

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MARCH 2023

All Church Meeting

February 9, 2023

Devotions and opening prayer were given by Pastor Vicki.

The minutes from the January 12, 2023 meeting were approved and stand as read.

The church calendar was reviewed. One change is that the Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services be held at 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Ramona wants to plan a function soon and will have Patty add it to the calendar as soon as possible.

Church information: Pastor Vicki announced that we have received \$17,300 from Tremont to pay for our parapets. It has been put in B&I.

Discipleship: The Monday night Bible study is still going on and cards are still being sent to the homebound.

Finance: Mary Ahlborn suggested that we need to make a contribution to our Conference apportionments. The motion was made by Mary and seconded by Betty that we give 10% of the February revenue to Conference. Motion carried.

Finance: Donna Layne

There problem with the part of church windows that does payroll has been fixed. Donations are down, but we are able to pay the bills. The new copier has been delivered. Monies in the memorial fund in the name of Mike Amos will be earmarked for boiler repairs. Reports for the accounts and recent spending were shared and questions answered.

Outreach: Connie Mitchell is now chairman. Interfaith, now known as Sheltered Incorporated, has moved women and children back into the main buildings. Families are being housed in a local hotel. Breakfast and dinner are supplied. We can donate food for the families for in between. The Nehemiah Foundation has initiated a Care Portal Program for communication. It will notify churches of needs for people that can be donated. She will invite the head of this program, Tammy Carter, to share with us at the next meeting. Connie will attend a training or the program at the end of the month.

SPPRC: The committee will meet next month.

Trustee Report: Greg reported that they will be working with the treasurers to move their office downstairs into the room that is now the library. They will coordinate what needs to be moved out and what needs to be moved downstairs to the new location. A new louvered door was found for free that will be installed for the Wesley room storage room to allow for ventilation.

Closing prayer was given by Pastor Vicki.

Next meeting: March 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Frantz

Recording Secretary



Those present: Pastor Vicki Downing and Dan Downing, Robert and Ramona Keeton, Greg Hosier, Donna Layne, Becky Frantz, Betty Prosser, Kim Stehle, Mary Ahlborn, Connie Mitchell

Newsletter Scriptures March 2016

March 1 Gen. 37:3-4, 12-28
March 2 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
March 3 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12
March 4 2 Kings 5:1-15
March 5 Matthew 18:21-35
March 6 Matthew 5:17-19
March 7 Luke 11:14-23
March 8 Mark 12:28-34
March 9 Hosea 6:1-6
March 10 Joshua 5:10-12
March 11 Isaiah 65:17-25
March 12 John 5:1-16
March 13 John 5:17-30
March 14 Exodus 32:7-14
March 15 John 9:1-41
March 16 John 7:40-52
March 17 Philippians 3:7-16
March 18 Psalm 23
March 19 John 11:1-45
March 20 Romans 4:13-25
March 21 John 8:51-59
March 22 Psalm 18:1-6
March 23 John 11:45-53
March 24 Luke 19:28-40
March 25 Isaiah 42:1-9
March 26 Isaiah 49:1-6
March 27 Isaiah 50:4-9
March 28 1 Cor. 11:23-26
March 28 John 18:1-19:42
March 29 Isaiah 54:4-17
March 30 Matthew 27:57-66
March 31 John 20:1-18



PRAYERS NEEDED

**KAREN SPEAS, BILL PINKERTON,
LARRY & PHYLLIS GARBER,
MARDELLA HESSON
JEANNE POWELL
JUANITA JEURGENS**

MARCH BIRTHDAY

***MARCH 19 BECKY WILL BE
95 YEARS YOUNG !***

**PLEASE SEND A CARD TO HELP
HER CELEBRATE !**

**BECKY VOGEL
1611 MEMORIAL DR
SPRINGFIELD, OH 45505**



SHOWER OF BLESSINGS FOR MARCH

**MARY COLLINS
7 MASONIC DR APT 1 F
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CHRISTMAS 2022 OFFERING

\$1965.00 (GENERAL FUND)

LOVE OFFERINGS

**PASTOR VICKI \$285.00
RAMONA KEETON \$212.00**



MARCH 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			6:30 PM CHOIR	6 PM TRUSTEE MTING	OFFICE CLOSED	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7 PM NA	7 PM MEN'S BS	11 AM SOAP MAKING 7 PM NA	6:30 PM CHOIR	6:30 PM ALL CHURCH MT	OFFICE CLOSED	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DAYLIGHT SAV- INGS 7 PM NA	7 PM MEN'S BS	7 PM NA	6:30 PM CHOIR		OFFICE CLOSED	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
7 PM NA	7 PM MEN'S BS	12 PM UMW 7 PM NA	6:30 PM CHOIR		OFFICE CLOSED	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
7 PM NA	7 PM MEN'S BS	7 PM NA	6:30 PM CHOIR		OFFICE CLOSED	

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR MARCH 2023

9:30 AM SERVICE

ACROLYTE	MARCH 5, 12	LARRY CAMPBELL
	MARCH 19, 26	GREG HOSIER
COMMUNION SET UP	MARCH 5	PASTOR VICKI
COMMUNION CLEAN UP	MARCH 5	BETTY PROSSER
COMMUNION SERVERS	MARCH 5	BRUCE & GAIL ECKLER
		MARY AHLBORN & CINDY YEAGER
GREETER FRONT DOOR	MARCH 5, 12	JOHN GILMARTIN
	MARCH 19, 26	GREG HOSIER
GREETER SANCTUARY DOOR	MARCH 5, 12	TOM & MARILYN MARTIN
	MARCH 19, 26	PATTIE MUMMA
LITURGIST	MARCH 5, 12	PAT HART
	MARCH 19, 26	MARILYN MARTIN
USHERS	MARCH 5, 12	DAVE SPEAS LARRY CAMPBELL
	MARCH 19, 26	GREG HOSIER LARRY CAMPBELL

COUNTERS

MARCH 6 MARY AHLBORN & JENNIFER SABO
MARCH 13 MARILYN MARTIN & JACKIE GREGORY
MARCH 20 CINDY YEAGER & BARB SHEEHAN
MARCH 27 KIM STEHLE & CONNIE MITCHELL

SPECIAL MUSIC

MARCH 5 BECKY FRANTZ
MARCH 12 JIM MAYHUGH
MARCH 19 DAN DOWNING
MARCH 26 PATTIE MUMMA

THANK YOU FOR SERVING GRACE CHURCH !!!

WESLEY ROOM RENEWAL

Surely, you have noticed your bright and shiny Wesley Room floor! So pretty. After the Trustees painted the Wesley Rm, the floor was returned to it's original wood board. It is ready for gatherings and community dinners! Invite your friends and neighbors to come and see how your church is ready to serve their individual and spiritual needs. Share the love of Jesus with everyone! The Wesley Room restoration was funded from the Memorials that were given for John Ahlborn.



ALLELUIA !!!!!

PROGRAMS & MISSIONS

WORSHIP MATERIALS	\$	800.00
OUTREACH/EVANGELISM	-	
Web fee #360/Free Store \$600	\$	960.00
DISCIPLESHIP/EDUCATION	-	
Text/materials	\$	150.00
NURTURE/MEMBERSHIP CARE	\$	100.00
CONNECTIONAL GIVING	-	
Conference	\$	16,008.00
District & Mission	\$	2,742.00
<u>PROGRAMS & MISSIONS TOTAL</u>	\$	20,760.00

CHURCH PROPERTIES

Building Maintenance	\$	4,500.00
Copier Expenses	\$	2,400.00
Snow Removal/	-	
Yard Mntn	\$	1,500.00
Church Utilities	\$	21,000.00
Church/Parsonage/Rental Insurance	\$	7,500.00
Financial Env/Records	\$	100.00
Postage	\$	1,000.00
Bank chks & fees	\$	370.00
Computer Maintenance/Upgrade	\$	1,000.00
Custodian supplies	\$	750.00
Office supplies	\$	500.00
Funeral dinners & Kitchen supplies	\$	200.00
<u>CHURCH PROPERTIES TOTAL</u>	\$	40,820.00

PARSONAGE EXPENSES

Real Estate Taxes	\$	3,500.00
Parsonage Utilities	\$	5,500.00
Parsonage Maintenance	\$	3,000.00
Pool Maintenance	\$	600.00
<u>PARSONAGE EXPENSES TOTAL</u>	\$	12,600.00

PASTOR'S SALARY + COMPENSATION

Salary	\$	50,960.00
Reimbursable Acct	\$	3,000.00
Medical Insurance	\$	15,084.00
Benefits (Retirement)	\$	11,000.00
<u>PASTOR'S SALARY + COMPENSATION TOTAL</u>	\$	80,044.00

STAFF SALARIES + COMPENSATION

Staff Cont Ed \$100	-	
Office Manager Salary	\$	16,900.00
Custodian Salary	\$	13,000.00
Staff Cont Ed	\$	100.00
Payroll Taxes/Workman's Comp	\$	3,289.00
<u>STAFF SALARIES + COMPENSATION</u>	\$	33,289.00

GENERAL BUDGET 2023

The general budget for 2023 was made by using 2022 cost amounts of each line item plus annual inflation figures.

The budget figures are a guide line for church operations. Sums of each line item are best estimates.

The general budget does NOT include designated giving, e.g., the Building & Improvement Fund, Memorial Fund, etc.

In order to meet the budget monthly offerings must amount to **\$15,626**. The average monthly offerings to the General Fund in 2023 have been **between \$10,300 to \$11,000**.

2022 Conference apportionments were NOT met. District apportionments were satisfied.

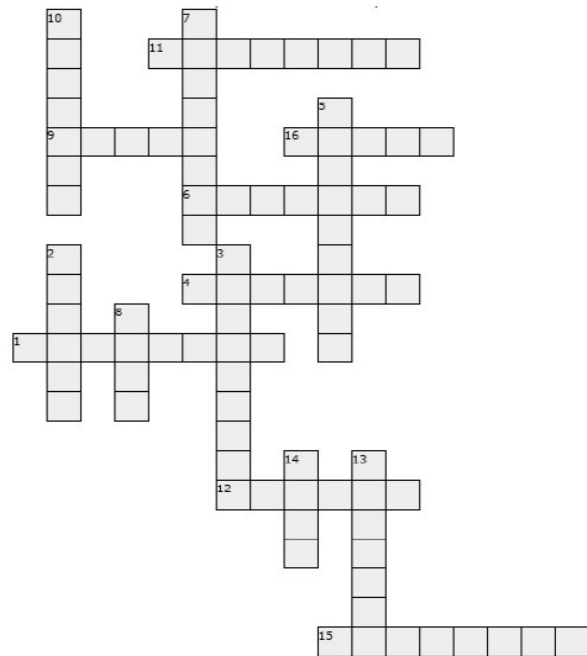
In 2022 the Trustees were able to make many repairs in the church which saved expenditures. The Treasurers work tirelessly to pay all due bills. Pastor Vicki and the church staff make every effort to cut costs.

Please prayerfully consider how God wants you to support your Church through your tithes and offerings.





Luke 19



Across:

- 1. What Zaccheus climbed.
- 4. He beheld _____ and wept over it.
- 6. A den of _____.
- 9. Today I must stay at your _____.
- 11. Name of the chief tax collector.
- 12. If these would be silent the _____ would cry out.
- 15. He who had ten servants.
- 16. He taught in the temple _____.

Down:

- 2. My house is a house of _____.
- 3. They told Jesus to rebuke his disciples.
- 5. This day _____ has come to this house.
- 7. What the disciples threw on the colt.
- 8. Portion Zaccheus gave to the poor.
- 10. He also is a son of _____.
- 13. Jesus passed through it.
- 14. You will find a _____ tied up.



St. Patrick's Day Word Search Puzzle

- Word List**
- SAINT
 - PATRICK
 - IRISH
 - BLARNEY
 - BLESSING
 - EMERALD
 - LEPRECHAUN
 - GOLD
 - GREEN
 - IRELAND
 - LUCKY
 - MAGIC
 - PARADE
 - RAINBOW
 - SHAMROCK
 - LUCKY
 - WISH
 - FAIRY
 - MARCH
 - PARTY
 - CLOVER
 - POT
 - SHAKES

O R L E P R E C H A U N I A P
 U S P T L S W W P O T Y U W V
 J P A R I H U B C N S A I N T
 L A T A M A H L S S F A I R Y
 B R R I E M C E I R E L A N D
 L T I N R R L S P P A R A D E
 C Y C B I O O S S N A K E S A
 P M K O C C V I U Z B N K B M
 L L X W K K E N J V L P O C U
 L E P Z P A R G T U A I H T O
 U A N K M A G I C U R W R D L
 C W I S H T R K B A N G U X K
 K E C V M G R E E N E G O L D
 Y V E M E R A L D R Y T A I B
 C U X M A R C H Y I R I S H V

Search the puzzle for the words shown in the word list. Circle each word that you find until you find all of the words in the whole puzzle!

