

The Caller



Evangelical United Church of Christ—Tell City, IN
Pastor Mark McDaniel—812.583.3508
Suicide & Crisis Hotline—988 (*Call or Text*)

*Our vision is to reflect the image of Jesus in our community and in the world.
Our mission exists to accept, support, and love all people, so together
we grow in faith and demonstrate Christ's love.*

Pastor's Page

While serving at a previous church, I challenged the congregation to begin reflecting upon their relationship with God. I asked them to consider such questions as, “*When did you come to faith in Christ?*” “*When have you felt God's presence with you in a profound and meaningful way?*” “*When have you struggled with your faith, and what pulled you through?*”

I then asked them to consider sharing their faith journey with others. For those reluctant to speak in front of others, I invited them to write out their story and share it with me, or allow me to share it with the congregation. I also invited people to share their story with me privately, if that made them more comfortable. I offer the same opportunities to you.

Following, you will find two testimonies (written by a married couple) that were shared during worship. They gave me permission to share these stories as I thought appropriate. I hope they will inspire you to reflect upon your own faith story:

God the Creator

What I did not know, when I was a child, was that I was a work in progress by my Creator. Who was this Creator? As a child, I had no idea.

Church was something that my mother would take me and my two nearest siblings to every Sunday. It was a small EUB country church about 2 miles from our farm home. School was not a place I came to love until my senior year. But in my sophomore year, that little EUB church offered a catechism class for a group of us young adults. I was baptized at the age of 17, because I was not baptized as an infant, as I understand from my mother.

It did not make me an angel, however. I never could understand what the Bible was getting at. The New Testament was better than the rest of the Bible. But I wanted to be a Christian, because I did not know anything but what was around me. Catholic girl friends were off limits. I didn't really understand why.

My senior year, I found that Architectural Drafting was going to become my profession. I entered technical school for the next two years. It was the first time I had been away from home, and a first encounter with other faiths and races. While in school, I was working as a civil drafter for an engineering firm. There I met different people with different backgrounds and faiths as well.

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About two months after graduation from technical school, I joined the Navy Seabees, since I could either choose that or be drafted into the Army. That's when my world really took a turn. I came to realize that I was one of many in this melting pot of the world we live in. What was God doing creating so many different people that had a hard time understanding and working with each other?

Fortunately, I was good at liking people for what they were, no matter where they came from. I grew up fast in Vietnam, working along with the Vietnamese Navy. But war of any kind, I came to believe, was not of God's making. Seeing people die is not a joy for most soldiers and sailors and it did not move me any closer to God.

I came home a different person, and found that none of us military service men were really welcomed home. So I went back to my previous job as an architectural drafter, only to be laid off the next day. But I was fortunate to be able to help with the family farm until I landed a job. When I did get a job, I worked with various firms doing different types of drafting. But me and God were still not any closer.

But changes come slow, I truly believe. I married the one I love the most. I was now starting to build a life with God, with my wife. My final job lasted for 30 years and I worked with all kinds of people. That pointed to the fact that God loves all people of different cultures, colors and faiths. But it was June 2, 2009, after coming back from a near-death experience, that I realized my sins had been taken from me, and I found peace with Jesus and God at last.

I truly learned that each of us are free to be ourselves and to love each other, and death is not the end of our growing with God. Everything keeps changing. I'm glad to have the chance now, to look around and see the whole picture of his expanding creation, because God is the Creator.

Incarnate

What I worship, if I were to put this into words, is a "sense of" rather than an individual.

When I was little, I worshiped a man, because I was allowed to, and because he was a beautiful mystery that covered all projections, all premonitions and hopes. It gave a reason between-the-lines, space to review and reform my understanding as knowledge and experience increased. (Two small sets of intent fingers tying and retying ribbons into bows.) 'Til whatever meaning I was able to process became too constraining. I was doubling my knowledge on purpose, (living outside experience though) pushing into an ethereal matrix that disclosed only vastness of worlds, even the existence of which I would never be able to comprehend....

The thrill of life became a tiny inert singularity in the black hole of my mind, a darkness that ate any sparks, and depleted the immune system of my soul. I stacked words around behavior in neat groups of why's and vindications. Needs deferred to control; life will be like this: (a massive blueprint in the rain.) Here, I began to untangle threads in the dark, separating everyone else's from mine - almost content with that if it hadn't been for a slash of fate, all my work falling away from my hands, my mother's life, too, and I had to think what holds us together.

There were stars then or I saw them for the first time. Moonlight touched my skin; I rotated my arm in wonder. It was white and smooth and extended away from me.... Soft shadows lay on the ground, places to sit and rest at the same time. Other people joined me. We talked about stars. Jesus asked if I'd seen his; it was particularly bright the night he was born.

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As we come into contact with others who may be searching for meaning or purpose, our stories may give them hope and direction. For that reason, it is important that we are able to articulate our stories, so that they might be shared with others for encouragement. I challenge you all to reflect prayerfully upon all that God has done for you, so that if the occasion ever arises, you will be able to share your faith story with another Child of God in need.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

Start Saving Your Change!



The Christian Ed youth will start another *Change for Change* campaign this month. Our youth will accept your loose change in the narthex on Sundays beginning late January. We will soon announce where the money will be donated. Any amount will be accepted!

EUCC Yard Signs

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.



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.

FINAL T-SHIRT SUNDAY OF 2023

EUCC saw the old year out the door by celebrating the last T-Shirt Sunday of the year. Pictures below are the members who wore their EUCC apparel on December 31, 2023. If you look closely at the photos, you can see that we had a variety of styles represented. The second photo has 3 members showing off the backs of their shirts. Although the message on each of those shirts is different, the meaning is the same . . . no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are always welcome at EUCC.

Our next T-Shirt Sunday will be June 30. Shirt orders are on-going (see the article in the Caller on how to order).



**CHRISTMAS TREES REPLACED;
OLD ONES BEING GIVEN AWAY**

The Music and Worship Resource Team has purchased new Christmas trees for use in the sanctuary during upcoming Christmas seasons. Three more slender, pre-lit trees were bought on clearance to replace the three trees we’ve been using for many years. Since the new trees are pre-lit, we are also getting rid of the old strands of lights.

The old trees and the lights are stored in the former Tots Lots room (lower level). Anyone is welcome to one, two, or three of the trees and as many strands of lights as you wish to take. These are available on a first come, first served basis and can be picked up anytime the building is open. Anything not taken will put out for pick up in the City’s spring clean up in June.

EUCC Invests in Technology Upgrades

We are pleased to announce the completion of a significant upgrade to our audio and visual equipment. These upgrades were made to enhance the faith experience of the church's on-line viewers so those watching services from home can have the same experience as those within the building.

In early 2020 when Covid forced us, along with many other churches and businesses throughout the world, to close our doors for safety reasons, church leadership immediately produced a plan for offering Sunday services on-line via Facebook. Using an iPad and Bose speaker, Rev. McCarn and a volunteer would record each week's service from the church's small chapel then schedule it to broadcast on Sunday mornings on Facebook. Once the church reopened and services returned to the sanctuary, it was evident an iPad was not going to get the job done. At that time, with little experience on audio/visual equipment, and relying on help from people in the community who knew some of the ins and outs of how to make the equipment work with the existing soundboard, the church invested in a camcorder and laptop computer. That equipment served EUCC moderately well for three years, but church leadership felt it was not providing the best faith building experience for our on-line viewers. Talks began about upgrading the equipment, and research was done to find a solution which would be suitable for the church's expansive sanctuary.

The church's Communications and Technology Team enlisted the help of Concept Sound and Light, located in Evansville, to come up with a solution for better cameras and a control system to integrate with the church's sound board. The church purchased two PTZ (pan-tilt-zoom) cameras, a camera switch box, and a camera controller. The new cameras, which offer seamless transitions from view to view, have become permanent fixtures in the sanctuary. The Building and Grounds Team, under the direction of Mark Fenn, our resident expert on the sound system, ran all wires and cables necessary to integrate the cameras and sound system. The church's volunteer video technicians, Rebecca Fenn, Emile Kercher, and Darla Goffinet, were then trained by Concept Sound and Light technicians on the operation of the equipment. Sunday, December 17, 2023, was the first time the new equipment was used.

Darla Goffinet, chairperson of the Communications Team, said "many churches have had on-line worship for several years. Covid made it necessary for the other churches to get on board, and research has shown that on-line worship is here to stay. While there is a need for human interaction and personal connection which are achieved by attending worship in person, there are several benefits of live streaming worship services. Live streaming church services can help churches reach a greater audience than ever before. Members can worship from anywhere on the globe, and new community members can access our church service. Further, many churchgoers may not be able to attend Sunday services in person, including the sick, people with disabilities, and the elderly. Live streaming church services can help these people feel more connected to the church community. Additionally, around 30% of people who watch a live stream event will attend in person the following year. That means that live streaming is one of the best ways to expand our audience.

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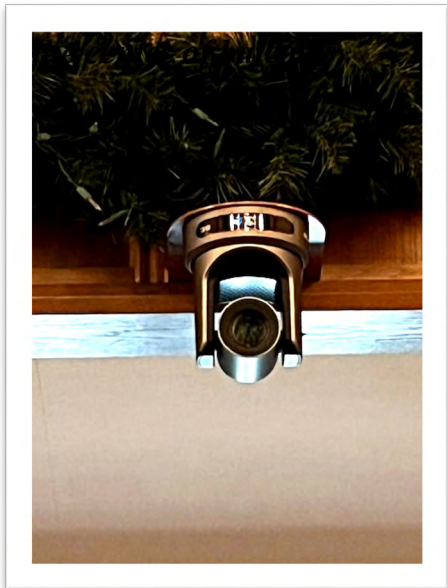
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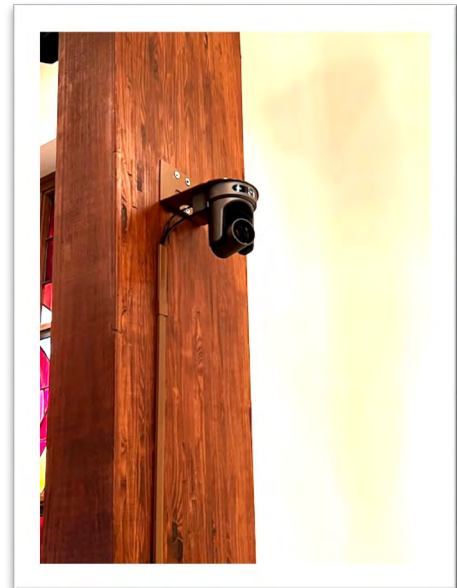
We can reach potential members without making them feel any pressure to commit. Some people who may feel intimidated by going to church can slowly integrate themselves into the community. There are also cases where churchgoers who watch the services on-line end up returning to the church. In these scenarios, they realize that they want to be in the physical church, so they start attending again. We are proud of EUCC for making this significant investment so that our on-line viewers can enjoy our worship services from their homes.”

While the services are broadcast on YouTube (Evangelical United Church of Christ Tell City), a link to each service can be found on the church’s Facebook page (EUCC Tell City). As you know, EUCC opens each service with “no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are always welcome at EUCC.” The enhancement of the audio and video equipment shows the church’s commitment to making all, those who attend in person and those who watch on-line, feel welcome and loved.

*Camera installed under
the balcony*



*Camera installed on a column
on the pulpit side*



‘I know the plans I have for you’, declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future’

Jeremiah 29:11

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM NEEDS MORE MEMBERS

The Communications Team needs a few more members to help lighten the load of the current members. The team meets on the second Tuesday of each month; the meetings last approximately 45 minutes. The group is responsible for all communications, both internal and external, set forth by the church. This includes social media posts, news articles, the Caller, as well as keeping the banners on our corner sign post fresh and current. We have a team member who makes monthly calls to our members. Basically, this team is responsible for getting EUCC's image and information to the public and for keeping our members informed of church happenings. We also brainstorm ideas for ways to make EUCC even better.



If you're interested in being a part of this very important team, please contact Shari in the church office. Remember, many hands make light work!

How Can You Watch Our Worship Services, Either Live or Recorded?

We have an Audio/Visual team that has worked very hard at providing a quality viewing experience for our on-line worshippers. Thanks to their work and the magic of technology, you have many options for watching our services, whether you wish to do so live on Sunday mornings or later in the week. Here are instructions on how you can watch. All are simple to follow and, ultimately, take you to the same place, our YouTube channel.

Facebook—Go to www.Facebook.com and search “eucctellcity.” You will find a post at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning which includes the link to our YouTube channel. Click on the link. Once the service begins, the video will go live.

YouTube—Go to www.YouTube.com and search “Evangelical United Church of Christ Tell City.” Click on the service you wish to watch. If you are watching live, the video will begin once the service starts. Or you can watch any of our previous services; simply select the video you wish to watch.

Web Site—Go to www.tellcityevangelicalucc.org. Click on “Worship and Ministries.” Click on the purple “Facebook Live” link to watch the live service. Click on the purple “YouTube” link to watch previous services.

Women's Guild News

Women's Guild hosted the Table of Blessings meal again on January 4th. Thanks to the ladies who helped with the meal! Women's Guild is now on winter break. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14th, at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Ladies, why don't you stop in and check out our meeting? We could use more ladies in attendance at our monthly meetings.

Don't forget your Noble's IGA receipts! This is a form of income for us!

HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICES AND SOUNDBOARD

When our doors were closed due to the pandemic, a team worked quickly to put together the equipment and skills needed to have an on-line presence so our services could be live streamed. Over the years, we have purchased better equipment and have fine-tuned the process so that we deliver a quality on-line worship service. Even though we are having in-person worship again, the on-line presence will not go away. This is a valuable and necessary ministry. We regularly have 5 families who watch the live stream during worship time, and there are dozens more views during the week.

We currently have 3 teams of 2 who rotate Sundays running the soundboard and the audio/visual equipment. With vacations and other commitments during worship (such as serving as the liturgist or an usher), the 6 of us who do this important work for the church really do need more help. It isn't difficult. The soundboard technician mutes and unmutes mics and adjusts the volume. The audio/visual technician starts the live stream, moves the camera, plays the streamed songs, and stops the live stream. Everything is prepared in advance and set up prior to Sunday morning. It's really just a matter of pushing buttons and clicking keys.

Of course, training will be provided. You will not be left to do the live stream on your own until you are comfortable doing so.

If you feel it in your heart to help with this part of our worship, please contact Darla Goffinet at 812.608.0122 or dgoffinetlaw@pcsi.net.

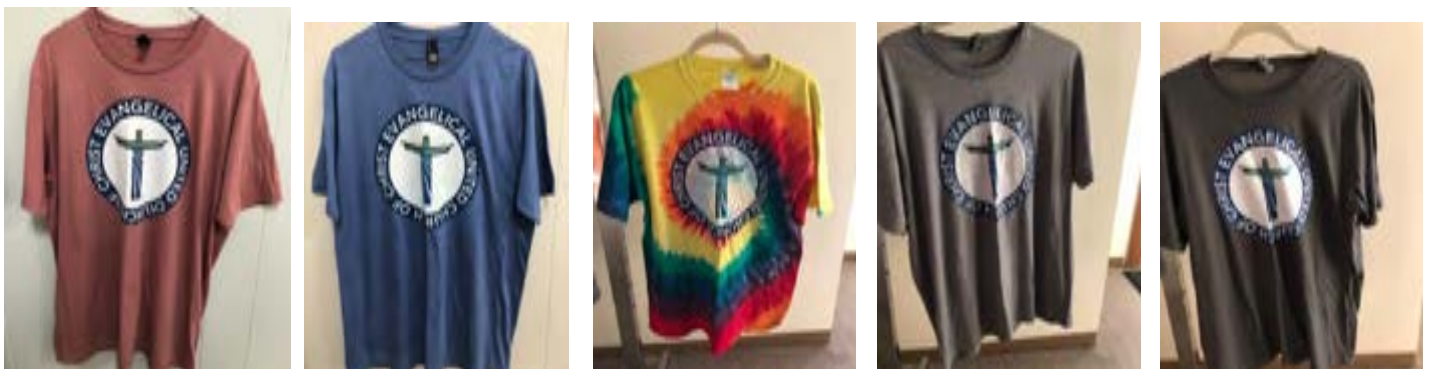
EUCC T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Would you like a shirt with our logo on the front and our motto on back? And have you seen the two new colors – royal frost and blush frost? Let's keep promoting our church by showing our pride in EUCC. If you'd like a new shirt, 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, tie dye option, as well as blush frost and royal frost. Tie dye is available in short sleeves only, and the youth sizes of the two new colors are only available in short sleeves.

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



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TEAM PROFILES CONTINUE

We are continuing with highlighting the various teams and committees within the church. These teams, made up of dedicated volunteers, keep the wheels turning at EUCC. This month we are profiling the Music and Worship Resource Team and Women's Guild.

Music & 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.

Here we are showcasing how beautifully the sanctuary was decorated during the Christmas season, as well as the talented group of individuals who enhanced our Christmas Eve service by sharing their musical abilities. We are grateful for all who give of their time and talent.

Members of the Music and Worship Resource Team are Floretta Beatty, Meg Butler, Pam Curtiss, Shirley Gayer, Darla Goffinet, and Nancy Ress, Chairperson and Council Representative. Unofficial members who give generously of their time are Bradley Belcher, Emile Kercher, Allen Butler, and Danny Gayer.



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(Team Profiles Continuation)

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. Thank you to these hard working ladies!

The current officers of the Guild are Melba Ayer, Treasurer; Linda Franchville, Vice President; Debbie Mangum, President; and Jo Sodrel, Secretary.



Worship Leaders

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Audio</u>
Jan 21	Linda Kramer	Jerry Brunner Steve & Becky Owen Frank Poehlein	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fen
Jan 28	Lea A. Gehlhausen	Linda Franchville Emile Kercher	Darla Goffinet	Chris Goffinet
Feb 4	Dan Lacy	Ellis & Suellen Howard Dan & Jill Lacy	Emile Kercher	Dan Gayer
Feb 11	Darla Goffinet	Lea Ann Gehlhausen Chris Goffinet Keith & Linda Kramer	Rebecca Fenn	Mark Fenn
Feb 18	Linda Kramer	Jerry Brunner Steve & Becky Owen Frank Poehlein	Emile Kercher	Dan Gayer
Feb 25	Lea A. Gehlhausen	Linda Franchville Emile Kercher	Darla Goffinet	Chris Goffinet

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

Recurring events...

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

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

***4th Monday---**
Church Council (6 p.m.) Church Office

***1st Tuesday—**
Communications Team (6 p.m.) Ch. Office

***3rd Tuesday---**
Budget & Finance/Stewardship Team
(5:30 p.m.) Church Office

***2nd Wednesday—**
Building & Grounds Team (6 p.m.) Ch. Office

***3rd Wednesday—**
Church & Ministry (6 p.m.) Church Office

***2nd Thursday—Women’s Guild (1 p.m.) FH**
(On break until March 2024)

***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**

Church Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Facebook</u>
Dec 24	67	2
Dec 24	92	1
Dec 31	29	11
Jan 7	42	10
Jan 14	22	15

EUCC Adult Study Class

An Adult Study Class is meeting on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the Church Library. The study includes discussions regarding current issues. All adults are invited to participate.

REQUESTS FOR STREAMED MUSIC ACCEPTED

Do you have a favorite contemporary Christian song you would like played during worship? If you do, please call the church office (812.547.7059) or email Darla Goffinet (dgoffinetlaw@psci.net) with your requests. As long as the song is one we are permitted to play under our copyright license, it will be played!

Church Profile Submitted

The Pastoral Search and Selection Committee developed the church profile which was approved by the Church and Ministry Team as well as the Church Council. On January 3, 2024, the conference approved the profile and posted it to the United Church of Christ website. The next step in the process is for the committee to review any applications we receive, set up interviews of prospective ministers and, ultimately, make a recommendation of a preferred candidate. We kindly ask for your continued prayers.

Indiana-Kentucky Conference
Open and Affirming Educational Forum #6

Where: Trinity UCC
310 W. 8th Street Jasper, IN 47547

When: Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 4pm EDT 3pm CST

This is a free event, open to anyone who would like to learn more about...

What Open and Affirming is...

What becoming an Open and Affirming Conference means...

Discuss the intersection of LGBTQIA+ and Religion topics

For more information email ikcona@stpeterscarmel.org

Financial Report December 2023

December 2023 Income - Total \$17,460.87

Offerings (checks/cash):	\$10,121.30
Offerings (electronic):	\$ 2,016.17
Building Rental Income:	\$ 100.00
Franklin Fund Interest Income:	\$ 402.45
American Fund Interest Income:	\$ 974.71
<u><i>Income Specifically Directed to a Fund:</i></u>	
Maintenance & Depreciation Fund Income:	\$ 683.00
Local Emergencies Fund Income:	\$ 1,109.00
Benevolent Fund Income:	\$ 161.00
Women's Guild Fund Income:	\$ 1,497.24
Pass Through Account Income:	\$ 37.00
Flower Fund Income:	\$ 309.00
Organ/Bell/Music Income:	\$ 50.00

December 2023 Expense - Total \$37,624.04

Salaries:	\$ 8,939.80
Pastor Housing Allowance Expense:	\$ 1,000.00
Pastor Pension Expense:	\$ 478.27
Pastor Health & Dental Expense:	\$ 1,631.72
Pastor Life & Disability Expense:	\$ 84.40
Utilities Expense:	\$ 2,195.15
Office Supplies Expense:	\$ 100.27
Custodial Supplies Expense:	\$ 182.78
Local Emergencies Expense:	\$ 896.37
Vanco Fees Expense:	\$ 66.22
Benevolent Fund Expense:	\$ 259.90
Church Growth/Mission Fund Expense:	\$ 4,217.50 <i>(Sanct. cameras, S. Fest Water)</i>
Pass Through Account Expense:	\$ 62.00 <i>(T-shirts)</i>
Thanksgiving Dinner Expense:	\$ 560.44 <i>(containers & turkeys)</i>
Flower Expense:	\$ 386.48 <i>(poinsettias & mums)</i>
Women's Guild Expense:	\$ 2,546.92
Worship Resource/Music Team Budget Expense:	\$ 1,032.66 <i>(Christmas Trees, These Days books)</i>
Walters Heating & AC Expense:	\$ 5,634.95 <i>(Boiler repair)</i>
Insurance/Casualty Loss Expense:	\$ 6,920.75
Communications Team Budget Expense:	\$ 40.00
Fellowship Team Budget Expense:	\$ 387.46 <i>(\$76 donations received)</i>

December Total Income Minus Total Expenses: (\$20,163.17)
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Building & Grounds Expenses 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Comments</u>
01/24/2023	Braun Plumbing & Heating	70.00	Parsonage - unstop floor drain
03/06/2023	Dauby's True Value	3.00	Fasteners
03/06/2023	Compass Mobility LLC	355.00	Annual inspection & permit of stair lift
04/04/2023	Braun Plumbing & Heating	150.00	Plates to cover FH floor drains
04/11/2023	Frederick Sheet Metal	178.60	Expand metal chimney
05/15/2023	V.I.P. Foliage	184.44	Flowers for church landscape
06/12/2023	Frederick Sheet Metal	549.90	Condenser fan motor; capacitor; filter changes
06/30/2023	River City Landscaping/Isaah Coyle	850.00	Remove & haul off plaster in Tots Lots area
07/10/2023	Dee Marchand	115.00	Mowing for Steve Owen (Steve reimbursed EUCC)
07/10/2023	Dee Marchand	564.00	Fall 2022 - weeding & mulch
07/17/2023	Thomas Glass and More	54.95	New door lock for third floor door
08/01/2023	Braun Plumbing & Heating	120.00	Repair FH urinal
08/08/2023	B & B Extermination, Inc.	780.00	Pest service Renewal-church & parsonage
08/15/2023	A&B Fire Safety, Inc.	348.25	Fire extinguisher inspections/maintenance/service
08/21/2023	Lambrecht Painting	1,100.00	Prime & paint 3 classrooms/Tots Lots
09/05/2023	Dauby's True Value	14.95	Building keys
09/05/2023	Mark Fenn	20.76	Walmart reimbursement - Tots Lots walls
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09/05/2023	Mark Fenn	165.07	Casey Supply reimburse - lumber/Tots Lots
09/18/2023	Conner Floor Covering	500.00	Tots Lots new vinyl base
09/18/2023	Braun Plumbing	80.00	Clean rust out of FH urinal valve
10/09/2023	Frederick Sheet Metal	77.64	Stainless Steel cover for bell support in tower
11/27/2023	VIP Foliage	30.00	Landscape bed weeding
Total paid from B & G Budget:		\$6,332.32	B & G Budget for 2023: \$6,250

Walters Heating & A/C Fund Expense:

07/10/2023	Michael L. Snyder	4,000.00	First installment/drywall/Tots Lots rooms
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Fund Balance: \$29,358.99

Maint. & Depreciation Fund Expense:

06/27/2023	Van Winkle Seamless Guttering	2,345.00	Replace vertical siding
07/10/2023	Michael L. Snyder	850.00	First installment/drywall/Tots Lots rooms (\$4,000 pd from Walters Fund)
07/17/2023	Michael L. Snyder	4,850.00	Final installment/drywall/Tots Lots rooms
10/23/2023	Claise Building	2,500.00	Replace missing shingles/seal loose shingles
Total paid from M & D Fund:		\$10,545.00	

Fund balance: \$12,491.81

EUCC Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenses

Dec-23

Assets and Liabilities December 31, 2023	Assets	\$593,341.52
	Liabilities	\$909.98
	Assets - Liabilities	\$592,431.54
	- General Operations Fund -- Can Be Spent on Anything	\$79,104.86
	- Thelander Mission Fund -- Designated for Revitalization Items	63,350.27
	- American and Franklin Funds -- Requires Congregation Approval on what can be spent on	\$147,669.76
	- Various Directed Funds -- Earmarked by Donors	\$302,306.65
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses December 2023	December 2023 Operations Income	\$13,614.63
	December 2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$27,276.98
	December 2023 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	-\$13,662.35
Operations Income and Budgeted Expenses YTD	2023 Operations Income	\$215,882.34
	2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$231,688.31
	2023 Operations/Budgeted Gain/Loss	-\$15,805.97
Total Income and Total Expenses December 2023	December 2023 Total Income	\$17,460.87
	December 2023 Total Expenses	\$37,624.04
	December 2023 Total Gain/Loss	-\$20,163.17
Total Income and Total Expenses YTD	2023 Total Income	\$263,599.47
	2023 Total Expenses	\$291,766.32
	2023 Gain/Loss	-\$28,166.85

LIBRARY AND CHAPEL AREAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Just a reminder that our beautifully-renovated library and chapel areas are open to the public for use during office hours and for meetings after hours. Members and visitors who wish to take their lunch break, who need a place for meditation or prayer, who want to read or work a puzzle, or who simply seek a quiet, serene atmosphere are invited to spend time at the church. The rooms are open to visitors during church office hours. If your organization needs a place for an evening meeting, contact the church office (812.547.7059) to make arrangements to use the space. Guests should enter the building through the Jefferson Street doors and sign the sign-in sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.



December Memorial Donations

Memorial donations received in December: \$895

These directed donations benefited the following funds:

Local Emergency Fund	\$ 835
Flower Fund	\$ 10
Music Fund	\$ 50



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: \$896.37

Utilities—12—households—\$556.37

Rent assistance—7— households—\$340.00



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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Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

Given by:

Jerry & Sara Belcher

EUCC Choir

Linda Franchville

Duane & Lea Ann Gehlhausen

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Kyla, Kaiden & Jase

Norman & Norma Held

Bill Hollander

Doreen Keilman

Emile Kercher & Julie Loveless

Keith & Linda Kramer

Frank Poehlein

Roy & Mary Raider

Nancy Ress

Sally Ress

In honor/memory of:

Loved ones

Alan Kessler & Lynda Morton

Aaron Franchville

Leander & Helen Gehlhausen
Floyd & Joyce Mulzer

Kristy Casebolt, daughter & mother

Our parents

Jim & Lucile Hollander

Roland Keilman

John Conner, Lloyd Overfield,
Hazel Skelton

Ralph & Dorothy Kramer

Loved ones & friends

Fred & Jean Batdorf, Marion Stine
John & Lela Raider, John D. Raider

Mom, Dad, & Glen

Gene Ress





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