



Friendship News

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Brainerd
An Open and Affirming Church

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November 2014

**No matter who you are,
or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.**

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Announcements

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S REPORT "TEAM FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC CHURCH"

On a beautiful Saturday in September, our church team walked to support finding an end to Alzheimer's. Our team had 14 registered walkers, although there were a few more who joined us on the walk. Donations to our team came to \$1,785 – donations made by team members and others.

In total \$48,822.49 was raised by 31 teams and 280 walkers. This amount was raised not only by walkers but by other generous supporters.

We were in the top ten teams, coming in at 7th after health care agency teams and St. Mathias Farm's team.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated and donated. Your support will make a difference in reaching the goal of living without Alzheimer's in our lives.

Hope to see an even larger group in tie-dyed shirts next year walking to end Alzheimer's!

Celebrate a Successful Crop Walk!

An enthusiastic crowd of people of assorted ages walked together on October 12 in order to make an impact on hunger locally and globally. Our congregation joined walkers from several other local churches. Our wonderful team of walkers included: Dave Crum, Gary and Judy Whiteman, Emma and Max Ferrie, Jill Carlson, Colleen Todd, Mary Harder, Macyn McBroom, Itty, Anthony, Austin and Preston Newgord, Nicole and Marina Grabowski, Jennifer and Sue North, Joey Halvorson, and Randy and Linda Crowe. Financial totals for the Brainerd Crop Walk are not yet available. Bless all of you who walked or donated funds to make an impact on hunger!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Jim Newgord for building the rolling frame for the electronic piano. No more lifting & carrying to move it.

Thank you for the contribution of church vacuums from Ken & Jan Nelson and Elizabeth Paulson & Wayne Mayer. There are miles of carpet to be cleaned every week and the new vacuums are much appreciated.

Thank you for the lawn mower from Jan Morton. The parsonage now has a wonderful mower. Thank you, Jan.

To the Chief of Painting, thank you to Steve Crum for managing the painting of the church peaks in September as well as getting the broken windows fixed and the crushed sidewalk repaired. The results are beautiful!

Painting assistants. Thank you to all who helped paint the lower twelve feet of the exterior painting project. Many people and many hands did an excellent job. Well done!

To the Captain of the Deb Celley Memorial project, Nancy Gould has gotten the pavers in place, benches ordered and ordered the sign with Deb's name on it to be installed when the benches are installed next spring.

THANK YOU!

Trading Places: UCC Pastors will Exchange Pulpits November 23

Rev. Michael Small, pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Hackensack, will exchange pulpits with Rev. Linda Crowe on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Michael serves on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ. Michael will meet with the Confirmation class after worship to share a perspective of our denomination in this region. Don't miss this opportunity to welcome Michael to Brainerd!

Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service

A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church on November 26 at 7 p.m. Rev. Gretchen Pickerell is coordinating this community service. If you would like to help read or share at this worship service, please contact Pastor Linda as soon as possible (revlindacrowe@gmail.com).

Advent Begins November 30

This year the season of Advent begins just as we finish our Thanksgiving celebrations. Advent is the four weeks prior to Christmas, a season of preparation, waiting, and expectancy. Our worship services will include an Advent candle lighting ceremony as well as traditional Advent hymns. The songs and traditions of this season allow us to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas. Join us as we celebrate the traditions of this holy season!

Nursery Volunteers Needed!

Are you willing to be on call to staff the nursery during worship? We don't currently have people with small children who attend church regularly but we do want to be welcoming to families in need of the nursery, whether visiting or attending only occasionally.

Here's the thought: We can set up a calendar of volunteers who commit to staffing the nursery on one week a month or quarterly or whatever you can manage. You commit to being in church on your Sunday(s). We'll state in the bulletin that the nursery is available. The nursery volunteer can sit in the back of church and staff the nursery when needed during worship.

If this sounds like a ministry for you, please contact Itty Newgord, Christian Education Committee. (218) 829-8160 (h), (218) 838-3872 (c) or inewgord@gmail.com.

Host Families Needed

I'm a volunteer for Youth for Understanding, a foreign exchange organization. Can you help me think of some two-parent families with teenagers who might be able to host a teenage boy from Japan? Please contact Pat at patwak@charter.net.

Pat Scott is looking for a young woman, high school through age 26, who has shown leadership in a specific action or event that advances equity for women and girls. The honorees will be awarded a small scholarship and will be invited to the AAUW State banquet. If you know of such a person, please contact Pat at patwak@charter.net.

Thanks, Pat Scott

“Light Up Downtown” 2014 Brainerd Christmas Event

The annual “Light Up Downtown” Christmas event will take place on November 29, 2014. One of the events will be to light up the “community” tree on the corner of S 6th and Laurel Street (in the city hall parking lot). We are hoping to celebrate the season and involve the community, area schools and churches by singing some Christmas carols. The event is scheduled for 4:00 pm on 11/29.

If you are interested in volunteering that day, please contact Nancy Williams by November 14 at 828-7844. Thank you in advance!

THE PASTOR’S PEN Rev. Linda K. Crowe, Interim Pastor

Who could anticipate that a patchwork sewing project would become a pattern for prayer? Certainly not me! For the past few weeks I have been working on a patchwork quilt with signatures of this church family. A quilt designed to incorporate pieces of fabrics with signatures is known by a number of names: album quilt, signature quilt, autograph quilt, or friendship quilt. Such quilts have been around for a long time, at least since the 1830s. The quilts provide a way for friends to remain connected when the person with the quilt is moving far away. Names are a significant part of the design of the quilt.

I have been collecting the signatures of this church family and tracing those signatures onto pieces of ivory cloth. Those signature pieces are now being stitched into a patchwork pattern along with dozens of other pieces of fabric. The quilt top will be composed of over 1600 pieces of fabric, with 16 different patterns of fabric. The finished quilt will be 98” by 106”.

The friendship quilts of 150 years ago were used to remember loved ones in faraway places, as pioneers moved west. The quilt now under construction will serve the same purpose. When this interim season ends and Randy and I return to Washington state, the friendship quilt will be a wonderful, tangible reminder of this church family.

Seeing your signatures on the quilt pieces brings your faces to mind immediately. The circumstances of your lives come to mind as well. Each time I have handled a piece of fabric bearing your name, you have been on my mind. You have been held in prayer. As the pieces of fabric have been pinned into place, stitched and pressed, prayers have been offered for you. During this quilt construction process, each piece of fabric has been handled many times. Each one of you has been held in prayer numerous times. The quilt has become a pattern for prayer as much as it is a sewing project.

In a few days, 156 quilt blocks will be laid out on the floor of the rainbow room here at church. The blocks will be arranged and rearranged until the color placement looks just right. Then the blocks will be stitched into rows, and the rows will be stitched together to form the quilt top. The top will be delivered to a professional quilter to be stitched to an inner batting and a backing fabric. Then I will bind the edges of the quilt and stitch a label to the back.

This is a time-consuming project, but I love to sew, so I am thoroughly enjoying this project. I also love this church family, so I am appreciating the time spent in prayer for each of you. The completed friendship quilt will be a precious and cherished reminder of this interim season here in Brainerd. I thank God for each of you, and for this community of faith. I give thanks for our time together. I will continue to hold you in prayer, long after the patchwork quilt has been completed.

Peace and blessings to you! Pastor Linda.

Pastor Linda Crowe will be away from the church November 24-29 to celebrate Thanksgiving with her family. While she is away, David Crum will be on call from November 24-25 for pastoral responsibilities. Please contact David at 218-330-3168 regarding any pastoral care needs or responsibilities.

Moderator's Musings

By Ann Turnbull

It's been another busy month at First Congregational. Many of us have read Hot Dogs and Hamburgers by Rob Shindler. Volunteers have participated in the Crop Walk, Greek dinner, fall yard clean up, the Stewardship drive and fall youth camps at Pilgrim Point but I have been thinking and praying in particular about our search for a settled pastor.

Your Pastoral Search Committee has been working hard, keeping in mind the needs and wants of the congregation and being attentive to the opportunities God is placing before us. It is an incredible journey and no one knows if a candidate the committee is excited about will be excited about our congregation or if we will have to start over again! (Nerve wracking, but we trust that we are on a journey together that will result in finding the right person for our church...)

I want to share with you the job description that is being advertised, as it is not the usual type we are all familiar with in the secular world. The search committee chose to put the pastor job description into the form of a covenant between the pastor and the congregation that can be read as a litany. This will be used when we welcome a new pastor to our church. I don't want it to be a big surprise to anyone that together with the pastor, we share the workload "To know and share God's love within us." The members and friends of First Congregational are primarily responsible for doing the ministry of our church. We encourage each other to discover our gifts and participate in ministry that feeds us, not runs us down.

The Leadership Position

First Congregational United Church of Christ

Brainerd, Minnesota

We understand a pastor's position description is best conceptualized as a covenant relationship between the pastor and congregation. A covenant relationship is a relationship between two parties in which each party voluntarily agrees to certain conditions of the relationship and gives her/his word to uphold it.

We invite you to join with us in this covenant.

Pastor: I will work in a covenant relationship with this congregation; to lead worship and teach, to provide pastoral care and spiritual leadership, and to work with lay leaders to administer the life of this church. I understand that I will be responsible to the Church Council as I carry out my ministry.

People: We will support your ministry by our worship attendance, and by our willingness to receive guidance, direction and example from you.

Pastor: I will celebrate all the rites and sacraments appropriate to a United Church of Christ congregation and will provide adequate training and counseling to all who are who are touched by them.

People: We will support and encourage your sacramental leadership among us, and receive, in a spirit of mutual need, your counseling and training relating to the rites and sacraments of the church.

Pastor: I will plan and conduct services of worship each Sunday and at such other times as may be appropriate. I will be expected to research, preach, teach God's word and include participation of lay people, utilizing their gifts in worship.

People: We will be a congregation committed to participation in worship, being teachable and reachable, and to receiving, in all openness, your sharing relating to God's word.

Pastor: I will visit, and give comfort to the hospitalized, sick and shut-in members of our congregation on a continuing basis.

People: We will provide you with the support and help to carry out this ministry.

Pastor: I will be accountable for a strong program of Christian Education (in conjunction with the Christian Education Committee), oversee the preparation of those to be Confirmed, and provide leadership and/or encouragement for an active youth program.

People: We will assist you with the recruitment and training of a Christian Education Committee and Church School teachers and will work with you to secure adequate lay or professional assistance when needed to carry out an active youth program.

Pastor: I will provide administrative leadership and supervise church staff in accordance with our Bylaws. I will have the right and duty to make recommendations to the Church Council regarding the employment, termination and salary reviews of the church staff.

People: We will provide you with adequate support staff and commit to receive your recommendations, evaluation and input in all matters of administration, operation and personnel.

Pastor: I will be active in the community, being ecumenical in my outlook, and seek out ways to share our talents and glean from others to increase our presence in the community. I will work with the congregation to seek out potential members and provide adequate instruction to those with a sincere desire to unite with our congregation.

People: We will support your involvement in the community and ecumenical church, working with you to grow our community of faith and allow adequate and appropriate time for these activities.

Pastor: I will be expected to represent the congregation at Conference and national levels of the United Church of Christ.

People: We will support and encourage your participation in the wider work and witness of the United Church of Christ and provide lay delegates to those bodies.

Pastor: I will act as an ex-officio member of all committees of the congregation and endeavor to assure that all members of such groups understand their purpose and objectives.

People: We will not expect that you do everything! We endeavor on our part to not place undue demands on your time relating to these committees and functions. We will not expect you to be out more than three evenings in any one week, or that you become so involved in the work of the church that the needs of your family are neglected. We suggest a goal of 40- 50 hours for your work week and a 5 day week. We are aware that many events in ministry are not predictable and these limits will not always be possible.

Pastor: I will endeavor to assure sound communications between myself and the congregation, and between the congregation and the United Church of Christ.

People: We are committed to open, honest and loving communications with you and about you and will support our Pastor Parish Relations Committee in this effort. This committee will meet with you monthly in

your first year of ministry and at least quarterly in the following years. We will be receptive to your leadership when it comes to matters relating to our congregation or to the wider church.

Pastor: I will have the full authority granted me by the United Church of Christ and will abide by the Bylaws of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Brainerd, Minnesota. I will always have freedom of the pulpit and the right to be consulted in any matters decided by the congregation and any of its organizations, boards, officers or committees.

People: We will respond appropriately at all times to your authority and will have the right of conference with you at all times.

Pastor: I will be expected to develop professionally through continued study, reading, conferences and seminars and will share this knowledge with you.

People: We will support and encourage you in these endeavors and provide adequate time and resources so that you can fully benefit from growth experiences.

Pastor: I will be expected to perform those other duties which may be mutually agreed upon by myself and the congregation.

People: We will assist you at all times in the discharge of your duties, acknowledging that our ministry is a mutual one as pastor and congregation. We will keep you in our prayers as we ask that you keep us in yours.

Christ's peace be with you,
Ann Turnbull

Christian Ministry Department

H.U.G.S.

November 2

Host: Mark & Becky Stadem

Greeters/Ushers: Roger Best, Greg Johnson & Gary Whiteman

Counters: Jeff Behr & Lowell Johnson

November 9

Hosts: Betty Johnson & Maria Bertram

Greeters/Ushers: Lois McBroom, Mary Harder, Itty Newgord & Emma Ferrie

Counters: Sharon Carlson & Marcia Mans

November 16

Hosts: Marcia Mans & Claire Steen

Greeters/Ushers: Austin Newgord, Preston Newgord, Pat Scott & Paul Mans

Counters: Coleen Carder & Vi Heiser

November 23

Hosts: Ann Turnbull

Greeters/Ushers: Ellie Burkett, Sharon Carlson Mike & Beth Schrader

Counters: Nancy Gould & Lowell Johnson

November 30

Hosts: Roger Best, Greg Johnson & Gary Whiteman

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Counters: Jeff Behr & Lowell Johnson

Adult Forum Schedule for November

11/02 – No Forum
 11/09 – “Passing the Talking Stick” with Pat Scott
 11/16 – “Living the Questions” with David Crum
 11/23 – Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) with Lowell Johnson
 11/30 – No forum

Soup Kitchen Czar

Volunteering once a month for the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen is important to our church. We have been there every fourth Friday for many, many years. It is fun, rewarding and important work. It's not difficult work, but it does take planning and coordination.

With that in mind, your Church Council has decided we need a coordinator, or Soup Kitchen Czar. Being a 'Czar' just sounds more fun than being a coordinator, doesn't it?

We see this person as overseeing the Soup Kitchen experience. No cooking skills are required as the position is one of organization and coordination. The Czar would see that there is someone to head the crew and work with the cook or that month's leader to make sure the menu is set and food purchased. They would make sure the volunteer experience is fun and functional.

The position of **Contact Ann Turnbull, (651)216-2592 (c), (218)764-2577 (h) or ann.mturnbull@gmail.com**

Czar could be shared. What's important is planning and communication. Are you the Czar?

Soup Kitchen – November 28

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve an evening meal at the Soup Kitchen on November 28. Sharing food and fellowship is an important ministry to neighbors in our community. If you can help, please sign up on the red notebook placed in the church entry, or call the church office and we'll put your name on the list.

September Statistics

Meals – 1,737

Days of service – 30

Average Meals served per day – 58

Manager's Report

Thanks for your amazing passion and support for this grassroots operation that exists and continues to function by the Grace of God working through you! Kitchen Use Guidelines have been updated and can be found either on the counter next to the log book at the Soup Kitchen or Online. Just go to sharingbread.com and open the "Kitchen Use Guidelines" page or, use this link to get there directly.

After considering the desire and commitment of at least three churches in the area we have decided to continue with our Sunday meals in 2015. The first 3 Sundays of every month are covered. We still need two more groups to fill the 4th and 5th Sundays, nevertheless we go forward in faith. If you can fill one of these slots please let us know.

The dish machine is fully serviced and working well, we have added an NSF Approved Microwave and are planning to repair the bathroom floors and put in a new commode in the ladies room soon. Thanks to a donation from Mid MN Credit Union we will soon be getting a new vacuum cleaner. Yay!

Thanks for your continued support!!

As always, please leave a note or give me a shout out at pastorbob@sharingbread.com with any concerns or questions that may arise while serving at the Soup Kitchen.

Pastor Bob Evans

Food Shelf Offering – November 30

Each month we bring offerings of groceries, necessities and financial donations to help feed hungry neighbors in our community. The Salvation Army Food Shelf serves 400 families each month. Our next offering will be on Sunday, November 30. On Sunday, October 26, we collected 142 pounds of groceries and \$150. Thank you all.

The following commodities are always needed and appreciated: canned beans (kidney, pinto, garbanzo, baked); chili, canned pasta meals, stews, soups; tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter; ramen noodles, pastas, macaroni and cheese; paper towels, toilet paper, disposable diapers, soap and shampoo. **Again, thank you for helping to feed our hungry neighbors!**

Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2014

Once again this year, the Brainerd American Legion, the Brainerd VFW, the Brainerd Elks and the Brainerd Eagles clubs will hold a **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** for all area residents who are shut-ins, those who would be without family or friends, those who simply want to be with other community members to share the meal.

This year, we have been asked by a community organization to provide 130 more meals than we have had in the past. As a result, our need for **free will donations to offset the cost** of the dinner will be significantly increased.

We are asking your congregations to once again donate pies for the event. Pie donations may be dropped off at the Brainerd Legion on Wednesday, November 26 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Brainerd American Legion Club Manager, Janelle Fitch, at 218-829-2249.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

Love to tear things apart, but don't want to put them back together? We have the job for you! Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to go into homes and strip them of anything resalable before they are demolished! Meet wonderful people, build your resume, share your skills, and help us get more families out of poverty housing.

Also needed: volunteers who are willing to drive our truck and trailer to pick up materials that people want to donate to our store but cannot transport themselves. We need people nearly every day of the week, especially those who can volunteer weekly. No experience necessary.

Help us save money for decent, affordable housing for families around us (and keep high quality items from filling up the landfill). LAHFH is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that serves Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard counties. For more information or to volunteer, contact volunteer coordinator Julie Moulton at 218-892-0148 or email at julie.moulton@lakesareahabitat.org.

All in the Church Family In Our Prayers

These joys and concerns were shared on prayer cards during recent services.

Pray for healing and/or strength for: Barb, Chuck, Dana, Paul, Marcia, Marlee, Betty, Opal, Kay, Dale, Grace, Marilyn, Jack, Megan, Lisa, Claire, Herb, Cheri, Sue, Margaret, Paula, John, Baby James, Baby Michael, Baby Aurora, Elizabeth, George, Kathy, Mark, Troy, Sue, Jeremey, Elaine, Linda, Sandy, Jeff, Lenore. Pray for those in the midst of struggles, including Butch. Pray for all who suffer from depression and for all who are dealing with mental health issues. Pray for families torn apart by mental illness or addictions or abuse. Pray for those who grieve, those who live in fear, those with broken relationships, those who are living with dementia of any kind, those who have made terrible choices, and for those making major transitions and moves. Pray for all the children of the earth, that they may have enough to eat and drink, that they will have a place to sleep, that they will not be abused. Continue to pray for the pastor search committee. Pray for those threatened by ISIS or Ebola. Pray for caregivers, for the youth at The Shop, for world peace and love, for the prevention of violence. Pray that we will do what we can to help those in need. Pray for insight, strength and skill for dealing with difficult situations. Pray to help spread God's love by accepting and helping others. Prayers of thanksgiving for: the change in seasons that surround us outside, as well as those that transform us within; bountiful gardens; blessings; caring, loving relationships; friendship; Minnesota weather; Minnesota nice; loving parents; loving church; for the ability to share what we have with others; for the opportunity to live great lives and to enjoy a fantastic world. Dear God, help me cultivate and share peace in my corner of the world. Help us to listen to each other and to learn to respect other views. May we not demonize the "other".



November Birthdays.....

11/01	Christine Kelly	11/20	Janet Kurtz
11/04	Ellie Burkett	11/21	Itty Newgord
11/09	Dale Hadland	11/24	Kelly Erickson
11/10	Jacqueline Froemming		

Church Council Minutes

October 28, 2014

Church Council Minutes

Moderator – Ann Turnbull

Clerk – Karen Ogdahl

Christian Ministry –

Christian Education – Itty Newgord

Council at Large – Gary Whiteman, Dan Hegstad, Paul Mans

Assistant Moderator – Phil Kuehn

Treasurer – Lisa Wigand

Trustees – Coleen Carder

Stewardship – Marcia Mans

Present: Gary Whiteman, Phil Kuehn, Ann Turnbull, Coleen Carder, Rev. Linda Crowe, Marcia Mans, Dan Hegstad, Karen Ogdahl

Moderator Ann Turnbull called the meeting to order with a prayer by Rev. Crowe. The September minutes were approved.

CLERK'S REPORT – nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – See attached report.

Lisa was absent but submitted the financial report.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Before a new pastor is chosen and the interim time comes to an end, Linda would like to draw the Council's attention to a few issues.

Parsonage: The upstairs carpeting should be replaced. The kitchen needs remodeling, but that would be expensive and may need to be delayed. Linda and Randy will donate the portable dishwasher they purchased.

Meeting Schedules: A pastor needs two consecutive days off per week for rest and renewal. What changes could be made to the calendar to allow that to happen?

Youth: It is essential for our youth to attend camps and retreats and to have regular youth activities here in the church. The youth need 4 – 5 adults who know them well and interact with them frequently. What will we need to do to meet those needs?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Greek Dinner raffle and silent auction were successful. Thanks to those who made the evening a success. The stewardship drive is nearly complete.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees will be looking into taking bids for insurance. Many thanks for the donation of a lawn mower and two vacuums. The hanging quilts in the fellowship hall have not helped the acoustics. One idea is to carpet the walls. The painting of church peaks is done. Fall clean-up was successful. The rain gardens are nearly complete. New CLC students are now providing custodial service.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – no report

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Christian Ministry has recently planned two services: Children's Sabbath and Service of Remembrance. The Alzheimer's walk and CROP walk had about 20 church members participate. There is a need for a Soup Kitchen coordinator. Dan Hegstad will write a want ad for This Week.

OLD BUSINESS

- Search Committee: Karen reported that the search committee is in the process of interviewing candidates and is making good progress.
- Church Directory: still in progress
- New Council Meeting Date: November and December – 3rd Wednesday; starting in January – 4th Wednesday

NEW BUSINESS

- Sunday Schedule: Sunday School will be held immediately after church. Forum will continue to meet from 11:30 – 12:30.
- Nursery Staff: There will be a want ad requesting in volunteers to sign up for one Sunday or more.
- Pie Social: No pie social this year.

- Pastor Parish Relations Committee: They will adopt a more active and proactive role when the new pastor arrives. The Council discussed a list of possible duties.
- Community Thanksgiving Service: There is need of a volunteer to work with other churches on this service.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer. The next meeting is November 19.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Ogdahl, Clerk of Council

Church Financials

First Congregational UCC of Brainerd Financial Results - General Fund Year to Date Results as of 9/30/2014

	2014 Annual Budget	Actuals Through 09/30/14	% of Budget
Income:			
From Giving Units	\$ 145,210	\$ 117,361	80.82%
Other Giving	\$ 12,700	\$ 16,795	132.24%
Total Income	<u>\$ 157,910</u>	<u>\$ 134,156</u>	84.96%
Expenses:			
Council	\$ 106,261	\$ 82,877	77.99%
Christian Ministry	\$ 10,800	\$ 9,045	83.75%
Christian Education	\$ 1,300	\$ 3,256	250.46%
Stewardship	\$ 440	\$ 261	59.32%
Trustees	\$ 47,900	\$ 43,925	91.70%
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 166,701</u>	<u>\$ 139,364</u>	83.60%
Net Income (Loss) Year to Date:	<u>\$ (8,791)</u>	<u>\$ (5,208)</u>	

CHURCH CALENDAR — November 2014

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2 All Saints Day/Day of the Dead 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship - Communion 11:00 Fellowship/Sunday School 11:30 Confirmation	3	4	5 9:30 Prayer Circle 11:30 Men's Group @ Sawmill Inn 5:00 Trustees	6	7 10:30 Book Group	8
9 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship/Sunday School 11:30 Confirmation 11:30 Adult Forum - LTQ	10	11 3:00 Chr. Ministry	12 9:30 Prayer Circle 11:30 Men's Group @ Sawmill Inn 5:00 Stewardship	13	14 10:30 Book Group 6:00 Process & Film	15
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23 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:30 Sunday School/Confirmation 30 **FOOD SHELF OFFERING**	24	25	26 9:30 Prayer Circle 11:30 Men's Group @ Sawmill Inn	27	28 10:30 Book Group	29

Check the **Calendar** for up-to-date changes