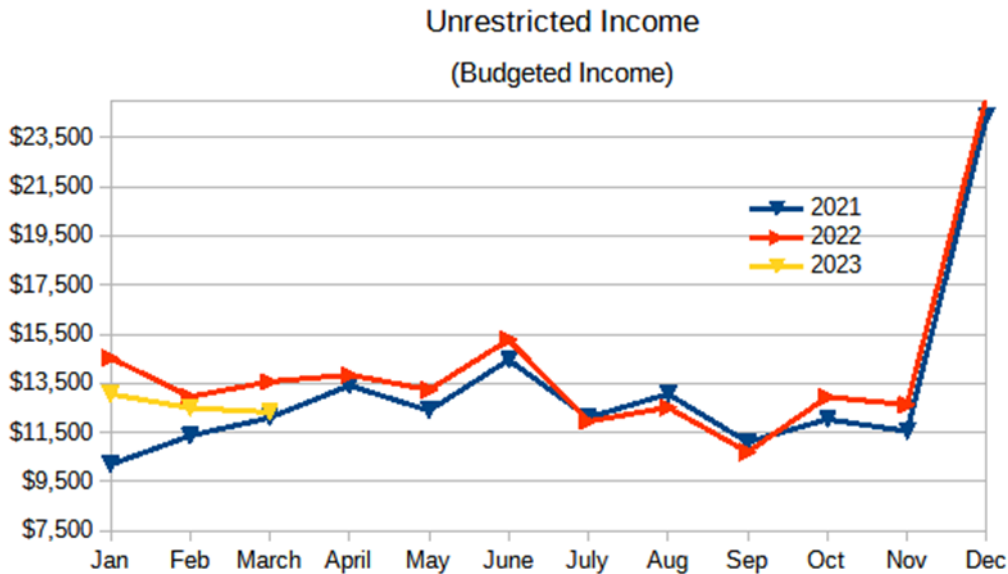
## **Attendance Information (In-person & virtual) (MW - midweek)**

March 1 (MW)	12/12 views	April 2	30/9/28 views
March 5	39/5/15 views	April 6 (MW)	32/19 views
March 8 (MW)	12/10 views	April 9	60/24 views
March 12	27/21 views	April 16	29/21 views
March 15 (MW)	13/13views	April 23	40/12 views
March 19	39/14 views	April 30	
March 22 (MW)	11/7 views		
March 26	34/25 views		
March 29	13/7 views		

**Congratulations to Angela & Zach Kidd, new parents to Aria Violet Kidd, born on April 14th! She weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. Proud Grandma is Dianna Roll.**



The first quarter of each year has a lot of to-dos for the treasurer. There is year end tax filing required early in the first quarter. This includes filing full year employees' withholding and reconciliation of payments for the prior year (i.e., 2022). December generosity usually means that we start the new year with a cushion in our unrestricted assets. The following graph shows a comparison of the last couple years of monthly income:

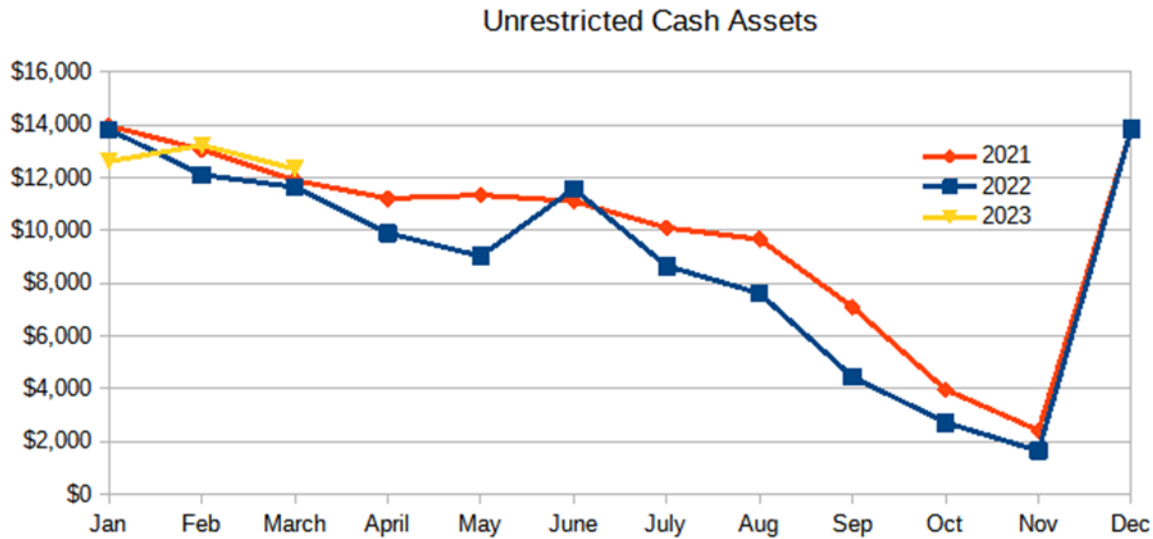


In the first quarter of 2023, we have made several contributions to our partners and neighbors. We contributed \$1,250 to the Southern Ohio Synod. We also raised \$175 in contributions from our congregation for the Souper Bowl which was matched from the Grace Lutheran Funds for a total contribution of \$350. These funds support the work of the LSS Food Pantries and their support for the hungry in our area.

So far, 2023 has begun and our financial status is stable. Year to date, our income is a little above our budgeted amount and expenses are a little below budget. Our income is between 2021 and 2022 so far. Hopefully, we'll continue to see the impact of our increased pledges for 2023 show as the year progresses.

As interest rates have gone up this year, we are now receiving 3% interest on our MMA (savings) account. We have reallocated our accounts so that we have approximately one month's expenses worth of money in our checking account and the remainder in our MMA account to generate some additional interest income. We have gone from less than a dollar a month in interest income to about \$30 as a result of the interest rate change and reallocating.

Our bank accounts hold \$50,365.40 of cash on hand. Of that, about \$12,500 is unrestricted. We have a final payment of approximately \$10,000 remaining for our lighting system replacement that will be funded from the Capital restricted income. That payment will occur at the end of April. Our Unrestricted Cash Assets are not affected by this payment as it is paid from the Restricted Income that we have received for those specific purposes. The following graph shows our Unrestricted Cash Assets, money we can use for any budgeted purpose without restriction:



Again, our Unrestricted Cash is trending comparably to prior years. Below are the first quarter 2023 statistics of our bank balances, income and expenses.

Thank you again for your support. Your support makes our ministry go and supports our mission of sharing God’s love and grace through our words and actions.

I am happy to answer any questions you might have about our financial status.

Todd Engen, Treasurer

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Bank Balances as of 3/31/23:

BANK ACCOUNTS		
CHECKING ACCOUNTS		\$17,111.30
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS		33,254.10
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Subtotal Bank Accounts		50,365.40
MORTGAGES & LOANS		255,500.32

First Quarter Income:

	Actual	Budget	Difference	%
CONTRIBUTION INCOME				
UNRESTRICTED	37,813.67	37,194.99	618.68	102.0%
Subtotal Contribution Income	37,813.67	37,194.99	618.68	102.0%
INTEREST INCOME	37.43	2.49	34.94	999.0%
TOTAL INCOME	37,851.10	37,197.48	653.62	102.0%

First Quarter Budget Comparison of Expenses by Area:

	Actual	Budget	Difference	%
ADMINISTRATION	22,680.70	22,641.42	-39.28	100.0%
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	355.61	981.24	625.63	36.0%
WORSHIP	566.59	526.50	-40.09	108.0%
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE	670.96	200.01	-470.95	335.0%
EDUCATION & YOUTH	53.25	173.76	120.51	31.0%
OUTREACH	1,250.00	1,250.01	0.01	100.0%
PROPERTY AND SUPPORT	11,474.69	14,577.75	3,103.06	79.0%
STEWARDSHIP EXPENSES		37.50	37.50	0.0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>37,051.80</b>	<b>40,388.19</b>	<b>3,336.39</b>	<b>92.0%</b>

Mortgage Principal Payments:

	Actual	Budget	Difference	%
FCB Mortgage	2,721.48	2,400.00	321.48	113.0%

**Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Sub. Pianist/Organist	David Fleisher, Ruth Albert
Choir/Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

**Executive Committee**

President	George Biemel
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin

**At-large Council Members**

Angela Kidd  
Bill Lude  
Susan Wolfe

**Team Coordinators**

<b>Congregational Life</b>	Vacant
<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>	Vacant
<b>Outreach</b>	Pete Cardimen
<b>Property</b>	John Votino
<b>Stewardship</b>	Vacant (Council)
<b>Worship</b>	Karen Harris

***Thank you for your leadership!!!***



## Worship Servers Schedule for May 2023

	<b>May 7</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 28</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Ruth Albert	Cindy Frey		
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Ruth Albert	Cindy Frey		
<b>Counter</b>	Bill Lude	Bill Lude		
<b>Greeter</b>	Karen Harris	Bill Lude		
<b>Fellowship Host</b>		----	Education	----
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland



### Worship Servers Needed!

If you can fill any of our openings for assisting ministers, readers, counters, greeters or fellowship hosts or help out in future months, please call or email Pastor Robin. Thanks!

# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Choir 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	<b>1</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	<b>2</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 11:00 am - SICC @ FLC	<b>3</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>4</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>5</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>6</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>7</b> 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<b>8</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	<b>9</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 p.m. - Worship Team (zoom)	<b>10</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>11</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>12</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>13</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>14 <i>Mother's Day</i></b> 10:00 am - Worship; SS Teacher Recognition 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	<b>15</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	<b>16</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	<b>17</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>18</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>19</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>20</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>21</b> 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship Confirmation/Graduate Recognition 11:00 am - Choir 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	<b>22</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	<b>23</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner @ Anna's	<b>24</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 pm - Guys Night Out @ Revelry	<b>25</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>26</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>27</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - CJMC
<b>28 <i>Pentecost</i></b> 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	<b>29 <i>Memorial Day</i></b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	<b>30</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>31</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>1</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>2</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>3</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray

**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Fritzi Bear</b>     | <b>Ed Lathy</b>                 |
| <b>Major N Crispin</b> | <b>Frank &amp; Leena LeMay</b>  |
| <b>Byron Engen</b>     | <b>Pete &amp; Sonja Meighen</b> |
| <b>Barb Fisher</b>     | <b>Joshua Mott</b>              |
| <b>Margery Gress</b>   | <b>Ruth Rankin</b>              |
| <b>Cheryl Hamilton</b> | <b>Martha Sampson</b>           |
| <b>Zach Jaeger</b>     | <b>Carolyn Shaw</b>             |
| <b>Lillian Kachic</b>  | <b>John Votino</b>              |
|                        | <b>Ray &amp; Carol Ward</b>     |

**May Birthdays**

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|----------------|------|
| Susan Lee      | 5/05 |
| Tom Scantland  | 5/07 |
| Maria Anderson | 5/09 |
| Sam Sgro       | 5/13 |
| Karen Harris   | 5/24 |

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother
- Rikki-lynn Cromlish**, Mal Tonn's teammate
- Marc Hamilton**, Cheryl Hamilton's son
- McKenna Harris**, Karen Harris' granddaughter
- Kristi Mason**, Mike Rankin's cousin
- Curt Shaw**, Heather Tonn's uncle
- Jenifer Takats**, Todd Engen's wife



**DEATHS:**

**Laura Kreis' father**, Sonya Thelin's friend

*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!*

**May Anniversaries**

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|--------------------|------|
| Bill & Kathy Farel | 5/12 |
| Bill & Pam Lude    | 5/30 |



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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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