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[Jesus said] "You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you."
Matthew 5:48 (Eugene Peterson's The Message)

Greetings Fellowship members and friends!

In an article on generous giving several years ago, William Enright posed these thoughts: "Do you remember the questions you asked as a child or the questions you were asked by your children? Questions like, But why should I share? Why should I care? Why should I be nice? Why can't I keep what I have for myself? Ironically, these are more than children's questions; they are life questions. Ignore them, and life degenerates into a narcissistic funk. Dare to live with such questions, and generosity becomes pivotal to the well-lived life." (2017 *Giving Magazine*)

I really like Eugene Peterson's interpretation of Jesus' words in the scripture above, especially about living out our God-created identities by living generously and graciously toward others as God lives toward us. By living generously and graciously, we do indeed "let our lights shine!" (our 2022 stewardship theme).

How has God blessed you to be generous? During worship on Consecration Sunday, November 13th, we will bring forth our 2023 faith promises. We will also have a guest preacher that Sunday, the Rev. Robert Abrams, Assistant to the Bishop for the SOS. Our annual congregation meeting will follow immediately after worship and we will present our proposed 2023 ministry budget. We have the capacity to use our myriad of gifts and talents to create a difference for someone, some ministry, and our neighborhood. Our budget allows us to share God's love and grace with our words and actions. Please plan on attending the meeting on the 13th.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin



**Don't forget to turn your clocks
back an hour before you go to
bed on November 5th!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

All Saints Sunday - November 6 If you have a loved one (family member or friend) who has died in the past 12 months whom you would like remembered on November 6th, please contact Pastor Robin or Tracy or add your loved one to the list on the table in the narthex.

Generosity Giving We have paid for our roof repairs and collected \$8,785.75 for our lighting proposal (\$15,250). Please contribute to our capital fund as you are able. A big thank you to the 19 families who have generously contributed so far!



5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service Beginning November, we will only offer the evening service on the first Sunday of each month. As we have done during the last several years, we will also offer a Quiet Christmas on the Sunday evening before Christmas, December 18th at 5:00 p.m.

The Smoky Row Food Pantry located at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus is in need of the following items:

- Baby items (diapers - all sizes) and wipes
- Laundry detergent
- Winter coats (new or gently used)
- Hats and gloves (adult, child, and infant)
- Food staples, including food items for the holidays
- Hygiene items
- Toilet paper

Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex during church service hours, or during the published office hours - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!

Veteran Recognition Sunday on November 13th On November 13, we will again recognize all the veterans at Fellowship. If we have your information from the bulletin insert for last year's Veteran's Day Recognition Sunday, we will use the information we have. Otherwise, please provide the office with your information.

EFT for 2023 - If you use EFT for your offering or would like to start using EFT, we need to hear from you for 2023. There are EFT sign up sheets and extra faith promise cards in the office.₂



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.

Adult Sunday School Starting Sunday, October 30 during 9 am Sunday School time, Susan Wolfe will be facilitating a Biblically based discussion on the topic of gratitude.

Meals on Wheels

Saturday, November 19 Engen
 Saturday, December 17 Farel



Youth Quake - Youth Quake for 2023 will be January 6-8 in Cincinnati. This is for grades 6-12. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn in Eastgate. Please let Pastor Robin know if you are interested in going. Early registration deadline is November 2, 2022. This year's theme is Re:Ignite based on 2Corinthians 5:17 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

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.

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. Not sure what these roles involve or never done it before? We will be happy to help you out!



Congregation Meeting Please mark your calendars for November 13. We will hold our annual congregation meeting following the morning worship service. The objectives of the meeting are to ratify the constitution changes, approve the 2023-24 leadership slate, and approve the budget for 2023. If you have items that you'd like to add to the agenda, please contact the office. We will also have an open discussion once we have completed any other items that require a vote of the congregation.

SAVE THE DATES!

October 30, 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Game Night

November 20, 11:00 a.m. - Thanksgiving Meal after morning worship

Two Rollators Available Two rollators have been donated to Fellowship from Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church and have been placed in the coat rack area. If you are in need of a rollator, please let Pastor Robin or Tracy know and take one. Please return to the church when you no longer need the rollator.

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!

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, Ohio as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Fellowship will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!

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 or Tracy know so we can get one 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)

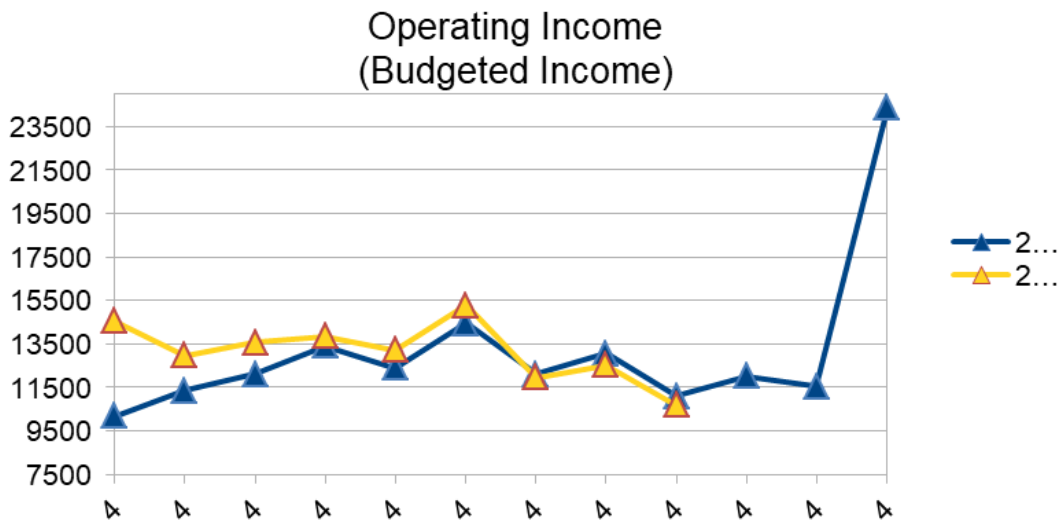
September 4	23/4/17 views	October 2	30/5/27 views
September 11	35/5/22 views	October 9	30/4/25 views
September 18	29/4/22 views	October 16	25/5/13 views
September 25	34/3/19 views	October 23	40/4/24 views
		October 30	41/12 views

Welcome Adelaide Ann Wolkan to Fellowship!

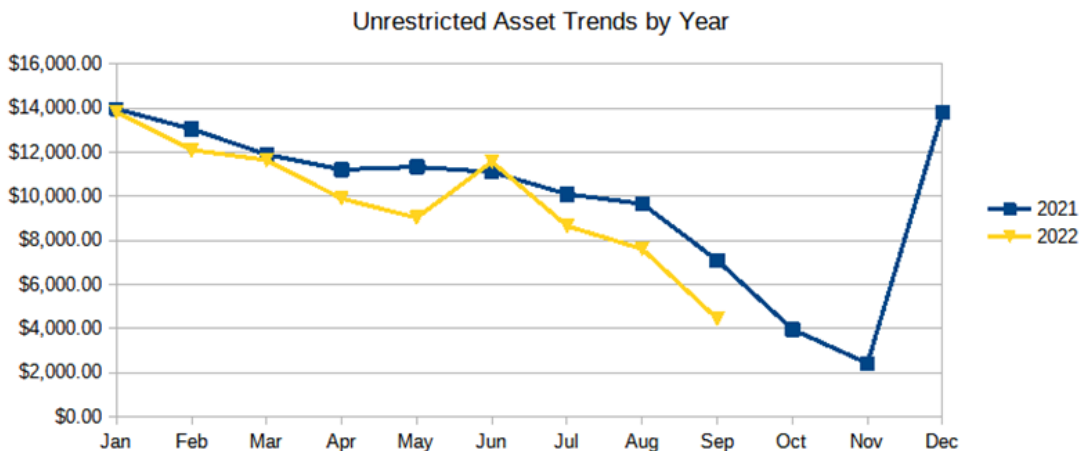
Adelaide was born on December 22, 2021 to Kathleen and Zac Wolkan, and big brother Ethan. Adelaide was baptized on Reformation Sunday at Fellowship and officially became a member at our church.



Our financial situation is following a typical year’s pattern. The following chart shows the month to month income for this year and last year for comparison. Our operating income for the third quarter of 2022 continues to follow a similar trend as prior years. We tend to drop off through the end of the summer. This quarter, however, we have dropped a little below last year’s income, but it is pretty close to last year. If you’ve gotten behind in your giving, this is an opportunity to get caught up and help close the gap.



In the third quarter, we continue to maintain a strong balance in our bank accounts. We ended the quarter with \$49,803.26 cash on hand in our two cash accounts at First Commonwealth Bank. A large portion of that is restricted assets, however. The following chart shows the trends of our unrestricted cash assets which are the assets we have available for our operating expenses:



Again, the trend this year is similar to last year and prior years. We tend to approach zero in November and then recover in December. We’re a little lower this year than last as of the end of September. Much of that is due to some relatively large expenditures we had to make to meet the findings from our latest fire inspection. We had expenditures of about \$1400 to do maintenance on our fire extinguishers and fire safety systems, especially the batteries that supply power to the emergency lights. Our natural gas bill has also gone up in the last quarter and a half as our budget plan payment has increased significantly compared to prior years. This is due mostly to

increases in the infrastructure riders for the maintenance of Columbia Gas’s distribution infrastructure in response to the issues that were identified in the Boston area where they had major issues a couple years ago. The first half of the year, our monthly gas bill was \$542 and it has increased to \$665. We began efforts this quarter to optimize our energy usage by heating and cooling our spaces in accordance with their usage.

In the third quarter, we disbursed \$6,000 from monies donated to us by Grace Lutheran Church. We have given to several organizations that support people in our community and that we have relationships with including: Life Care Alliance (Meals on Wheels), Smoky Row Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services (Frebis Food Pantry, Faith Mission, Choices), and First English Lutheran Church.

Below are the third quarter 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
 tcengen@att.net
 614-226-4965

Bank Balances:	Net Unrestricted Cash	\$4,451.28
	Total Equity	\$2,271,942.41
	Bank Account	\$33,587.54
	Savings Account (MMA)	\$16,215.72
	Total Cash On-Hand	\$49,803.26
	Mortgage Balance	\$262,595.91

Third Quarter Income:		3Q 2022	3Q 2022 Budget Percent
	TOTAL INCOME	42,816.52	113.44%
	Budgeted	35,295.52	93.51%
	Non-Budgeted	7,521.00	

Third Quarter Expenses by Area:	EXPENSES	3Q 2022	3Q 2022 Budget Percent
	ADMINISTRATION	\$23,406.46	98.85%
	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	521.98	55.68%
	WORSHIP	50.73	11.56%
	CONGREGATIONAL LIFE	150.62	75.31%
	EDUCATION & YOUTH	275.62	173.61%
	OUTREACH	3,729.65	142.99%
	PROPERTY AND SUPPORT	13,100.57	95.92%
	STEWARDSHIP EXPENSES	0.00	0.00%
	RESTRICTED FUND EXPENSES	3,817.73	0.00%
	Total Expenses	45,053.36	107.99%

Church Staff

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

Executive Committee

President	Kathryn Tucker
Vice-President	George Biemel
Secretary	Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin

Congregational Life

Director	Cindy Frey
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Education & Youth

Director	Dianna Roll
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Outreach

Director	Carol Jaeger
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Stewardship & Support

Director	John Votino
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Worship

Director	Karen Harris
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Thank you for your leadership!!!

Worship Servers Schedule for November 2022

	November 6	November 13
Lay Reader	Todd Engen	Karen Harris
Counter	Bill Lude	Bill Farel
Greeter	Karen Harris	Kathryn Tucker
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel

	November 20	November 27
Lay Reader	George Biemel	
Counter		
Greeter	George Biemel	
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel

Worship Servers Needed!

We have not yet returned to our full schedule of worship servers. If you can fill any of our openings for readers, counters or greeters or help out in future months, please call or email Tracy or Pastor Robin. Thanks!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Reformation 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC 6:00 p.m. - Game Night	31 7:00 pm - NA	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 11:00 am - SICC Pr's Meeting @ FLC 8:00 pm - CJMC	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
6 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	7 7:00 pm - NA 8:00 - Election Setup	8 Election Day 6:00 am - CJMC Pray <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Pastor </div>	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Robin on vacation </div>	11 Veteran's Day 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
13 Consecration Sun. 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship & Veteran Recognition 11:00 am - Cong. Mtg. 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	14 7:00 pm - NA	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
20 Christ the King 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - TG Meal 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	21 7:00 pm - NA	22 7:00 pm - Outreach Team (zoom)	23	24 Thanksgiving 8:00 pm - CJMC	25 Office closed	26
27 1st Sun. of Advent 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Put up tree & decorations 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	28 7:00 pm - NA	29	30	1 8:00 pm - CJMC	2	3

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Fritzi Bear	Zach Jaeger
Maxine Brunner	Lillian Kachic
Major N Crispin	Frank & Leena LeMay
Barb Fisher	Sonja Meighen
Vanessa France	Joshua Mott
Margery Gress	Martha Sampson
Claire Haase	John Votino
Cheryl Hamilton	Ray & Carol Ward

November Birthdays

Frank LeMay	11/01
Karen Henry	11/10
Don Poland	11/11
Chris Tonn	11/14
Maryann Mott	11/17
Tracy Farel	11/21
Peter Meighen Jr.	11/22
Lillian Kachic	11/23
Bill Farel	11/25
Amanda Laucher	11/28

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Joan Albert, Ruth Albert's mother
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother
Sharon Gray, Karen Harris' classmate
John Haffner, Amanda Laucher's father
Marc Hamilton, Cheryl Hamilton's son
Charlotte Schall, Pastor Robin's mother
Carolyn Shaw, Heather Tonn's mother
John Tolbert, Karen Harris' daughter-in-law's father



DEATHS:

Betty Abbruzzese, Gayle Alexander's housemate
Suzanne Kemperman, 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!

November Anniversaries

Major & Carolyn Crispin 11/29



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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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