

The Caller



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EUCC Mission Statement: To reflect the image of Jesus in our community and in the world.

Pastor's Page

Overcoming Numbness of Heart

Over the last 5 years or so, I have been steadily losing the feeling in my fingers – especially my right hand. It was an aggravating problem, but I hoped that it would just go away on its own. Then it began to be painful – like a million pin sticks, even if I used the hand just a little bit. When it started in my left hand, I knew it was probably time to deal with it. A nerve test showed that I had almost no nerve signal going down my right arm into my hand. The signal in my left arm was a bit better, but the doctor told me that it would soon deteriorate as well.

I then saw an orthopedic surgeon, and he told me that carpal tunnel surgery on both hands was necessary to correct the problem. As I write this, I have had the surgery on my right hand, and will have the surgery on my left hand in 7 days. The pain and pin sticks in my right hand have gone away, but the numbness in my fingers is still there. My surgeon told me that it could be months before I regain feeling in those fingers, as the nerve needs time to heal itself.

I don't know if you have ever experienced the gradual numbing that just gets worse over time, but it got me to thinking about faith in God and our relationship with Christ. I am sure many of you have been church goers most of your lives, and your connection to God came naturally. Some of you, like me, might have come to that connection through other means – a “Mountaintop Experience,” an inner feeling that something was missing from your life, or encouragement from a friend.

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HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

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Unfortunately, that strong connection you once felt with God may weaken over time. Life gets in the way. That connection you once felt is numbed, as other responsibilities and priorities take over your life. I don't know what part of the body numbs – the soul, the mind, the heart – but the closeness we once felt is slipping away.

How do you heal that numbness? Surgery won't help. Did you know that you have the healing power within yourself? A change of heart, a change of priorities, spending quiet time alone with God in prayer and meditation, surrounding yourself with fellow believers – these are all helpful ways to overcome the numbness of your faith. Don't wait until the numbness becomes complete, and you have lost all feeling. Begin the healing process now – before it is too late.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark



Library and Chapel Dedication

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Immediately Following Worship

As you may recall, our library and chapel areas were remodeled shortly before the pandemic closed things down, and we were not able to have a dedication of the spaces at the time. We feel the time is right for us to have a ceremony dedicating the two spaces. More details will follow in the February and March *Callers*, but please mark your calendars for the March 26 dedication.



Food & Fellowship on the Fifth Sunday

The **Fellowship Team** is hosting a 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal on Sunday, January 29th, immediately following worship service. The team will provide the meal, drinks, and dessert. The congregation does not need to bring anything.

The meal will include beans, cornbread, hot dogs, and tater tots; a dessert, and a drink. We hope you attend for some good food and fellowship!



THANKS FOR THE RECENT CPS DONATIONS

It has been 10 months since I've made a delivery to CPS, but I made a delivery last week of 186 items. That brings our total to 1,543 items since we began collecting items in early 2022. Thank you so much for your generous support of this ongoing mission project of collecting pajamas, underwear, and socks for children of all ages. We need these items in youth sizes through adult sizes. Older children, those in junior high and high school, greatly appreciate lounge wear and school spirit items. If you prefer, you can donate funds and the items will be purchased. Checks can be made payable to EUCC with "CPS" written in the memo line.

Mark 10:13-16 says *"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."*

Please give generously to help the children in need.

If you have any questions, please contact Darla Goffinet or the church office.



Phone Book Section of Church Directory Updated

The phone book section of the church directory has been updated and sent to the printer. Copies of the new directory, which you can insert in the binder which was distributed in June 2022, will be available in the narthex and in the church office soon. Watch for further announcements.

If you need a full directory or only the updated section and can't make it to church to get it, please contact the church office. We will see that one is delivered to you.

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

Start Saving Your Change!

The Christian Ed youth will start a *Change for Change* campaign this month to help area children. Our youth will accept your loose change in the narthex on Sundays. Any amount will be accepted!



Fellowship Hall Available

We want to remind everyone that Fellowship Hall is available for use/rental for special occasions such as birthdays or anniversary parties, bridal or baby showers, family reunions, etc. It is available for use by individuals, community groups, youth groups, nonprofit groups, etc. The fee for usage of the hall is determined by half day or whole day usage and if a church member belongs or is related to the group using it. This is a wonderful meeting area in our community and it does include a full kitchen. Contact the church office for available dates and fee information.



EUCC Yard Signs



**PROGRESSIVE
INCLUSIVE
AFFIRMING
WELCOMING**

We choose love... like Jesus.

Thanks to all who displayed our Advent yard signs. We truly appreciate your pride in EUCC and your willingness to spread our love throughout the community. Now that Advent is over, we encourage you to display one of our all season yard signs. If you need one, they are available in the narthex and church office.

TEAM/COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

We are continuing our team/committee highlights this month with the *Women's Guild* and *Music & Worship Resource Team*. Please take a few minutes to read about what each team does. If you have any questions or are interested in being a part of the behind-the-scenes life of EUCC, please contact the Church Office, Pastor Mark, or any Council member. As they say, many hands make light work.

Women's Guild

There is so much to be said about the Women's Guild. Technically, every female church member is a member of the Guild. These ladies work so hard to perform good deeds and activities which further the mission of the church, especially with regard to benevolence and support of the local community. The Women's Guild was organized in November, 1866, to aid in the development of our new church. It has been involved in many projects throughout the years, including providing tables, chairs, and appliances for our Fellowship Hall and kitchen, hosting funeral meals, hosting fundraisers to benefit the Local Emergencies Fund, giving away smoke detectors to the community at large, assisting the local police department in the purchase of a police dog, along with many other things.

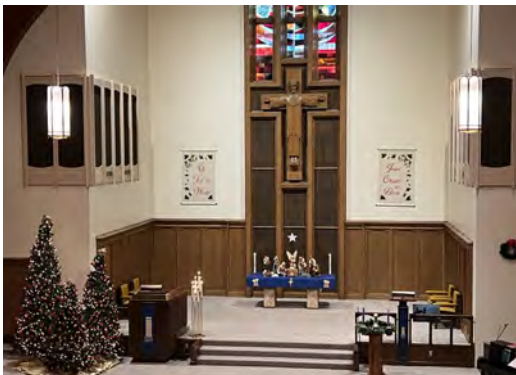


Current officers are: Melba Ayer, Financial Secretary; Linda Franchville, Vice President; Debbie Mangum, President; and Jo Sodrel, Secretary.

Music and Worship Resource Team

Have you ever given thought to who takes care of the “stuff” that goes on to make our sanctuary beautiful each week? What about getting the building open every Sunday, making sure there are ushers, and that the candles are filled with oil and lit? How about those beautiful banners that are changed regularly? This team does that “stuff.” It is responsible for enhancing worship through music, atmosphere, and décor. This team also prepares Communion each month and decorates the sanctuary for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. While the team doesn't have meetings, the members know their duties and make sure the job always gets completed.

Current team members are: Floretta Beatty, Allen & Meg Butler, Pam Curtiss, Shirley Gayer, Darla Goffinet, Alan Kessler, and Nancy Ress (chairperson and Council representative). However, there are many people besides these who help behind the scenes, especially with decorations during the Christmas season.



Worship Leaders

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Jan. 22	Lea A. Gehlhausen	Linda Franchville Emile Kercher Chris Van Note	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn
Jan. 29	Steve Owen	Jerry & Sara Belcher Phil & Jeannie DeSpain	Darla Goffinet	Chris Goffinet
Feb. 5	Dan Lacy	Ellis & Suellen Howard Dan & Jill Lacy	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn
Feb. 12	Darla Goffinet	Lea Ann Gehlhausen Chris Goffinet Keith & Linda Kramer	Emile Kercher	Dan Gayer

Thanks to each of you for helping with our Worship Services!

Local Emergencies Report

The Local Emergency Fund continues to prevent utility service disconnections, home evictions, and provides food vouchers for groceries. Please remember this fund in *memorial gifts* and/or *monthly giving*. The offering envelopes include a monthly envelope for contributing to the Local Emergency Fund.

December Total: \$1,764.15

Utilities—10 households—\$741.15

Rent assistance—7 households—\$1,023.00


happy

Valentine's

day


HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

The Chili Luncheon Is Coming

The Mission/Church Growth Team is planning a Chili Luncheon on Sunday, February 19, 2023 in Fellowship Hall following worship. The team is asking for donations of desserts from the congregation for the luncheon. We will have more information about the luncheon in the church bulletin as the time draws nearer. Please mark this date on your calendar.



T-SHIRT ORDERS CONTINUING

Our t-shirt orders are going well. So far, 26 shirts have been ordered. Would you like a shirt with our logo on the front and our motto on back? If so, please complete one of the order forms (located in the narthex and in the church office), and drop the order form and payment in the offering box. The shirts are only \$17 each (which is our cost); sample shirts are available in the narthex on Sunday mornings and in the office during the week. This is a great way to show your pride in EUCC.

We are taking orders on a continuous basis, meaning there is no deadline to submit your order. We will submit orders at the beginning of each month; the shirts should be in within two weeks.

Youth and adult sizes are available in short sleeved and long sleeved styles. We have a light grey, dark grey, and tie dye option. Tie dye is available in short sleeves only.

Questions? Contact Darla Goffinet at 812.608.0122 or dgoffinetlaw@psci.net.

The back of each shirt design contains the same quote “No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey, You Are Always Welcome at EUCC.”



Recurring events...

Every Sunday--

Sunday Worship (10 a.m.)
Both in-person and online
Faith Formation (10:15 a.m.)

*2nd Sunday-Church Growth & Mission Team
(11 a.m.—after worship in Sanctuary)

*2nd Sunday—Christian Ed Team
(11 a.m. after worship in Library)

*4th Monday---

Church Council (6 p.m.) FH

*1st Tuesday—

Communications Team (6 p.m.) Library

*3rd Tuesday---

Budget & Finance/Stewardship Team
(5:30 p.m.) Church Office

*4th Tuesday—

Transitional Ministry Team (6 p.m.) Office

*2nd Wednesday—

Building & Grounds Team (6 p.m.) Library

*3rd Wednesday—

Church & Ministry (6 p.m.) Church Office

*2nd Thursday—Women’s Guild (1 p.m.) FH
(on winter break until March)

*Last Thursday of each month—Men’s Brunch
at Julie’s Tell St. Café (9 a.m.)

*Every Thursday—Table of Blessings (5 p.m.) FH

Caller Deadline Reminder

The deadline for the February Caller is **Feb. 10th**. Articles can be dropped off, called in, or emailed to the church office at euacctinfo@gmail.com.

Church Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Facebook</u>
Dec 18	62	7
Dec 24	95	5
Jan 1	45	5
Jan 8	48	6



EUCC Chancel Choir

The choir is currently performing one Sunday each month. Their next performance will be on Sunday, Feb. 19th. Make plans to attend to show your support and appreciation!



December Memorial Donations

Memorial donations received in December totaled \$1,665.

These directed donations benefited the following funds:

General Fund	\$1,525	Women’s Guild	\$ 30
Local Emergency Fund	\$ 80	Music Fund	\$ 20
Flower Fund	\$ 10		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

- 1—Cadence Held, Madeline Holmes, Debbie Reed, Grant Sanders
- 2—Duane Gehlhausen, Carol Hagedorn
- 3—Jim Holmes
- 10—Donna Pruitt
- 21—Jack Gehlhausen, Jana Lacy
- 22—Sarah Goffinet, Mary Raider, Helen Richardson, Ann Swaney
- 23—Darla Goffinet, Jezzy Humphrey
- 24—Frank Poehlein
- 27—Jean Litherland, Denny Rogier
- 29—Alfred Wetzel

**Please contact the church office if you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to the monthly Caller.*



February

- 1—Luke Sanders
- 2—Katelyn Hughes
- 8—Alex Fenn
- 9—Brett Hagedorn
- 16—Sara Humphrey Brown
- 19—Caleb Ewing
- 22—Meg Butler
- 27—James Litherland



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

January

- 4—Tim and Debbie Reed
- 14— Steve and Becky Owen



February

- 26—Carman & Ann Leistner



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Evangelical United Church of Christ

Financial Report December 2022

December 2022 Income - Total \$24,646.87

Offerings (checks/cash):	\$15,543.00	
Offerings (electronic):	\$ 1,816.17	
Bank Account Interest Income:	\$.09	
Building Rental Income:	\$ 100.00	
Franklin Fund Interest Income:	\$ 596.82	
American Fund Interest Income:	\$ 3,049.41	
<i><u>Income Specifically Directed to a Fund:</u></i>		
Maintenance & Depreciation Fund Income:	\$ 548.00	
Local Emergencies Fund Income:	\$ 1,846.00	
Benevolent Fund Income:	\$ 196.79	<i>Includes \$91.79 CD interest 2022</i>
Women's Guild Fund Income:	\$ 202.59	
Pass Through Account Income:	\$ 170.00	<i>T-shirt orders</i>
Flower Fund Income:	\$ 328.00	<i>Poinsettia orders</i>
Organ/Bell/Music Fund Income:	\$ 20.00	
CPS Donations Fund Income:	\$ 30.00	
Women's Guild Student Loan Fund Income:	\$ 200.00	

December 2022 Expense - Total \$77,171.90

Salaries:	\$ 7,103.57	
Pastor Housing Allowance Expense:	\$ 1,000.00	
Pastor Pension Expense:	\$ 478.27	
Pastor Health & Dental Expense:	\$ 1,519.19	
Pastor Life & Disability Expense:	\$ 84.40	
Utilities Expense:	\$ 2,448.31	
Office Supplies Expense:	\$ 99.56	
Local Emergencies Expense:	\$ 1,764.15	
Vanco Fees Expense:	\$ 63.00	
Misc. Expense:	\$ 14.99	
Christian Ed Team Budget Expense:	\$ 198.32	
Church Growth/Mission Team Budget Expense:	\$ 72.00	
Building & Grounds Team Budget Expense:	\$ 890.79	
Worship Resource/Music Team Expense:	\$ 148.75	
Communications Team Budget Expense:	\$ 72.00	
Women's Guild Fund Expense:	\$ 1,406.63	
Ludwig Scholarship Expense:	\$ 898.21	<i>2022 Market Value Change</i>
American Fund Loss Market Value Expense:	\$ 9,044.87	<i>2022 Market Value Change</i>
Franklin Fund Loss Market Value Expense:	\$ 9,262.43	<i>2022 Market Value Change</i>
UCC Found. Comm. Fund Loss Market Value Expense:	\$ 5,734.79	<i>2022 Market Value Change</i>
UCC Found. Sem. Fund Loss Market Value Expense:	\$12,550.06	<i>2022 Market Value Change</i>
LPL Investments Loss Expense:	\$22,317.61	<i>2022 Market Value Change</i>

December Total Income Minus Total Expenses: (\$52,525.03)

The 2022 year-end treasurer's report will appear in the February Caller.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

In honor/memory of:

Ray, Kevin & Cindy

Our Loved Ones

Patricia Grohmann

Bud & Aaron Franchville

Family Loved Ones

Our parents & daughter, Jan

Mr. and Mr. Norman G. Held

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kieffner

My parents, Wilbur & Viola Taylor,

My husband, Roland Keilman,

My daughter, Debra Aich

Lloyd Overfield, Hazel, John Conner,

Rosemarie & Kenneth Kercher, T.J. Kercher

Ralph & Dorothy Kramer

Robert Earl Compton, Raymond F. Nord,

Hilda Nord, Lawrence & Elizabeth Litherland,

Easton Allen Kellems

Jim & Nancy Lea Owen

Easton Kellems, Raymond Nord

Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. Werner

Family

John & Lela Raider, John Dwayne Raider,

Fred & Jean Batdorf, Marion Stine

Mom, Dad & Glen

Gene Ress

Mary Van Note

Given By:

Melba Ayer

Jerry & Sara Belcher

Susan Ewing

Linda Franchville

Dan & Shirley Gayer

Glen & Delene Griepenstroh

Greg & Debra Held

Norman & Norma Held

Doreen Keilman

Emile Kercher & Julie Loveless

Keith & Linda Kramer

Jim & Jean Litherland

Steve Owen

Larry & Becky Peter

Linda Peter

Frank Poehlein

Roy & Mary Raider

Nancy Ress

Sally Ress

Chris Van Note



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

1. Extravagant Welcome
2. Continuing Testament
3. Changing Lives