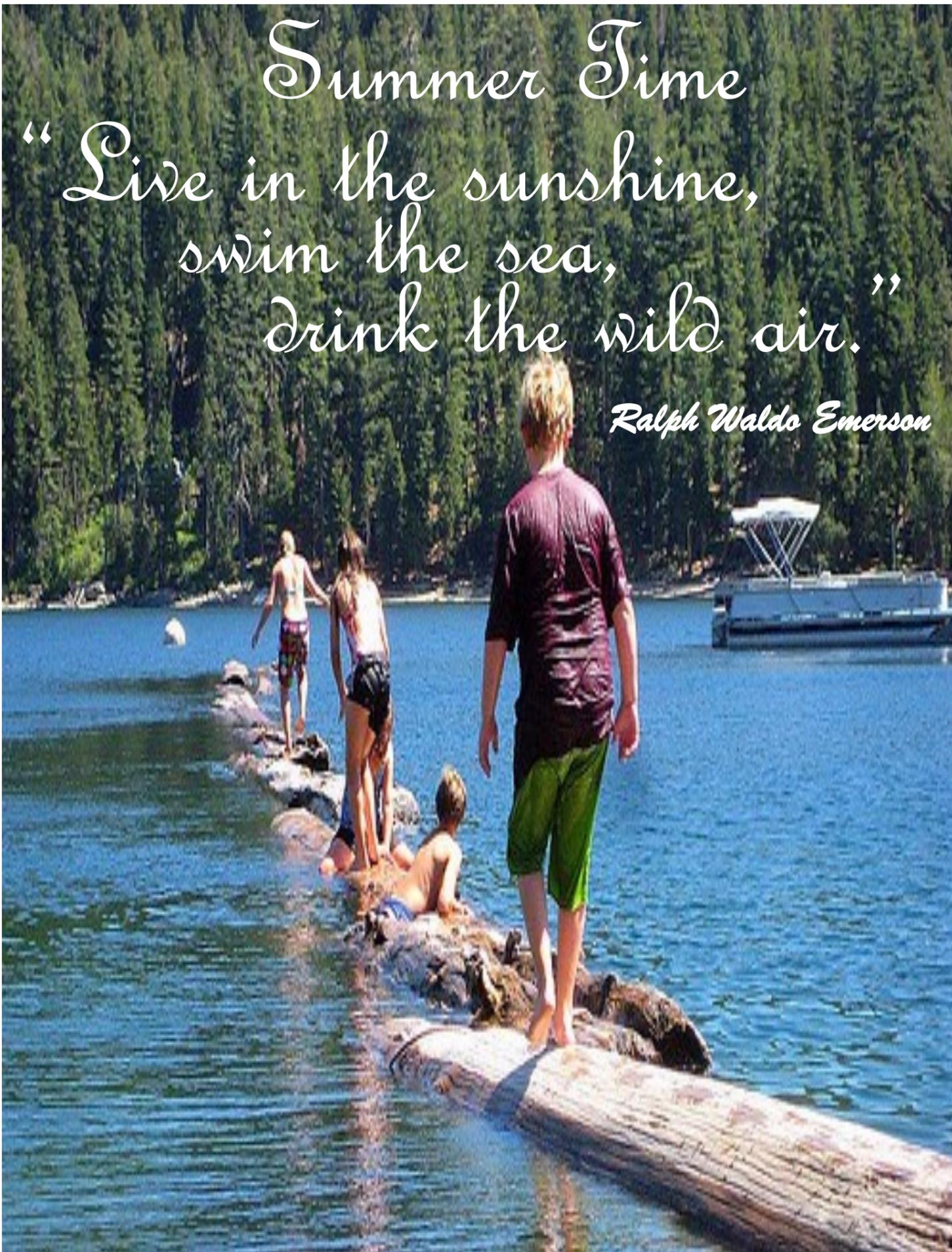


Summer Time

“Live in the sunshine,
swim the sea,
drink the wild air.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.”

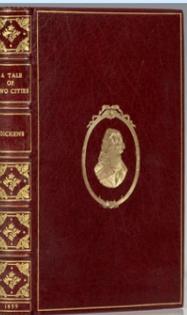
So here’s the thing. I intended to write this brief reflective essay on the Olympics and the lessons we can take away from the courage of Simone Biles. But then, something extraordinary happened to me late Thursday afternoon that commandeered my metaphoric pen; demanding its documentation, forthwith!

A small used book store named The Book Cellar sits unassumingly on the main strip in the old section of Lincoln. I was in town for our clergy circuit meeting at the First Methodist Church. On my way back to my office in Roseville, I noticed the “open” sign in front of the bookstore and decided to pull over. To be honest, I do not even know the last time I was in an actual bookstore, especially one that is privately owned and outside the Barnes & Noble franchise mold.



I adjusted my mask, and opened the door. Immediately inside, I encountered the large cursive font on a secondary door which was made to look like a single page from a book. It had a large cut out opening. Once going through this portal, it seemed like I was transported to another world. It was magical! Stacked from floor to ceiling on dark wood bookcases were rows and columns of books from every genre. There were even books with beautiful binders suspended from the ceilings like mystical “bibliobirds” that accompanied my journey into the unknown. Behind every turn there were these reading nooks with Victorian era chairs and lamps. As the shopkeeper whisked me around, she told me that she cannot wait until she is able to serve tea and cookies like she did before the pandemic. She then turned and laughed at my twinkling eyes and gaping mouth—involuntary reactions that made me feel like how Charlie must have felt when he entered Mr. Wonka’s factory. I love books.

At some point I settled in the classics’ section. The venerable books were wonderfully arrayed on their shelves with their red, green, and dark blue bindings and gold letterings and inlays. I tarried with the Charles Dickens collection and, like freshly swirled fine wine, I savored each word in the epic first sentence of “A Tale of Two Cities.”



For this Chimes article, I have no deep words delivered with perspicuity or dipped in profundity. In fact, it is dangerous time for me to write because I feel compelled to employ conspicuous words like those in the previous-writ sentence, and could be credibly indicted for my dalliance with practitioners of pretense. But that’s what happens when I am faced with a deadline and forced to write while still aglow in the experience of The Book Cellar with the ghost of Dickens still musing in my inner ear.

If I were to say one thing, it would be to note that like Dickens’ masterpiece, we seem to be living in time of extreme dualities. We are existing in a one country but it seems like a tale of two nations, a tale of two worldviews, and a tale of two peoples. Fortunately, this diagnosis of the present reality does not have to be the final word on the conditions we face in this troubled age, this “epoch of incredulity” and “winter of despair.”

Why? Because we are also informed by a different story of good news. It is one that insists that love eventually conquers the organizing principles of fear, and life, with all of its radiant offshoots, will ultimately overtake the malevolent creep of division and death. We can find succor and strength in our spiritual practices and hope in the traditions and stories that ground our faith. This can then fortify our determination to make the “tale of this time” one that is much more aligned to the aims of the gospel message, a benevolent community made real, a place where the imaginative promise of the Olympics, a world at peace, comes into the full orb of fruition.

Until such time, I encourage you to find those moments of marvel in pockets of wonder and awe, whether it is encountered in a seemingly magical bookstore in Lincoln, or while simply spending time in your garden. Who knows? Maybe it is in falling in love again with the “miracle” of this incredible *Life* that we all inhabit that we can find a path to realize the hopeful vision eloquently written on the final page of Dickens book:

“I see a beautiful city and a brilliant people rising from this abyss.”

I pray that it may it be so.
Blessings, Pastor Mahsea

Shasta Camp 2021

Thank you for sending Gabe and I to Shasta Camp 2021!

In a bold and progressive move, Rev. Dave Samuelson decided to GO AHEAD with Shasta Camp 2021. I was so happy because for a year and a half my son, Gabe, age 13, has been missing school and all extracurricular activities. It has been very hard on our small family. Going to Shasta camp was a summer FAMILY tradition after attending for 2 years in 2018 and 2019. 2020 was a let down for us as far as CAMP and most other activities including the end of 6th grade and almost all of 7th grade. As most of you know this is a very chaotic time for young men and women. Many changes have occurred during this time, both physically and mentally.

I arranged to caravan with Clayton Witherow, my childhood friend, and his kids, Chase and CJ. I was so lucky to have the opportunity to drive Jenna and Chloe Trullio to camp also! The two girls met us at the church. Their mom, Stephanie, was so excited and nervous for the girls to attend camp. I assured her I would take good care of them. She was also excited to spend time in San Francisco with her college roommate. A fulltime mom of girls and an Ice-Skating sports mom who gets to have a break from her kids, work and husband?! What a blessing!!! Gabe, Jenna and Chloe and I listened to an audio book on our drive. We



stopped for lunch at a diner in Dunsmuir, CA. We had burgers and shakes.

Arriving at camp was an epic event! We reunited with former camp friends. Melanie and Juel arrived from Oregon. It was wonderful to see everyone. We set up camp. Melanie and I checking in with Terri the camp LEAD CHEF. Our kitchen duties were assigned, and we went to work getting set up for the first dinner at camp. After dinner we watched a movie and ate popcorn.

Melanie and I worked in the kitchen for the duration of camp. We cooked, cleaned, served, and ate the delicious food that Shasta Camp offers the hungry campers.

Saturday, we awoke to kids' cheerful noises. We got up and went to work on Breakfast. After morning breakfast, we had a devotional service and then off to our rotations of activities. Campers did an art project, worked on a service project improving the campgrounds and sang songs in choir. We gathered to drive to destination to BOAT at McCloud Lake. Our gracious hosts brought their motorboats and escorted groups of kids on a tubing extravaganza! Everyone waiting for their turns on the boats frolicked on the beach. Later we ate a delicious dinner. After dinner we had a cool worship service. We sang songs and had a lovely Magic show preformed by BIG DAVE. After the show and worship, we wound down at the campfire for smores. Everyone was EXHAUSTED! We toasted and roasted and reflected. It was such a short but sweet camp experience.

Sunday, we packed up and had breakfast followed up by our closing worship services. We sang songs, the kids performed their songs and had an amazing time watching the video documenting camp prepared by our favorite counselor, Danny.

The drive home was bittersweet. All the kids in my car slept the WHOLE way home. I got to listen to the end of our audio book.

I am so happy that Gabe, CJ, Chase, Jenna and Chloe were able to join Clayton and I on an epic short but sweet SHASTA CAMP trip. Here is to many more years at camp. Becky McGuire



LOVE THE QUESTIONS
LIVING INTO THE ANSWERS

**...I would like to beg you dear Sir,
as well as I can, to have patience
with everything unresolved in your heart
and to try to love the questions themselves
as if they were locked rooms or book written
in a very foreign language.**

**Don't search for the answers,
which could not be given to you now,
because you would not be able to live them.
And the point is to live everything.
Live the questions now.
Perhaps then, someday far in the future,
you will gradually,
without even noticing it,
live your way into the answer.**

**By Rainer Marie Rilke
From "Letters to a Young Poet"
1903**

Submitted by Kathleen Mirtoni

Vaxed Up

Our Mission/Outreach sponsored the first of two Covid -19 vaccination clinics on July 22. The clinic is sponsored by Sutter Health and greatly supported by Placer People of Faith Together. Twenty five people volunteered to help with the clinic that evening where we vaccinated 19 people.

The second-dose Pfizer vaccine and the Johnson and Johnson one-shot will be available at our second clinic scheduled for August 12, from 5-8 PM, in Backman Hall.

Our gratitude to all those who volunteered to distribute fliers on July 15th and 17th, and to all those who are helping with the clinics. I like to offer a special shout out to **Lorri Brady** and **Cathie Wierbick** for their hours of effort and inspiration.

Protecting God's children one shot at a time.
Kathleen Mirtoni



Opportunities to Serve

A Shocking Request!

FUMCR has an AED. We are in need of volunteers willing to take the training to use this life-saving device. An AED, or **automated external defibrillator**, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

Obviously, we pray a situation will never occur when the use of the AED is required, however, it is important that we are **prepared for such an emergency**.

We are looking for ten to fifteen people to be trained. Don Harris is looking into a group class in the use of the device and in CPR. Another possibility is anyone interested could take a course on their own and our church would reimburse the cost, which runs about \$35 -\$50.

Please get in touch with Don Harris if you would like to be part of the team. or for more information. Don's number is (916)-712-8338 or talk to him after Sunday services.

New Liturgists Needed

In preparation for our grand Homecoming in September, we would like to plan a new schedule of liturgists/worship assistants. If you would like to participate, please contact Cathie Wierbick

Seeking Additional Sunday Service PowerPoint Operators

We are seeking more people to run the PowerPoint for Sunday Services. It's easy to do. All you have to do is advance the slides as needed during the service. We can train you. We'd like to have enough people that we would only be responsible for one Sunday a month. Please contact Nancy Bray or contact the office if you would be willing to assist in this important service.



Please keep the following people in your prayers for healing and comfort:

Terry,
Donna N,
Karen,
Josette, Joyce
Baby Charly,



Terry and Gene,
Hazel,
Melanie,
Connie, Ray,
Marie, Paula

Please submit prayer requests to prayers@firstumcroseville.org

FOR OUR WORLD

We need to stop. Just stop.
Stop for a moment . . .

Before anybody says or does anything that may hurt anyone else.
We need to be silent. Just silent.
Silent for a moment . . .

Before we forever lose the blessing of songs that grow in our hearts.
We need to notice. Just notice.
Notice for a moment . . .

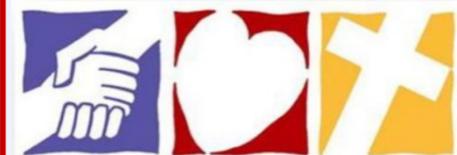
Before the future slips away into ashes and dust of humility.
Stop, be silent, and notice . . .

In so many ways, we are the same.
Our differences are unique treasures.
We have, we are, a mosaic of gifts to nurture, to offer, to accept.

We need to be. Just be.
Be for a moment . . .
Kind and gentle, innocent and trusting, like children and lambs,
never judging or vengeful like the judging and vengeful.

And now, let us pray,
Differently, yet together, before there is no earth,
no life, no chance for peace.

By Mattie J.T. Stepanek 9/11/01, age 11 7/17/1990—6/22/2004
Submitted by Jan Sechrist



Agape Men's Group

It seemed like old times! That was the feeling among the Agape Team on Saturday morning, July 10, 2021. After 16 months away, we finally were back in our old haunt on our usual day---the Meeting Room on the second Saturday of the month. The burning question of the day was: What strategy do you employ to handle stress/frustrations that you encounter in your day-to-day living? Reported strategies included singing, getting in touch with nature, and remembering the role of faith in one's life. We discovered that with advancing age has come the need to put stress and frustration into perspective---see the "big picture".

Well, the Dog Days of Summer are upon us. Rather than going into summer stagnation, we will explore a *lighter* burning question of the day: What do you enjoy doing for fun? And What would be a fun activity for the Agape Group during the fall? Please join us for our Agape Group gathering on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Don Harris, Cliff Williams, Dave Sechrist, Thom King, and Jim Wecker) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110. Hope to see you! Be cool!!!

Historical Gleanings

Summer Camp Memories

It's summertime, so that means it is time to get ready for Church summer camp. The best places to go were to Monte Toyon in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Several of us from First United Methodist would go every year. I remember one year, we received a call from the Methodist Church in Georgetown, that had a girl who wanted to go to camp, but didn't have a way to get there. My mother, Viola Wendt, called the church and said we would be glad to go to Georgetown and pick Delma up so she could experience camping. (She became one of my best friends, and I corresponded with her and her mother for many years.)

The other best place to camp was at Skylandia in the Sierra Nevada Mountains near Lake Tahoe. Oh what fun and mischief we could get into. Like removing a pillow and filling the case with pine cones and/or pine needles. Removing a spring or two from the bed frame, so when you sat on the side of the bed, you could slip through with only your feet in the air. Lots of hikes, swimming, games etc. were also to be had. All clean fun. I think back to those days with such happy memories, in those two wonderful campgrounds.

Phoebe Astill, Historical Chair



UMW leadership team meeting has been moved to August 11, 2021 at 10 AM in Heritage Hall. We will consider programs and budget for the coming year. We look forward to being able to meet in person once again.
Nancy Bray

3 C's Invite You to Join Us!



Our Creative Christian Crafters (3 C's) are meeting in person again at the Church. Currently we have been discussing options for items to bake, and craft while organizing the multitude of supplies and donations we received during our absence. Speaking of donations, we so appreciate them...but please leave us a note to tell us who you are, so we can properly thank you!

We most cordially **Invite You** to join us for this worthwhile cause and great fellowship.

Our goal is to prepare for our upcoming Sales event when we are back in Backman Hall. We can use YOUR help. Don't be concerned that you aren't gifted, "Craft Wise", we can teach and there is a place for all. We are all about fellowship and fun while we strive to add a bit of funds for needed projects around the church. Ideas for what you may want to see us craft, bake or sell are also welcomed. We are always looking for new ideas.

Come and see for yourself, we are currently meeting at 10AM on Thursdays for about 2 hours upstairs in the room next to the "Lift" (elevator). Contact Susan Reining or Donna Hall



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2ND ROBERT BRAY
MAHSEA EVANS
- 3RD LORRI BRADY
- 5TH CATHE MOODY
- 7TH NANCY CLARK
CODI STAUFFER
- 12TH VERA KUFFOUR
- 13TH ESTHER GASCON
KAP WATKINS
REBECCA SCOTT
- 14TH YVETTE SIPES
- 16TH JOSETTE HUMPHERY'S
- 23RD GLORIA LOPEZ
PAT BEERS
- 25TH JIM WECKER
- 27TH ALEXIS PATTERSON
- 29TH ELLEN LOPEZ
- 31ST MIRABEL KUFFOUR



Prayer for the Readers

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21



Recycle July 10th, \$131.00
Please keep saving your recyclables to bring in on Saturday August 14, 2021 in the parking lot between 9-11am
Thanks to all! It helps our church pay our bills.
Don Harris, Trustee President



FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

Pastor--Mahsea Evans
Lay Leader--
Certified Lay Minister & Church Council Chair-- Kathleen Mirtoni
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Financial Secretary--Elizabeth Harvey
Finance Team Chairperson--Dave Sechrist
Trustees President-- Don Harris
Staff Parish Chair-- Dennis Bull
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Memorial-- Barbara Schwartz
Worship Team Leader--Nancy Bray
Congregational Care-- Gail Provine
Music Director-- John Handley
Communications-- Kristi Kinzel
Lay Leadership Training-- Kristi Kinzel

June Noses, Dollars, and Cents

Basic Monthly Statistics:

Income June 2021: \$14,571.59
Expenses June 2021: \$12,751.18
Net Income June 2021: \$1,821.41
Transfer from Lending: \$ 0.00
New Total: \$1,821.41

Basic Yearly Statistics 2021

YTD Income: \$71,628.54
YTD Expense: \$74,615.19
Net Income: \$2,986.65
Transfer from Lending: \$ 2,500.00
New Total: \$486.65

Thank you for your continued financial support. It is very much appreciated.

July Worship Attendance
Total: 205 Average: 51
The Monday Feeding Program for the homeless served 227 meals in June



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