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## Newsletter for October 2025

### Pastor's Ponderings

In hopes he would find a better life, my great-grandfather was sent by his parents to New York City from Germany at age 16. He had the address of a relative in his pocket, but she died while he was in transit across the Atlantic. Homeless and penniless in a foreign land, he lived on hand-outs and garbage picked restaurant scraps until he was given a job slopping and mucking on a pig farm across the Hudson in New Jersey. Eventually, he had his own farm which his sons made into a thriving multi-farm corporation that supported their five families, and generously supported their churches and other charitable causes in memory of their father. While growing up I learned it was a tradition in my family to be compassionate and generous with the poor and the homeless and the needy. My grandfather, one of those five sons, handed out money freely to those who needed it and was a major benefactor of his church. He taught his children and his grandchildren (my generation) to live in the same way, for we ourselves (our ancestors) were once homeless, impoverished, aliens in a foreign land.

"When an alien resides with you  
in your land,  
you shall not oppress the alien.  
The alien who resides with you  
shall be to you as the native-  
born among you;  
you shall love the alien as  
yourself, for you yourselves  
were aliens...."  
- (Leviticus 19:34-35).

In hopes he would find a better life, my future son-in-law was sent by his parents from Mexico to Chicago as a teenager where he was given a job in a plastics factory and later married my daughter and started a house-painting business in Georgia. Last year he moved back to Mexico with my daughter and their two young Mexican-looking children to flee the escalating threats and increasingly harsh attitudes and policies toward migrants and immigrant families in the US.

I am distressed by the dramatic deterioration of our American welcome of those seeking a better life. A plaque on the base of the Statue of Liberty reads "...Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me...." No doubt the 21<sup>st</sup> century is very different from the 19<sup>th</sup> century when my great grandfather was greeted in New York Harbor by that newly erected "Mother of Exiles" (as she is named on the base of the Statue of Liberty). We have laws and policies on immigration that did not exist back then, and no doubt such laws and policies are needed. But compassion is also needed. As Christians and as a nation we are a people founded on compassion, *especially* for those who are in need and those who are strangers to us.

Jesus called us to love our neighbor as ourselves and when asked who counted as a neighbor he pointed to the Samaritan (the despised non-Jewish foreigner) in his parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). In his teachings about how people should live in light of the coming Kingdom of God he told the parable of the sheep and the goats, where the King (of Heaven) welcoming in the

blessed says, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in ... for, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." And those who did not do this for those in need, are cursed and cast out because they did not do it for him (Matthew 25:35-40). This is a serious and basic teaching of Jesus. We must have compassion and do what we can to care for those in dire need around us, especially the hungry, the homeless, and those seeking refuge as strangers.

We have just concluded our annual collection of new socks and underclothes for local homeless shelters and clothes closets; and beginning in October we will be collecting non-perishable food items to help stock the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Colden. I hope you will contribute generously to efforts like these in our congregation and I encourage you to get involved in efforts beyond our congregation as well to put Christian compassion and care into action in our communities and in our country.

May it be so.

Ted

### **News about our neighbors and friends**

- Barb Fink is currently at Elderwood in Hamburg and appreciates your cards and prayers. Her address is: 5775 Maelou Drive, Hamburg, NY 14075.
- Janet Taber is at home. She appreciates our prayers and calls. Cards may be sent to her home address: 5845 Scherff Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.
- Eleanor Kraft is doing well following celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in June. She continues to be happy with her living situation at Elderwood Assisted Living. Her address: Elderwood Assisted Living, 76 Buffalo Street Apartment 124, Hamburg, New York 14075.
- Fred Shear is getting out less lately but still able to be in his home. Please note that his corrected street address is 7297 Woodlawn Drive, Hamburg NY 14075.
- Sonne Durphy recently had surgery to remove metal from the leg she broke last summer.

### **CONCERNS & PRAYERS**

For peace in our country and the world, for our military, for those whose needs we may not know. For those who have lost loved ones recently and are grieving.

For Vickie Bieger, Sue Cook, Stephen Dearth, Sonne Durphy, Shay Devinney, Barb Fink, Brennan Grove, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Sandy Morgan, Carol Mueller, Dan Owen, Joe Piecuch, Claudia Renzi, Friends and family of Don Rott, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Fred Shear, Linda Smerka, Sydney Stisser, Janet Taber, Bob Tills and Bob Winter.

**Those in the Military:** Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teagan Partridge, Cadman Skinner, Justin Slighter, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Mary Solak, Joe Solak, Justin Slighter, Aaron Wellman, and Mark Williams.

#### **Prayer Concerns**

*Please email your prayer concerns to Pastor Ted ([pastor@faithunitedchurchucc.com](mailto:pastor@faithunitedchurchucc.com)) or stop by the church office when it is open and write your concerns on the prayer request sheet in the narthex.*

Due to Pastor Ted's retirement in the spring, we need to make a church profile as part of the search process to find a new pastor. The information in our church profile includes information about our Western New York region as well as some of the practices we have in our church in worship, music and more about our congregation. We are looking for folks that would be willing to help assemble our church profile. If you are willing to help, please contact church board president Kevin Biddle email [kbiddle@maderconstruct.com](mailto:kbiddle@maderconstruct.com) - cell 716-432-9258 or see him at church.

### Music Director Search

We are very grateful to Robin Miller for filling in on organ and piano for us during worship services in September while we are searching for a music director.

Dave Hill will be providing music for our services during October. Dave has served as music director for a church in California and has long experience as a professional musician in California and now Western NY. He also teaches lessons locally and at Villa Maria College.



### Opening for Part-Time Music Director

Have keyboard & music director skills?

Come and enhance the worship life of our congregation through the leading of music during regular worship services, special services and church events.



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## Church Board Openings

The nominating committee is seeking to fill three open seats on the Church Board beginning February 2026. The Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 pm to discuss and make decisions regarding the overall business of the church. Members are elected to the board for a three-year term and may serve two consecutive terms.

If interested, please speak to any of the nominating committee members:

Kevin Biddle, Bob Bishop, Bruce Lounsbury, Katherine Meckes.



### Baptisms –

*Talia, George, and Natalie, the children of Mike and Amy McCourt were baptized during worship on September 28<sup>th</sup>.*



**Publicity:** Pictures taken at church events are often used for publicity, especially on the church's website. If you do not want you or your child's picture used, please contact the church office. It will be assumed that it is okay to use your picture if we do not hear from you.

## Retirement of Bonnie Bates

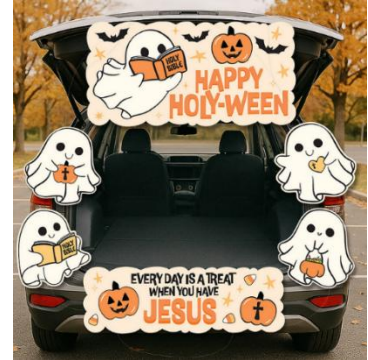
We have received an announcement from the UCC Penn Northeast Conference that Rev. Bonnie Bates is retiring from her position as Conference Minister. Bonnie was pastor here at Faith Church from 2007 – 2014. There is information on the bulletin board outside the church office with information about a retirement banquet in North Hampton, PA on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and other ways of expressing appreciation and congratulations to Bonnie.

## Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 26, immediately following the worship service, at approximately 11:15. Children can go trick or treating in a safe environment. Members of the congregation are encouraged to be by their vehicles to pass out treats for the children. This is a rain or shine event, so come prepared for the weather.

Community members are invited to participate in this event. If you wish to invite someone to participate, do so.

Please be aware that pictures will be taken at this event and may be used for publicity.



**CRAFT SHOW!** There will be a craft show at the church Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hotdogs and drinks will be available for purchase on Saturday. Come and check out all the wonderful crafts and maybe pick up some Christmas gifts!

## Congregational Meeting October 19

Following worship on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the 2026 church budget and to discuss replacing windows at the parsonage. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

## Update on Sunday school

activities... - Cris Palczak, Sunday School Superintendent

It was great to see the children back in church! We had a great time in Sunday school. The children helped make the bulletin board, we hope you enjoy it. The fire drill was good for the kids to hear the sound and to go to the meeting place. It was great to see the kids being calm and paying attention.

## Fire Drill Practice



## MISSIONS

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the mission projects over the summer.  
Your generosity has helped to make the lives of others easier and better.

**UNDIE SUNDAY** will be held this year  
from August 31<sup>st</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Undie Sunday!**

We are still collecting NEW undergarments for men, women and children. Many children lack new underwear as parents spend money on school supplies, shoes, and clothing for school. Many unhoused men and women and those living in shelters prioritize their spending on outerwear clothing. Help us expand God's kingdom by loving and supporting our brothers and sisters in the community who may be struggling. Even just a simple pair of clean socks or underwear can make a huge difference in someone's life.



Before you know it, it's fall. Time to think of cooler weather, falling leaves, and Thanksgiving. But for the less fortunate, it means trying to find ways to stay warm, and usually trying to find something to eat.

The fall food drive will start in the on October 12<sup>th</sup> and run to November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Staples like cereal, peanut butter, and pasta are always in demand but any contribution with a shelf life is appreciated.

Please bring non-perishable food items in and place them in the box by the secretary's office. Be sure to check the expiration date. Let's make this season truly full of thanks for our blessings.

## Thank you notes

We have received a very nice thank you note:

Bread of Life Outreach Center sent a beautiful note: We would like to thank you for your generous donation, received in tax year 2025. "With the ongoing high costs of food, rent, and other essentials, your donation makes a meaningful difference to the 200 families we assist in the community who are experiencing hardships. Your generosity offers them hope for a brighter tomorrow and allows us to provide a wide variety of nutritional offerings in our food pantry each week".

## FELLOWSHIP

**Men's Group** - Our Men's Group monthly meeting is October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. As always, we will talk about the small tasks at hand and then proceed to complete the tasks if possible! Then we gather back in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, pastries and conversation. If you have any questions, feel free to speak to Bruce Lounsbury on a Sunday morning or call him at 716-662-7357.

Tasks completed last meeting:

- Curtains in sanctuary were washed and mended as needed by Ginny! We thank her very much for her hard work.
- Toilet valve in ladies room downstairs was replaced and water shut off repaired.
- Frist new gas meter reading 000001-0008.

**Women's Support Group** – The women's support group will meet Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at church for our **Mystery night**, food will be provided.

**Stewardship** - *Dreaming God's Dream. No gift too small. No dream too big.*

This is the theme for this year's stewardship campaign. How well it fits this church. For those of you that don't know, this church was founded on a dream, a really big dream. The dream was for the Boston Community Church and St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church to join together to become one church, named for the Faith they had would make the dream reality.

By everyone donating what they could, whether big or small, enough money was raised to purchase land, build a parsonage, and a church. People gave whatever they could; time spent working on the building, talent, and of course money. By everyone working together and sharing their gifts, Faith Church has become what it is today.

So this year, when you get your stewardship materials, think of those members from an earlier time, having Faith that God would lead them to accomplish this dream, that no gift was too small or large to not have an impact on the church. We can continue their legacy by giving to the church in the same spirit. The campaign will be running from October 26<sup>th</sup> to November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

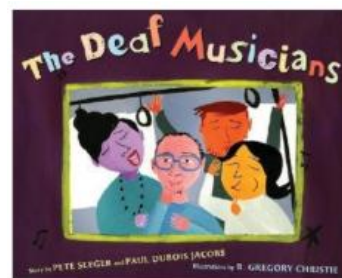
*No dream too big. No gift too small. Dreaming God's Dream.*



**Invitation & Hospitality Group** – Family Movie Nights are back! Starting Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please come and Join us! The movie will start at 6 p.m. We will have popcorn, pizza, and simple beverages. We will be watching the movie **Encanto!** All Ages are welcome to join us for a family fun movie night!

**Library** - Learning to live with a disability can be hard. Sometimes things you love to do, you won't be able to do. But new and different activities might become available. That is what happens to Lee, the piano player. Lee goes deaf, but learns how to be a musician in a different way in **The Deaf Musicians** by Pete Seeger.

This book can be found in the Church Library, located in the Gathering Room.



*Quiet your Mind, Find your Peace: Intro to Meditation class*  
features a meditation called

The Loving - Kindness: A meditation for compassion.

Close your eyes, take a few deep breaths and center your mind on the  
focus of the essence of love,  
silently repeat thinking of yourself:

**"May I be happy, healthy, safe, and at peace".**

Then, holding an image in your mind's eye of them,  
one at a time, repeat this phrase  
for a neutral person, then a loved one, then a difficult person:

**"May you be happy, healthy, safe, and at peace".**

Finally repeat the same phrase for all beings everywhere,  
imagine God spreading His loving light in all directions:

**"May all be happy, healthy, safe, and at peace".**

Close this meditation by coming back to the focus of your breath and  
open your eyes when you are ready.

*Quiet your Mind, Find your Peace, Intro to Meditation is held at the  
church each Thursday at 6:30 p.m., taught by Katherine Meckes.*

## **October News**

Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Movie Night.**

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. **Men's Group meeting**/11:00 a.m. Memorial service for Don Rott.

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> **Worship and Communion.**

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> **Pastor Ted away.**

Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. **Stewardship meeting.**

Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. at church – **Woman's Group Mystery night**, food will be provided.

Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. **Sexual Harassment Workshop** for Sunday school teachers, but all are welcome to attend. Please see Cris Palczak or Katherine Meckes for more information.

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Rev. Lynn Morgan preaching/**Food drive begins.**

Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Craft show.**

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Craft show and hot dog day.**

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Rev. Lynn Morgan preaching, **Congregation Meeting** on budget and to discuss replacing windows at the parsonage.

Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 p.m. **Board Meeting.**

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> **Blessing of the Costumes** during service and **Trunk or treat** following service.  
**Stewardship kick-off.**

## **November Highlights**

Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – **All Saints Day/9:00 a.m. Men's Group meeting.**

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Communion/Remembrance Sunday/Endowment Committee Luncheon** following worship.

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – **Children's appreciation for Veterans/ Christian Ed Meeting** following worship.

Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – **Food drive ends/Endowment Committee Meeting.**

November 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Hat and glove drive begins/Turkey soup luncheon/Pledge Sunday.**

**Remembrance Sunday** - Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> during worship we will be lighting a candle and naming aloud loved ones and members of our congregation who have died over the past year. Please give the name of those you would like to honor to Angella

([secretary@faithunitedchurchucc.com](mailto:secretary@faithunitedchurchucc.com), 716-941-3529) or write the name on the list on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**Lunch & Learn** – Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> the Endowment Committee will be providing a light lunch and food for thought - Guest speaker on Jim Bardot will share a guide to "What your survivors need to know". Please sign up on bulletin board outside of church office.

**Turkey Soup Day** – will be held on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> following service.

## **BOARD MEETING Recap September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Board President Kevin Biddle opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.  
Pastor Ted led us in an opening prayer.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting  
All in favor. Minutes approved.

### **Discussion Agenda**

#### **Reports:**

**Financial Secretary's Report:** August Income report given by Corky: \$39,126.22  
Included in the income report was \$32,088.70 from land sale to the Chmura's and \$764.00 grant from the Western Association of the New York Conference United Church of Christ for the Meditation program that Katherine Meckes is facilitating.

The Faith Church Board voted at the August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to disperse the proceeds of the land sale as follows:

- **\$12,088.70 current fund**
- **\$20,000.00 Long Term Major Repairs**

**Treasurer's Report:** expense report will be emailed out

A motion was made to approve all reports.

All in Favor. All reports approved.

### **Old Business:**

- **Roof issues** – Bruce still hasn't had any of his calls to the contractor returned. Kevin will reach out to Gary (consultant). The trustees are thinking that tearing open the roof open to check out the boards underneath may not be a good idea. The guarantee of the roof will cover any problems or leaks. The roof has made it through one winter and hasn't had any leaks so far. A note will be made in case of any problems down the road.
- **Music Director Update** – We have one candidate interested in the position – Dave Hill. He is a pianist and can play guitar, but is less comfortable with the organ. He came in and played for the music committee. It was agreed that he will play September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through the end of October. He has experience in playing music for a church in California roughly the same size as ours. He will meet with the music committee to set up music for October.
- **Profile Committee Update**- We need to complete a church profile as a part of our search for a new pastor. Ginny has the file with all the questions that need to be answered. Ginny will contact Angella to put a note in the newsletter and bulletins to try to get volunteers to form a committee.
- **Stewardship Committee Update** – The committee has met once and will meet again to get materials prepared. The theme this year is "No Dream Too Big". The pledge card has been updated
- **Nominating Committee (5 board 2 endow.) Update** – Ginny & Gail have agreed to serve for a second term. Linda Bishop has agreed to take Bob's position as a Deacon. Kevin Biddle and Carl Berger have agreed to serve on the Endowment Committee. Still looking for 2 trustees. Open positions are for Chair of the Trustees and Board President. See Bruce Lounsbury if you would be willing to serve.
- **Budget** – copies of the proposed budget were distributed to the church board members. Changes were reviewed. A motion to approve the proposed budget was made. All agreed. Motion passed.  
There will be 2 Sundays that the trustees will be available for questions from the congregation after worship: September 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. A Congregational meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> to vote on the budget.

### **New Business:**

- **Harassment Prevention Policy** – Our Church Harassment Policy has been updated by Cathy Kobel. To meet the requirements, Cathy will facilitate a class for the Sunday School teachers. Ted will take a class online. Angella will either join in with the class for the teachers on October 8<sup>th</sup> or take the online class.

Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Ted closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Ginny Taber,

Church Board Secretary

| August 2025                                                                    |               | TREASURER'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY |                            |              |           |             |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--|
| Operating Fund                                                                 | Start Balance | Receipts                              | Interest                   | Total Income | Expenses  | End Balance |  |
| Current Account                                                                | 5,350.06      | 18,234.22                             |                            | 23,584.28    | 3,634.56  | 19,949.72   |  |
| Benevolent Account                                                             | 2,799.44      | 140.00                                |                            | 2,939.44     |           | 2,939.44    |  |
| Operating Fund Total                                                           | 8,149.50      | 18,374.22                             | 0.00                       | 26,523.72    | 3,634.56  | 22,889.16   |  |
| 2026 Prepaid Pledges                                                           |               |                                       |                            |              |           | 0.00        |  |
| Other Funds (not included in Operating Fund or Budget)                         |               |                                       |                            |              |           | 0.00        |  |
| WACIC Grant (Griefshare, Grace for the Journey) \$2643                         | 689.73        | 764.00                                |                            | 1,453.73     |           | 1,453.73    |  |
| Special Benevolent                                                             | 196.00        | 0.00                                  |                            | 196.00       |           | 196.00      |  |
| Major Repairs Long Term Fund                                                   | 23,675.50     | 20,000.00                             |                            | 43,675.50    |           | 43,675.50   |  |
| Memorial Fund                                                                  | 6,514.79      | 0.00                                  |                            | 6,514.79     |           | 6,514.79    |  |
| Other Funds Total                                                              | 31,076.02     | 20,764.00                             |                            | 51,840.02    | 0.00      | 51,840.02   |  |
| Total of All Funds                                                             | 39,225.52     | 39,138.22                             | 0.00                       | 78,363.74    | 3,634.56  | 74,729.18   |  |
| Asset Accounts - Evans Bank - Checking, Savings, CDs                           | 39,225.52     | 39,138.22                             | 0.00                       | 78,363.74    | 3,634.56  | 74,729.18   |  |
|                                                                                |               |                                       |                            |              |           |             |  |
| Weekly Income                                                                  | 8/3/2025      | 8/10/2025                             | 8/17/2025                  | 8/24/2025    | 8/31/2025 | Total       |  |
| Current Account                                                                | 1,073.00      | 1,610.00                              | 1,836.52                   | 13,141.70    | 573.00    | 18,234.22   |  |
| Benevolent Account                                                             |               | 65.00                                 |                            | 12.00        | 63.00     | 140.00      |  |
| Operating Fund Total                                                           | 1,073.00      | 1,675.00                              | 1,836.52                   | 13,153.70    | 636.00    | 18,374.22   |  |
| 2023 Prepaid Pledges                                                           |               |                                       |                            |              |           | 0.00        |  |
| Pay Pal fees                                                                   |               |                                       |                            |              |           | 0.00        |  |
| WACIC Grant (Griefshare, Grace for the Journey) \$2643/Meditation Grant 764.00 |               |                                       |                            | 764.00       |           | 764.00      |  |
| Special Benevolent                                                             |               |                                       |                            |              |           | 0.00        |  |
| Major Repairs Long Term Fund                                                   |               |                                       |                            | 20,000.00    |           | 20,000.00   |  |
| Memorial Fund                                                                  |               |                                       |                            |              |           | 0.00        |  |
| Total Weekly Income                                                            | 1,073.00      | 1,675.00                              | 1,836.52                   | 33,917.70    | 636.00    | 39,138.22   |  |
|                                                                                |               |                                       |                            |              |           |             |  |
|                                                                                |               |                                       | 2025 weekly income to date | 112,915.20   |           |             |  |
|                                                                                |               |                                       | 2024 weekly income to date | 79,757.20    |           |             |  |
|                                                                                |               |                                       | 2023 weekly income to date | 87,660.87    |           |             |  |

|                                                    | ITEMIZED BUDGET AND EXPENSE REPORT |                     |                      |                   | 2025              |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 |                    |                            |           |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
|                                                    | BUDGET<br>AMOUNT                   | EXPENSES<br>January | EXPENSES<br>February | EXPENSES<br>March | EXPENSES<br>April | EXPENSES<br>May | EXPENSES<br>June | EXPENSES<br>July | EXPENSES<br>Aug | EXPENSES<br>Sept | EXPENSES<br>Oct | EXPENSES<br>Nov | EXPENSES<br>Dec | % Spent<br>to Date | Remaining<br>Budget Amount | Totals    |
| CURRENT ACCOUNT                                    |                                    |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 |                    |                            |           |
| 1. Pastor's Salary                                 | 39,600.00                          | 3,300.00            | 3,300.00             | 3,300.00          | 3,300.00          | 3,300.00        | 3,300.00         | 3,300.00         | -               |                  |                 |                 |                 | 58%                | 16,500.00                  | 23,100.00 |
| 2. Pastor's Medical                                | 6,000.00                           | 500.00              | 500.00               | 500.00            | 500.00            | 500.00          | 500.00           | 500.00           | 500.00          |                  |                 |                 |                 | 67%                | 2,000.00                   | 4,000.00  |
| 3. Pastor's Travel                                 | 1,000.00                           |                     |                      |                   | 170.80            |                 |                  | 196.70           |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 37%                | 632.50                     | 367.50    |
| 4. Pastor's Professional Expenses and Continuing   | 500.00                             |                     | 250.00               | 110.00            |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 72%                | 140.00                     | 360.00    |
| 5. Pastor's Pension 14% of salary                  | 7,600.00                           | 606.67              | 655.67               | 631.17            | 631.17            | 631.17          | 631.17           | 631.17           | 631.17          |                  |                 |                 |                 | 66%                | 2,550.64                   | 5,049.36  |
| 6. Pastor's Disability 1.5% of salary              | 600.00                             | 65.01               | 70.25                | 67.63             | 67.63             | 67.63           | 67.63            | 67.63            | 67.63           |                  |                 |                 |                 | 90%                | 58.96                      | 541.04    |
| 7. Parsonage Utilities - Electric, Gas, Water      | 2,700.00                           | 251.09              | 128.50               | 365.26            | 224.34            | 326.73          | 207.90           | 277.31           | 201.64          |                  |                 |                 |                 | 73%                | 717.23                     | 1,982.77  |
| 8. Supply Pastor                                   | 900.00                             | 250.00              |                      |                   | 300.00            |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 61%                | 350.00                     | 550.00    |
| 9. Organist and Choir Director                     | 9,600.00                           | 800.00              | 800.00               | 800.00            | 800.00            | 800.00          | 800.00           | 800.00           |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 58%                | 4,000.00                   | 5,600.00  |
| 10. Church Office Secretary (18.00/hr.)            | 14,500.00                          | 1,206.00            | 1,260.00             | 1,440.00          | 990.00            | 1,161.00        | 1,413.00         | 990.00           | 1,170.00        |                  |                 |                 |                 | 66%                | 4,870.00                   | 9,630.00  |
| 11. Church Sexton (\$300 per month)                | 3,600.00                           | 300.00              | 300.00               | 300.00            | 300.00            | 300.00          | 300.00           | 300.00           | 300.00          |                  |                 |                 |                 | 67%                | 1,200.00                   | 2,400.00  |
| 12. Social Security and Medicare                   | 2,600.00                           | 528.85              |                      |                   | 551.26            |                 |                  | 525.10           |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 62%                | 994.79                     | 1,605.21  |
| 13. Workers' Compensation and Disability Insurance | 2,000.00                           | 691.09              |                      | 309.26            |                   |                 | 68.93            |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 53%                | 930.72                     | 1,069.28  |
| 14. Church & Office Supplies                       | 2,000.00                           |                     | 45.78                |                   | 394.96            | 265.75          | 264.29           | 341.69           | 167.00          |                  |                 |                 |                 | 74%                | 520.53                     | 1,479.47  |
| 15. Church School Supplies and Program             | 500.00                             |                     |                      |                   | 67.52             | 158.12          | 75.00            |                  | 172.99          |                  |                 |                 |                 | 95%                | 26.37                      | 473.63    |
| 16. Music Supplies                                 | 200.00                             |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 200.00                     | -         |
| 17. Sexton Supplies                                | 400.00                             |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  | 317.80          |                  |                 |                 |                 | 79%                | 82.20                      | 317.80    |
| 18. Church Fellowship/Invitation Team              | 200.00                             |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 200.00                     | -         |
| 19. Church Utilities                               | 9,000.00                           | 1,650.55            | 764.68               | 689.98            | 1,363.66          | 615.46          | 485.10           | 529.22           | 218.79          |                  |                 |                 |                 | 70%                | 2,682.56                   | 6,317.44  |
| 20. Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability)             | 12,000.00                          | 2,905.00            |                      |                   | 2,904.00          |                 |                  | 3,333.00         |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 76%                | 2,858.00                   | 9,142.00  |
| 21. Taxes - County and Town                        | 2,500.00                           |                     |                      | 2,348.12          |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 94%                | 151.88                     | 2,348.12  |
| 22. Maintenance and Repair                         | 2,500.00                           |                     |                      | 146.00            |                   |                 | 1,995.00         | 146.25           |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 91%                | 212.75                     | 2,287.25  |
| 23. Grounds Maintenance - Snowplowing and Yard     | 4,000.00                           |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 4,000.00                   | -         |
| SUBTOTAL                                           | 124,500.00                         | 13,054.26           | 8,074.88             | 11,007.42         | 12,565.34         | 8,125.86        | 10,108.02        | 11,938.07        | 3,747.02        | -                | -               | -               | -               | 63%                | 45,879.13                  | 78,620.87 |
| % of Total Operating Budget                        | 96%                                |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 |                    |                            |           |
| BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT                                 |                                    |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 |                    |                            |           |
| 24. Our Church's Wider Mission                     | 1,500.00                           |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 1,500.00                   |           |
| 25. Churches in Covenant                           | 750.00                             |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 750.00                     |           |
| 26. Dunkirk Conference Center                      | 500.00                             |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 500.00                     |           |
| 27. Love INC                                       | 400.00                             |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 400.00                     |           |
| 28. Bread of Life Outreach                         | 400.00                             |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 400.00                     |           |
| 29. Boston Valley School                           | 400.00                             |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 400.00                     |           |
| 30. Colden Elemntary                               | 400.00                             |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 400.00                     |           |
| 31. Plymouth Crossroads                            | 750.00                             |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 | 0%                 | 750.00                     |           |
| SUBTOTAL                                           | 5,100.00                           | -                   | -                    | -                 | -                 | -               | -                | -                | -               | -                | -               | -               | -               | 0%                 | 5,100.00                   |           |
| % of Total Operating Budget                        | 4%                                 |                     |                      |                   |                   |                 |                  |                  |                 |                  |                 |                 |                 |                    |                            |           |
| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET                             | 129,600                            | 13,054.26           | 8,074.88             | 11,007.42         | 12,565.34         | 8,125.86        | 10,108.02        | 11,938.07        | 3,747.02        | -                | -               | -               | -               | 18%                | 50,979.13                  |           |

## **GREETERS**

### **October 2025**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Elevator Entrance</b>                                                     | <b>Main Entrance</b>            |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| October 5   | Carol & Ken Ottaway<br>Herb Berlin, Bobby Bishop, Kathy & Bruce Lounsbury    | Katherine Meckes & Linda Bishop |
| October 12  | Sharon & Corky Forney<br>Herb Berlin, Bobby Bishop, Bruce Lounsbury          | Kathy Lounsbury                 |
| October 19  | Lois Thurnherr<br>Herb Berlin, Linda & Bobby Bishop, Kathy & Bruce Lounsbury | Ginny Taber                     |
| October 26  | Michele Rappl<br>Herb Berlin, Linda & Bobby Bishop, Kathy & Bruce Lounsbury  | Pegge Cook                      |

Please call the church office, 716-941-3529, or Lois T., 716-941-3248, should you need to change the schedule. We appreciate you taking time to share your love of Christ with others by welcoming them to our worship service.



#### **Happy Birthday To:**

3 – Marilyn Rucker  
5 – Loretta Rishel  
7 – Kim Williams  
8 – Donna Lisowski  
9 – Loreen Mueller  
11 – Larry Cornwall  
12 – Bob Tills  
17 – Kathy Lounsbury  
18 – Zenia Munger  
19 – Stan Werner  
20 – Owen Williams

21 – Nicole Johnson  
23 – Christina Bishop  
Ryken Meyer  
25 – Priscilla Granville  
Mark Lounsbury  
26 – Barb Biddle  
28 – Logan Morris  
30 – Jody Powley  
Emma Arnold  
31 – Cathy Gustafson

#### **Happy Anniversary To:**

4 – Dave & Chris Potempa  
5 – Gary & Linda Stisser  
8 – Dave & Natalie Recktenwalt  
13 – Zack & Zenia Munger  
14 – Mark & Leanne Lounsbury  
16 – Dennis & Lauren Terry  
Jeff & Betsy Phillips  
20 – Paul & Joy Pfitzinger  
21 – Mark & Kim Williams