

June 2023



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

Life that Fits & Connects

Rachel and Matt are teaching a Covenant Bible Study for five Wednesday evenings (5:30-7:30) this summer beginning on July 19. Sign up now with a phone call to Patty in the church office. More info will be forthcoming, but make plans now for these dinners and this deep study.

Covenant Bible Study promises new life that fits and connects with God and others. Life that makes sense. Life that finds its source in God. Life lived together.

The Bible is a book like no other, and reading it is a rewarding experience. The assumption is that reading the Bible will improve our lives. But in spite of this assumption, many of us try to read this book and give up — usually after trying to read it from cover to cover. We often become confused by the strange names, places, and events that seem so distant from our daily lives. It can make us feel defeated, and so we throw in the towel and trust that someone else (pastor, scholar, or teacher) will make sense of this book and pass on the “high points” to the rest of us.

But our anxiety about reading the Bible may be connected to a deeper frustration and longing — a longing to connect with and come alive to something real, something lasting that promises to help us live well. Awash in a world of flickering words and images on glowing screens, we thirst for depth, for something that faithfully delivers on a promise to make a difference where we learn, work, and play. We want more than a superficial faith. Yet for many, the Bible seems like the last place for this kind of reality check.

Covenant Bible Study is one way to dispel this anxiety and reconnect with the deepest realities of our faith. Its goal is to cultivate lifelong trust in God and help participants discover the Bible as a friend for life. Covenant is based on the simple idea that we live well when we love well. When we read it together, we remember and retell the deepest story we know. This is the story of who we are, where we come from, and where we go wrong. And the story ends well because faithful love is at work in everything to restore hope, freedom, and wholeness to our lives.

The Bible follows the sometimes faithful and sometimes faithless responses of Israel and the church, tracking changes in the lives of key people and the community itself as they respond to God's call. We find ourselves in tales of

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2nd SUNDAY BRUNCH featuring music by

Jean René Balekita
June 11th 10:10 AM

Come, enjoy brunch
Location TBD

We will have an array of brunch items. Enjoy the fellowship right after the 9 AM service. Jean René Balekita will entertain us.

Donations appreciated!

Volunteers are needed to help with the brunches. If interested, please contact Jan Wittler, Gary Peterson or the church office.

rivalry and rebellion, and in stories of corruption, catastrophe, and crisis. We see our own anxious desire for security expressed in its narratives of idolatry and rigid tribal boundaries. But we also see our misplaced loyalties graced go God's restoring love. These grace-filled stories give us hope that God will make beautiful things out of the fragments and dust of our fallen lives.

Join us this summer!

Sunday School
does not meet during
June, July, August.
Children are
encouraged to
attend church
with their parents.
Childcare is provided
for youth
4 years and younger
each Sunday morning.

Snippets from Your Pastor/Two Poems

BY MATT MATTHEWS

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The Great Temptation

BY MATT MATTHEWS

Genesis 22:1-19

Abraham believed God is free to give,
and God is free to take,
that God could be trusted,
and that God didn't have to be understood
to be obeyed.

God's word wasn't holy suggestion
but mysterium tremendum,
able to cleft the stone with
sappling root,
steady stream,
lightning,
or sledge—

over eons or in an instant.

In league with the likes of lesser saints Jonah and Peter,
I would not have taken the first step up
that mountain of sacrifice
with my only begotten son,

but Abraham did,
prepared to do efficiently
what he was told to do
with the tools of the Old Testament faithful—
the binding cord,
the stack of wood,
the sturdy knife—

thereby passing his test.

God, letting Abraham mercifully off the hook,
not incidentally, passed His test, too.

(A late Jewish tradition reports that Sarah uttered six cries and died when Abraham returned and told her what had happened. Von Rad, The Old Testament Library, p. 243. Kommentar zum Neuen Testament aus Talmud und Midrasch.)

My Neighbor's Flowers

BY MATT MATTHEWS

My neighbor's corn is up.
The zucchini and pumpkin will soon be overtaking the fence.
The sunflowers are already chest high.

Our other neighbors mow their lawns in the evening,
taming their neat shrubs every spring with a trim.
Their trees, thick with leaves and still primordial, cast wild shadows the size of houses.

My neighbor never cuts her grass.
Artfully, she lets the place go to seed and studies what appears.
Flowers, shrubs, and flowering vines twist and twine from everywhere

and reach their colored faces up and up,
following the arc of sun, curious about the changing moods of the sky.
She is often on hands and knees, daisies nodding over her stooped form.

She might not call this prayer, but I do.
The cathedral I manage downtown, facing
asbestos remediation in the kitchen,

has towered above our block with rows of neat brick and muscled beauty
for well into its second century. The bells ring on Sunday, on time,
and some people still come faithfully to sing For the Beauty of the Earth.

But my neighbor's flowers stand tall in our neighborhood,
riding the breeze, compelling us all to follow their gaze and
to notice the sun.

Summer School

BY KEN TRAVERS
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On a quiet summer day.....
Let's pretend those clouds are islands
in the sky (Hank Snow)

As a child growing up in the wilds of the Canadian Rockies, I have vivid memories of Shorty and Harriet. 'Shorty' because to us grade school kids he seemed so tall. George and Harriet Irwin were Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries on leave from their tour of duty in French Indo-China. Roughly, that territory is Vietnam.

George took us on long hikes. Our remote village, 60 miles west of Mt. Robson, highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, offers lots of challenging nature trails.

George and Harriet also held daily vacation Bible School. We learned about the Prodigal Son. To our tender ears, the Prodigal was pretty much a murky character. And there was in our children's Bible a full page portrayal of Daniel in the Lion's den. It terrified me. Those were memorable days. Why is it that God often chooses nature in which to act? A burning bush on a mountain top. And an unknown God. The Lord calls and the preacher

haltingly utters, 'What name should I use to call you?'

I once served as school principal in the gold mining hills of Central British Columbia. In emergencies there were three persons to call on: The sergeant of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Anglican Priest and the school principal. One day tragedy struck. A teenager was killed in a motorcycle accident. Quickly the three community leaders rallied together, dealing with the situation the best they could.

The Mountie was excellent: compassionate, professional. I did my

best to help. But the Anglican priest quickly emerged as leader. He was a former business man who in his forties decided that there was more to life. So he quit his job and went to seminary.

That isolated town was his first parish. In his funeral homily, the retired businessman now cleric reflected on the death of Lazarus. Jesus was late to join the mourners. The newly minted priest observed that it often seems that in times of need, Jesus is late in showing up. But the Lord has his own time schedule.

My favorite parable is the one liner about a treasure in the field (*Matthew 13:44*). Here's a guy strolling along, minding his own business. And he stumbles over a treasure. Totally unexpected. We worship a God of surprises.

Sometimes it seems that in the 'good old days' God showed up at the drop of a hat. Now the revival tents are folded up. Large scale evangelistic rallies a thing of the past. Summer camps for persons of all ages seem to struggle to maintain enrollments. There are encouraging exceptions.

Montreat Conference Center maintains a durable ministry where our own First Church is well represented among its leadership.

Promise Keepers, a men's revival movement, still fills city arenas. As was the case for Chicago's Soldier Field some time ago when First Church provided several car loads of attendees.

There also is 'the YMCA of the Rockies'. As their brochure puts it, they are Estes Rocky Mountain Park's best kept secret. During the early days of railroad construction, Y ministries were strategically placed to provide a faith witness. The 'C' in YMCA was

taken seriously. And today, the Rocky Mountain Y provides year round, Christ centered programs including retreats, conferences, together with evening devotional times around the proverbial campfire.

Summer isn't downtime for God. As He promises,

*Behold I will do a new thing...
I will even make a road in the
wilderness
And rivers in the desert.
(Isaiah 43:1)*

You CAN get to Nazareth without going through the desert. But you won't find Jesus. (Fred Craddock)

Freedom Hear Our Prayer

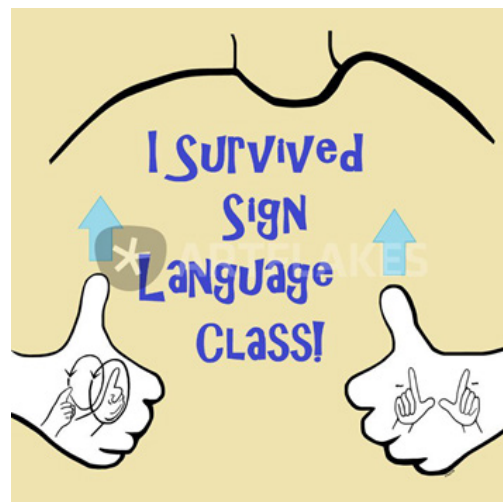
Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19 commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people. Here is a prayer for this day from the Catholic Health Association.

"God of all peoples, of all nations, On this day of freedom, we celebrate triumphantly with all people of goodwill that we might walk arm in arm towards justice for all.

Breathe into us your eternal breath, that we may never tire of ensuring a flourishing life for all people, but most especially, those brothers and sisters whose growth has been stifled by the trauma of being enslaved.

O God, we know and have seen your goodness, and because of it, we cling to the hope that unity and liberation for all are within our grasp. Continue to show us your goodness, that we may have the strength to advance your kingdom with humility and grace." Amen

Talk to Me, I'm Looking



Learn Sign language;
become a friend to a deaf person.

They are pretty neat.

Weekly Classes - Thursdays,
June 8, 15, 22, 29; 11 - 12 noon
Mae Chapin Parlor or Zoom

Presented by

Alan Thomas and Michael Hogue
Call church office 217-356-7238



Alan Thomas: Gallaudet University Graduate in Bachelor of Arts in Sign Language. He has taught ASL classes for 15 years in several community colleges in Illinois, Iowa and Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. He taught ASL classes at PACE (agency run for and by people with disabilities) for 9 years. He lived in Japan for five years and taught ASL classes at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.



“No one can believe how powerful is prayer and what it can effect except, those who have learned by experience.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NRSV) If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins.

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NRSV) For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the entire earth, to strengthen those whose heart is true to them.

“God’s prevailing power is released in the lives of people who pray.”

Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV) ...And will not God grant justice to His chosen ones who cry to Him day and night...

God is personal, AMEN.



Excellence in Public Engagement ...

Tracy Dace was honored with *The Community Award for Excellence in Public Engagement* by the University of Illinois at an awards ceremony at Alice Campbell Alumni Center on May 30. Chancellor Robert J. Jones lauded progress made by the university to partner with the community. Dace is the founder and chief executive officer of DREAAM (Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males), a not-for-profit group born at First Presbyterian Church eight years ago, and now serving about 700 boys and girls of color in Champaign-Urbana and Rantoul. DREAAM partners with multiple university academic departments. Mr. Tracy, a member of First Pres, was previously its mission coordinator.

Jays & Concerns

●We celebrate **Nancy Bell** who for the past several years has been the anonymous contributor to the monthly Prayer Corner featured on this same page. **Nancy and Jim** are moving later this summer to Wisconsin. We wish them well in their new adventure!

●We celebrated our graduates on Sunday, May 28. Congratulations to all graduates!

●On Saturday, June 10, we will celebrate the life of **Priscilla Vissek** at a Memorial Service at 2 PM at the church.

The Heart of Mission

Education is the Vaccine of Violence... Edward James Olmos

Education for women in Pakistan is still pretty bleak. Did you know in 2018, 26% of the girls in Pakistan have never been to school? During the last 5 years that number is decreasing, thanks to you and others who are willing to recognize and give. The Pakistan Small Group, FPCC would like to express our gratitude to the World Mission Team, Presbyterian Women, and the 11 families and individuals in our church for their continued support.

This student is from the Sangla Hill School where all the scholarship donors from our church are supporting. This is truly an inspiring testimony to how much our support can make a difference regardless how much we give. God is using it to change the lives of the students there.



My name is Izza Sawera and I have been a student of PEB's Sangla Hill school since nursery. The purpose of sharing my story is to express my deepest gratitude for the scholarship that I have been receiving. I am currently studying in class 11 (Intermediate Part-I).

Back in 2013 my father died in a road accident. It was a very difficult time for me and my family, and my mother being the only bread winner could hardly make ends meet.

In the year 2022, I passed my board examinations for class 10. However, by then the financial situation of my family had deteriorated to such an extent that my mother was no longer in a condition to bear my educational expenses anymore. In fact, I was about to quit my studies, but PEB offered me a scholarship and I was able to stay in school without worrying about expenses. I am so grateful to God for this timely and much needed support to move on in my life positively.

In the future, I would like to join the medical field to serve others. Without the scholarship from PEB and support from Friends of PEB, I would not be able to pursue this dream and career path. I am extremely grateful for the support which is allowing me to get an education in this prestigious institute. Once again, thank you for this generous support.

Middle Eastern Cuisine Comes to Urbana

BY BRANDI LOWE

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Have you been to Dubai? Me neither, but you can now get a taste of Dubai at the Dubai Grill in Urbana. Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry Team here at our church reviews businesses in town that are owned by immigrants so that we can welcome and support them by eating or shopping there and telling our friends about them. Next up in our series is Dubai Grill.



Fahd Alqardhani is the owner of the middle eastern restaurant that is located at 701 S. Gregory Street, but the entrance is around the corner on Oregon, just across the street from Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Their hours are Monday-Saturday 11 AM - 9 PM and Sunday 11 AM - 7 PM

Of the middle eastern restaurants in town, this is my favorite. I spoke with the owner, Fahd Alqurdhani, who gave me a fist bump and welcomed me to his restaurant.

Fahd was born and raised in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He was living there when the pandemic hit in 2020, and not knowing what the future held, he joined his wife and children here in Champaign-Urbana so they could be together. He was missing the food from his home so he decided to open Dubai Grill, a halal restaurant.

Dubai Grill is similar to the other middle eastern restaurants in town, but the food is much fresher, in my opinion. Fahd was proud of that fact and gave me a huge smile when I told him it was my favorite in town. You can get beef kofta kabab, beef shawarma, shish taouk chicken, gyro, and falafel, but the chicken shawarma just might be my favorite. The last time I went, I got it in a bowl with 3 sides and garlic sauce. Even my daughter, Heather, stopped eating her gyro meat to start noshing on my chicken shawarma. You can get bowls, plates, or sandwiches too.

The restaurant itself is nothing fancy, but it is quite clean, well lit, and an enjoyable place to eat. The walls are adorned with pictures from the middle east, including Iraq, Egypt, The United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Syria, and Yemen (where Fahd also lived for a time).

If you take a look at their website, <https://www.dubai-grill.com/> you can see their full menus. I also discovered that they cater events too. Although, I've never used their catering service, based on my experience in the restaurant, I'd be willing to try it.

If you stop by, say hello to Fahd and let him know you are from First Pres. Champaign. He's a great guy and might just give you a fist bump too.

For more information on what halal food is, check out this explanation from the Halal Foundation. <https://halalfoundation.org/insights/what-is-halal/>

Our Gratitude for You Is In Full Bloom...from DREAM

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Champaign,

*It's that time of year when buds are opening, flowers are beginning to bloom and, if you live in Illinois, overnight freeze warnings are still being issued. What an authentic reflection of the general transformation process, right?! I look around and I see some sun and some green and some familiar beauty that is being unearthed once again. I *also* see some grey and some cold fronts and some wet, muddy messes. What a cyclical lesson in learning to embrace it all - the beauty and the muck - while continuing to work towards tangible transformation of both the natural and social world.*

As Alexander Pope once wrote, "Hope springs eternal." Here at DREAM, our hope continues to bound forth just as powerfully as the flowers and greenery around us. Here is a small, incomplete snapshot of the fruit borne during this spring semester:

- Continued after school programming for our 3 main sites (UniPlace & First Presbyterian Church in Champaign and Broadmeadow Elementary school

in Rantoul), serving 150+ DREAMers weekly

- Launched an elite DREAM basketball team, in partnership with Dixon Stars Basketball, honing students' skills while they participated in games throughout the state
- Re-commenced a 6-week Preschool Saturday series for our youngest DREAM scholars, focusing on literacy, numeracy and social-emotional skills to build their kindergarten readiness. (20 students were enrolled!)
- Opened over a dozen Saturday camps in various specialties, including cheer, dance, soccer, E-sports, cooking, art and track-and-field (scattered amongst Champaign, Urbana AND Rantoul!)
- Hosted over 250 people at our private DREAMtastic Family Fun Day event, where a hearty meal was served, several fun activities were present on site and relationship-building in our community was advanced.

Your generosity has allowed us to plant and nurture all these seedlings of hope for both our DREAMers and the community at large! YOU, First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, are helping bring about transformation in the daily lives of DREAM families. We are bursting with gratitude!

Thank you for your generous support. Thank you for your continued partnership with DREAM. Most importantly, thank you for being an ambassador of hope to all we serve.

*Warmly,
Shannon Morber*



The Father and the Son

Youth Club on May 3 in Centennial Hall brought together about twenty First Pres volunteers together with DREAM volunteers, staff and middle school boys. The theme was “home” and the bible story was the prodigal son.

A scavenger hunt from basement to choir loft preceded a formal dinner of garden salad, lasagna, green beans, garlic bread and apple cobbler prepared by our kitchen team. First Pres table partners joined DREAM boys and staff in table conversation before closing rituals. God is good.

A Matthew 25 Congregation

We are a “Matthew 25” congregation pledged to God’s word in Matthew 25:31-44. The three pillars of this movement within our denomination are to build spiritual vitality, dismantle

structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty.

Closely related is the 223rd General Assembly resolution inviting our churches to the work of “transformation of our church in this intercultural era”. The decade 2020-2030 was designated the “Decade of Intercultural Transformation.” We are urged to seek inclusion and diversity.

“God of love, we give you thanks for all the cultures, races, ethnicities, and languages of your people. Give us the wisdom and the courage to be faithful to the call of loving all your people as you have loved us and to be transformed into a church that truly reflects who you are and who you love.” Amen.

Your Compassion-Peace and Justice Ministry Team is committed to this work. Join us as we plan for the year ahead.

War In Sudan

BY JIM BERGER, WORLD MISSION
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On May 5, 2023 our Mission Co-workers **Bob and Kristi Rice**, our mission co-workers to South Sudan, wrote in their blog about the “War in Sudan.” It is easy to get confused about who is at war, why and how come. This blog is especially helpful in answering some of those concerns. In their blog, there is a map and several pictures to help in understanding this terrible situation. The two countries Sudan and South Sudan separated in 2011 but as happens in many splits both countries are still affected when the other is in conflict. Sudan is now at war and please keep them in your prayers.

Please pray,
“For the families displaced from their homes, unable to return.
For the sick and injured who cannot find medical care.
For the poor and those trapped inside, lacking food.

For those who lost a loved one, to have God's comfort."

Please read the blog. Here is the URL: <https://bobandkristi.blogspot.com/2023/05/war-in-sudan.html>

English Language Learners News

BY VAL SMITH, DIRECTOR
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"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28

During café time the last week of the spring ELL classes, the students



voiced their appreciation for the program. A resounding theme was the opportunity to meet friends and make connections. One woman said meeting together was a bright light in our world. Another said thank you for showing me the grace of God. A mom said she had been looking for a place to learn English with her children and found FPCC.

Just as Jesus served, we serve, but not for ourselves. In our service, we benefit from the friendships, the sense of accomplishment, and tokens of appreciation. To serve rather than to be served goes beyond our own need



to be needed, recognized, and live purposely.

But to serve often involves sacrifice. In serving students, sacrifice means meeting needs that are not always convenient for us. Students in a variety of circumstances need to access the program. For example, not everyone can attend morning 'in-person' classes due to their work situation. Others have children and need accommodations. Many have transportation and technology barriers.

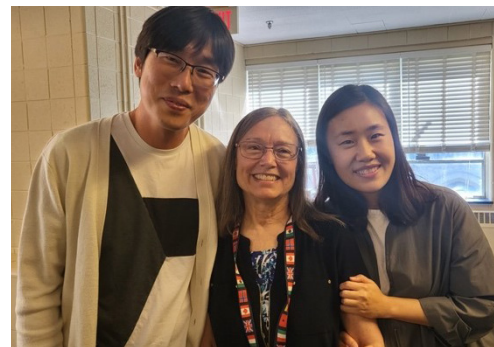
This year, we sought to fulfill our mission to provide English instruction to refugees, immigrants, and international visitors. The services to each group looked different because their needs were different. We balanced the times and the number of classes for each group. Morning and evening options and a parent/child class were provided so that more individuals could have access to the program. Bus tokens were provided as needed. Short term visitors were processed quickly, so they didn't miss out on the classes.

Thank you for your support of the different needs of English language learners. It has been my privilege to serve alongside you in finding creative ways to serve them all. Knowing the Lord loves us and meets our needs, we are able to extend ourselves to others in our own backyard and beyond.

Linda Sims, will oversee summer school which will begin the week of June 5.

God bless you!

Val Smith



Save the Date
DREAM SHOE
GIVE AWAY
July 29

Look for a collection box
in Westminster Hall.

Face to Face with Linda Tauber and Mike Olson



The Olsons serve the congregation as ushers.

What brought you to First Presbyterian Church?

I was baptized and grew up in this church. Mike and I were married here, and Mike joined soon after.

What has been the highlight of your church experience?

The people and the warmth they bring to our space. Linda is a deacon and we both usher regularly. In the past we enjoyed helping in Sunday School and with hospitality.

Tell me about your family? Your work?

Well, we have one son living in Clearwater, Florida and my mother, Mary. She was active in this church for many years.

We both work full-time. Linda has worked in health care for twenty-six years and now serves as a manager of volunteers and community health

at OSF HealthCare. Mike, a CPA, works for the Illinois State Board of Education conducting audits for public schools.

What do you do in your free time?

We visit our son as often as we can, and we are caregivers for Linda's mother. We are both gardeners. Mike is an outdoor man who loves fishing and hunting.

What are your favorite Bible characters?

Mike: I like the story of Jonah because I too sometimes fail to follow directions but eventually get it right.

Linda: Mary and Martha. My mother Mary and her twin sister Martha very much resemble these bible characters. They have different personalities but together they strike a good balance.

How can the church best be the church?

Be out in the world doing good. Be an example and be available. Outreach.

Easy English Fellowship

Twelve native French speakers and three volunteer English tutors meet each Sunday at 10 AM in room 204 for an hour of easy English worship. Fellowship, bible study, prayer, song and food are shared. The program is sponsored by Parkland College Project Read and funded by the Illinois State Library.

Project READ provides volunteer tutors, curriculum support and assesses learners' progress. First Presbyterian Church provides space, childcare and document duplicating services. Tutors are **Anne Craig**, **Paty Kamenga** and **Bob Kirby**. Volunteers are welcome.

If you or a loved one is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit, please let the church office know. Our pastor, staff, and hospital visitors keep this information confidential.

Your church wants to be in touch. Bless be the tie that binds.

Finance

Financial Update

BY ANN WEBBINK, FINANCE TEAM
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Contributions

Total April contributions: \$103.6K from plate and pledge plus \$9.3K from prepaid= \$112.9K

This is \$37.4K more than last year and \$43.1 K over budget.

Total contributions YTD: \$313.8K which is \$37K less than last year and \$34.6K over budget.

At 33% of the year, we have 44% of the budgeted contributions.

Expenses

April expenses were \$82.7 K which is \$21.1 K less than last year and equal to the budget.

Expenses YTD were \$331.4K which is \$53.4K less than last year and \$0.6K over budget.

At 33% of the year, we have spent 33.4% of the budget.

Balance YTD

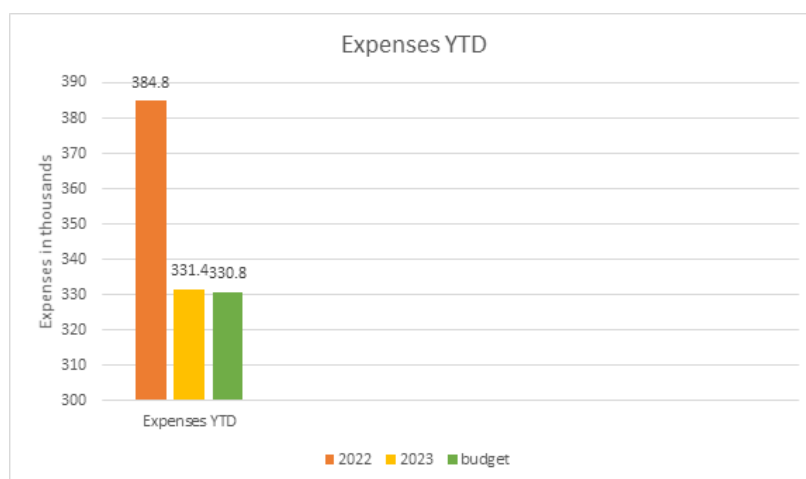
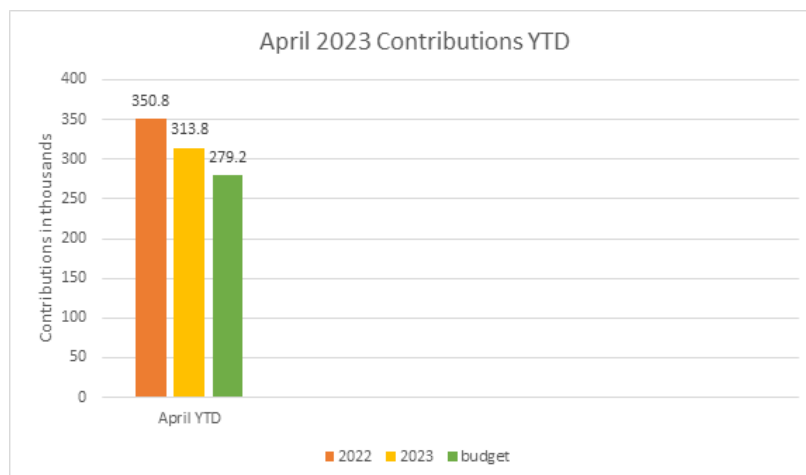
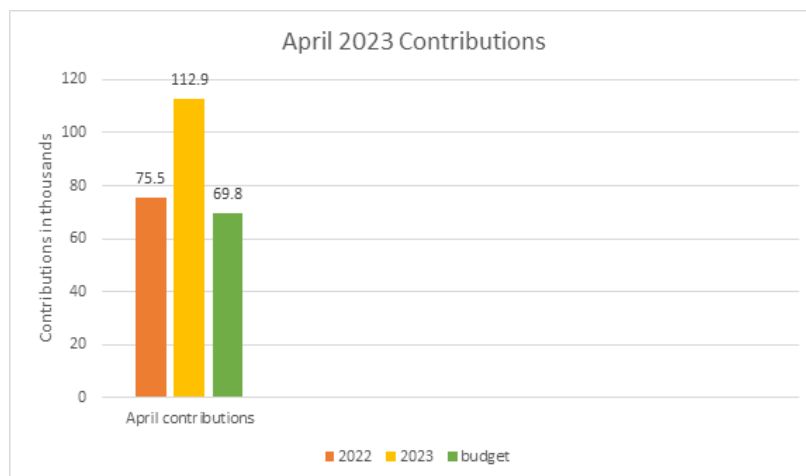
Revenue from all sources exceeds expenses by \$85.6K which is \$3.3K more than last year.

Summary of Restricted Accounts

\$185,443 was donated or allocated to various funds in April. This includes \$166K which was allocated to Capital Improvements from the SW Campus reserves for Davis Houk billing on the heating system.

South Campus Reserves

\$98.4K which is \$164.2K less than last month.





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9 AM Worship/Sanctuary

10 AM Coffee and Fellowship

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