

May 2023



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

Sunday May 7 Music Sunday

This year's Spring Music Sunday will be held on May 7, at 9 AM.

We have both brass and strings to accompany our service that day which has the theme: "Joy in the Lord."

Favorites such as Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, are matched with a Telemann setting of Psalm 117 and a contemporary setting of Psalm 100.

We hope to see you there!

Celebrate Mom at

2nd SUNDAY BRUNCH
May 14th
10:10 AM

Come and enjoy brunch

Centennial Hall

2nd Sunday of each month

We will have an array of brunch items each month prepared in our new kitchen by volunteers led by trained cooks. Select from different hot dishes, meats, fruits, pastries and beverages each month. Enjoy the fellowship right after the 9 AM service.

Donations are appreciated to help cover the costs.

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



Know Anyone Graduating?

Do you have a family member graduating this year from high school or college? They don't have to be a member of the church or even live in the area. Please send a photo and a message including where they are graduating from and what their future plans might be to Brandi Lowe brandiscrapbook@yahoo.com or text 217-369-5844.

Please submit no later than May 14.

Remembering by Doug Cook

SUBMITTED BY MATT MATTHEWS

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As for remembering, I recollect a discussion I had forty-something years ago with my Grandmother. It was that singular exchange that five or six year-olds have about death and dying and what comes afterward.

"But Mammy," I said. "How do you get to heaven?"

She paused for moment. We were snapping string beans on her porch on the kindest of summer afternoons. She was in her rocker and I was sitting at her feet like a loyal pooch.

"Well, Johnny," she called me by my brother's name, "You have to climb."

"On what?"

"Well first you have to get a foothold in the hearts of everyone who loved you, and then from there you put the other foot up to the gates of heaven. There you have to answer for the good and the bad that you've done while you were alive."

There was more, both before and after, but those cryptic words stayed with me.

I remember also an exchange I had with a young college professor not too long ago. During a get-together, the topic of the military came up and I admitted that I was in the service and saw combat. I changed the subject quickly for this was not a group where I would fair well in a discussion of my views on military service. When the evening ended, this beautiful young professor came up. Quite earnestly she looked into my eyes and said.

"Thank you and I'm sorry you boys had to go through that."

"Oh no, lady. You aren't getting off that easily." I thought. "A simple apology won't do to clear your conscious for what me and my kind went through." Here I was fuming at this poor woman who was a toddler when I served my time.

"I appreciate that." I replied but didn't mean.

Afterward, ashamed that the anger was still there after all of these years, I made myself sit down and face the question of why I was angry. Was it because of how small the word "thank you" seems; like "Thank you for opening the door.", "Thank you for handing me my keys.", "Thank you for passing the potatoes." Was that it?

Without coming up with a good answer, I thought exactly what do you expect from these people who have no way of knowing what it was like? What is the reason you and so many others fought in war? What is it that you expect from people who have no way to know the harshness and brutality of what a veteran lived through?

I made a mental inventory. Some states built memorials of granite and stone and honor them each year. Some states gave bonuses and job preferences to vets. A vet can get license plate in some states that feature special designs showing where they served or the medals they earned. There are veteran's organizations that are esteemed and carry political weight. There's the

Veteran's Administration, a whole section of our Executive Branch that caters to veteran's problems.

In taking stock of all these things, I felt more and more ungracious, but I still didn't answer my own question. What is it that we fought for?

Then my Grandmother's words came back to me. It really was that simple after all. So for all of you out there that have suffered through our endless war stories, the preoccupation with the past, our own suffering and the suffering of those that were near to us, there is a simple gift that will calm our respective anger. It is a piece of real estate more valuable than the beaches at Normandy, the lush valley of Khe San, the water of the Chosen Reservoir, or the rolling fields of Gettysburg. It is more valuable than all the territory won or lost by all the armies of history. It is that small piece of territory in your heart large enough for a foothold.

This Memorial Day see if you can't clear out a small place in your heart for our veterans.

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Pastor Matt's note: *I was in a writing class with Doug Cook in Virginia. He was an older guy. I was younger. We shared our writing with each other, offering encouragement and edits. I've lost touch with Doug, but would love for his essay here to find its way to him, and for us to find our way to a cup of coffee together after these decades.*

Youth Club



Forty middle school Dreamers will gather in Centennial Hall on May 3 from 3:30-5 PM. They participated in [DREAM Big](#) after school program this year in our Christian Education Building. A formal dinner is planned along with a bible study, some table activities, and a spectacular scavenger hunt. Our kitchen team and First Pres table partners will join DREAM staff for this year end celebration.

Since 2015, at risk boys of color ages 3-24 have engaged Dream Big, which promotes a culture of achievement and behavioral health. The additional [Hope for the Future](#) initiative addresses root causes of gun violence in our community. First Pres provided the seed money for DREAM. **Tracy Dace**, a member of our congregation, is the visionary founder and CEO. **Pastor Matt** is the chairman of the board and **Bob Kirby** a member of the board. DREAM appreciates its First Pres [volunteers](#) and [donors](#).

ELL Director Update

To: Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews and members of First Presbyterian Church

It is with deep regret that I need to inform you that my service as English Language Learner Director is coming to an end effective Saturday, May 27, 2023.

It has been a privilege to lead this vital outreach ministry of your church. This ministry has created goodwill toward the church among diverse communities in the Champaign/ Urbana area and around the world through in-person and also zoom classes.

Church events and speakers including concerts, music Sundays, Mark from Frontera de Cristo, women's events, and individuals joining classes for special holiday celebrations and field trips have strengthened the bond between the church and contacts from this outreach ministry.

Community partnerships with the Refugee Center, Project Read, the U of I Immigration Project, and New American Welcome Center at the University YMCA have spread the word about the English Language Learner program at First Presbyterian.

Students have found friends, received English instruction, and experienced God's love and care. Students have deeply appreciated the prayers for many of life's problems and challenges. For these reasons, I am sure the students will continue to spread the word about the program to others.

God bless you as you seek His direction for the next chapter in this ministry.

Peace,
Val Smith

Presbyterian Women invites all to join their May Gathering on May 25, 2023 at 11:30 AM. The program part will take place in the sanctuary.

The Executive Director of The Refugee Center will be the featured speaker. She will talk about the Current Developments in US Refugee Resettlement. The new PW officers will also be installed during the program. A reception will be held in Westminster Hall.

Please RSVP to the church office 217-356-7238.

Tips When Communicating With Someone Who Has Memory Problems

BY KATHY RHOADS, MSW, LCSW, ACSW, CSW-G

OWNER OF CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ADULT DAY CENTER

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Many caregivers say that caring for a person with memory loss can be very lonely. Not only are they missing the relationship they once had with that family member but often their friends disappear. The tips listed below are meant to help you keep or renew a relationship with a person you know who may have memory problems and with their caregiver:

- Check in with the caregiver in advance. Ask what the person with memory loss likes to do and find out anything important you may need to know to make the visit a success.
- You may need to repeat your name even if you have been friends for years.
- Share memories about the good old days with them-this may trigger a memory & provide a topic to discuss.
- Bring pictures or photo books to look through together. Don't say "do you remember" which may make them feel bad if they don't.
- Bring a people friendly pet if the person likes animals.
- If they person has trouble talking or making sense when they speak just listen-go along with what they are saying. Nod or repeat a word you understood. If they say they are waiting to be picked up by their mother don't tell them that their mother is dead and isn't coming but instead you could say. "Tell me about your mom.....was she strict with you? Was she a good cook?"
- Stay away from words such as NO, DON'T, STOP. "Don't go outside, you can't go there". Instead say, "Before you go outside why don't we see if we can find your jacket, it's cold out." The distraction may get them off the topic of wanting to leave. When they come in distract them with something else like food or drink.
- Ask one question at a time and allow time for them to respond to the question before you ask the next one.
- Take them on a car ride-stop at a drive through for a snack.
- Go for a walk together if they are safely able to walk.
- Play a game. If they are no longer able to play cards, take out the deck of cards and match colors or numbers. Or play war. Match domino numbers. Do an easy puzzle. Play at their level of ability. Talk about their favorite game when they were younger.
- Do an activity together at their level, that they always enjoyed: painting, dusting, laundry, watching sports.
- Laugh!! It is the best medicine. Read from a silly joke book.
- Your visit doesn't have to be long. Even short interactions can help an individual feel happy.
- Sing favorite songs. Nursery rhymes, hymns. Play songs from their era that they enjoy- Use your cell phone.
- Focus on enjoying the time together not finishing the project.
- Be flexible- If an activity isn't working try something else.
- Break the activity into simple steps. Don't say let's play cards. Instead start first with "let's stand up and go find a deck of cards".
- Ask for their help. "I need your advice." "Can you please help me with this project?"
- Bring a friend so you can all interact together.
- Don't do for them-if they are struggling with an activity, ask them if you could help.
- Just visit them. Don't be afraid, they are just a person-a person with memory problems. This helps the caregiver who also is feeling isolated to have company too or if everyone is comfortable the caregiver can leave and have a bit of a break from their caregiving role.

Live As Easter People

Ray G. Jones III, PC-USA Coordinator Theology, Formation and Evangelism comments on ways to live as [Easter People](#).

The Heart of Mission

Spring Brings Several Opportunities to Support Our Mission Partners

Fair Trade Rug Event May 4-7

Experience hundreds of hand-knotted, heirloom quality rugs made by fairly paid adults at the Rug Event sponsored by Ten Thousand Villages, Champaign held at our church.

The event will be held Thursday, May 4, through Saturday, May 6, from 10 AM - 6 PM in Westminster Hall and again Sunday, May 7, from 12-1 PM.

When you purchase a Bunyaad rug, you not only acquire a beautiful piece of functional art, you also support lives, culture and education in Pakistan.

For more information, visit Facebook: Ten Thousand Villages Champaign or instagram: @villages.Champaign.

Ten Thousand Villages is located at 105 North Walnut Street in downtown Champaign.



Flower Sale May 5-6 to benefit the Boys & Young Men of DREAM

KKG Flower Sale will be held Friday, May 5, from 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday, May 6, from 9 AM to 12 NOON at the Indian Acres Swim Club on Kirby (behind Busey Bank on Kirby).

The sale will feature garden plants, hanging baskets, patio gardens and more.

Net proceeds from the sale will benefit the boys and young men at DREAM.



Habitat/Salt & Light Collection

On June 3, our Community Mission Deacons are hosting a Collection Event to help you Spring clean and to help others. You will be hearing more about it in the coming months. As you go through items in your closets and home that you are ready to get rid of, we will be working on getting people with trucks and trailers ready to help you get your items to Habitat ReStore and Salt & Light.

If you have large items to give on June 3 and need help transporting or if you have transportation (trucks, trailers) to share in this endeavor, please contact **Jane Alsberg** by May 14 at jane.alsberg@gmail.com.

See next page for lists to keep in mind of what they will take.



Donation Drive to benefit Habitat for Humanity and Salt and Light

Habitat ReStore

Things in working order, clean and in good shape such as:

appliances	furniture	windows and doors
garden supplies	kitchen, bath cabinets, sinks	electronic equipment
exercise equipment	lighting	hardware and tools
household goods	usable plumbing	new carpet and flooring
building materials		

They will not accept broken items, used textiles, mattresses, clothes, sleeper sofas, tube televisions, pianos, or large entertainment centers.

For a more complete list of what they will and will not accept please look at <https://cuhabitat.org/items-to-donate/>

Salt & Light

Things in working order, clean and in good shape.

clothing and shoes	jewelry	books
purses	household goods	kitchenware
dvds and cds	linens	small electronics
collectibles	health, bath and beauty aids	computers and accessories
furniture	tools	area rugs

They will not accept broken items, mattresses, baby cribs, car seats, household items that need to be installed, pianos, entertainment centers, or dining tables with no chairs

For a more complete list of what they will and will not accept please look at <https://saltandlightministry.org/2021/01/19/donating-goods-what-to-bring-and-why-it-matters/>

Please contact Jane Alsberg to reserve your large item pick-up by May 14. jane.alsberg@gmail.com

Environmental Stewardship Rocks in Champaign County!

BY PAT PHILLIPS

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Plant Sale

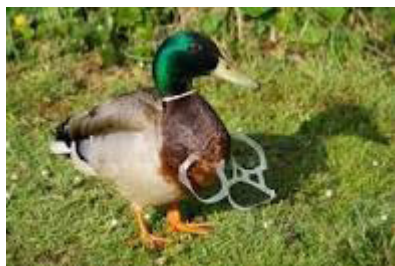
Just in time for spring garden planting and Mother's Day! Large variety of organically grown veggies, herbs, and some perennial fruits plus locally sourced flowers from Country Arbors including hanging baskets, potted, perennials and bedding.

A special sale!! May 12-21, 9 AM-5 PM daily. 2200 South Philo Road, Urbana

Adopt a Highway

Having been rain and wind out a couple of times, we're having another go on what should be a lovely day: Wednesday, May 17, at 8:30, out by 10.

The **Greener Goods Store** has moved from Mahomet to 110 South Neil, C., across from driveway entrance to Christie Clinic. Earth-friendly, sustainable essentials.



We've seen the photos of creatures entrapped by plastic rings from six- or eight pack beverages. These can be recycled at the **Anita Purves Nature Center** in Urbana as can ink jets from computers.

There are other **recycling sites**—check the Public Works websites: <https://champaignil.gov/public-works> for Champaign <https://www.urbanabaillinois.us/departments/public-works>

Faith in Place <https://www.faithinplace.org> has information about activities and events—Illinois, Indiana & Wisconsin.

Thanks to the Schoeffmanns!

Mark and Kathy have devoted time and energy to the plantings around the church for many years and are now finding maintenance difficult. So they're surrendering to drought & rabbits.

The Congo Mission Network

BY BOB KIRBY

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First Church Champaign is now a member of The Congo Mission Network responding to the interests of our Western African friends. The Congo Mission Network is a grass-roots organization involving congregations, presbyteries, and other entities of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). The common interest is partnership with Presbyterians in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Our congregation already engages with two of the five Presbyterian mission co-workers in DRC, [Christi and Jeff Boyd](#). Jeff also coordinates our mission work in Cameroon and several other Western African countries.

The network partners with Congolese Presbyterians in education, promotion

of the well-being of women, children, survivors of sexual violence used as weapons of war as well as work in reconciliation, community transformation, and micro-savings.

For 132 years the Presbyterian Church has accompanied the Presbyterian Community of Congo, The Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa and the multid denominational protestant Church of Christ in Congo. Presbyterianism in Congo is a fruit of the American Presbyterian church in Congo which started in 1891. The Presbyterian Community of Congo alone has more than 1,250,000 members and almost 1,000 congregations with 53 presbyteries, 880 pastors and 61 evangelists.



[Build Congo Schools](#), an affiliate of Presbyterian Congo Network rebuilds deteriorating school facilities, trains faculty and provides learning resources.



Matthew 25 and “But What Can I Do?”

As a Matthew 25 congregation we strive to do what we can to dismantle structural racism. We learn about our history, understand who we are, and we pray for change. But then we ask, “But, what can I do?” Your Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry Team (CPJMT) has suggestions. One to consider is supporting local businesses owned by recent immigrants and people of color.

An Evening with Mission Co-Workers Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta



Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta (she/her)

**Thank you David LaMotte
and all those who worked
behind the scenes for
an afternoon filled with
laughter and music!**



We had 11 people plus **Farsijana and Bernie** attend our World Mission seminar on April 25. Farsijana Risakotta led us in a very informative interpretation of the ministry she does in Indonesia. She grounded the Muslim/Christian interfaith work she does with scripture (Acts 17, Romans 14, 1 Corinthians 8) as well as the work she does in sustainable development and microfinancing in the Cooperative she coaches (Hebrews 6, Philippians 2, Romans 12, Isaiah 58).

She wrote in her powerpoint, "In the multi-ethnic, multi-religious context of Indonesia, the relationship between faith communities, especially between Muslims and Christians, is carried out naturally according to cultural practices but at the same time is carried out by studying the holy books of each Christian and Islamic religious community. The relationship between faith communities must be renewed every time because of various interactions that occur in society. The relationship between faith communities must consider carefully and humbly the assumption of pluralism which considers all religions to lead to the same end even though they walk on different religious paths."



English Language Learners News

BY VAL SMITH, DIRECTOR
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Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you. 3 John 1:2



Thank you for your prayers for an ELL student who was in the hospital. He is better now. He and his family are so grateful to God and to you for praying.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers... Hebrews 13:2



What is involved in supporting ELL students? Each English instructional level requires different supports. Notice the tutor teaching using visuals to aid understanding. The drawing labels the car parts in the picture of Kurt and Linda, who are members of the church. Kurt uses gestures to further illustrate what he is saying. In photo below,

the tutor teaches the students about adding different endings to a root word for slight variations of the word meaning.

These strategies are comprehensible input that enable students to grasp enough meaning to help them understand what is being said. Slowing your speech, simplifying your



the holidays. Have you considered entertaining some students and their families in your home? Playing games is an easy way to enjoy each other's company. Are you reticent about doing it alone? Perhaps do it with another church member or with one of your small groups.



vocabulary, enunciating, and using simple rather than complex sentences are other strategies that increase understanding in a conversation.

So why am I acquainting you with these strategies? Some of the

Recently, my husband and I enjoyed entertaining a couple from South Korea. We had dessert and played a game. We had a delightful time. Why not entertain or spend some time with ELL students and their families? You will be blessed for your efforts!

Cuba Trip

Sarah Laufenberg, Brandi Lowe, Matt and Rachel Matthews and Linda Sandquist made a quick trip to visit the Luyano church in Cuba recently. Here are some excerpts from their journal during their travel.

Day One

Day one begins on the day before our first actual day. On Wednesday, we met at the church at 4 PM, then drove to Indianapolis to stay at a hotel near the airport for a 7 AM flight. We ate at a Mexican place called “Tequila Sunrise”. We checked into our hotel rooms and agreed to meet at 4:15 AM to pile into the van for the eight minute drive to the airport. We’ll wing via Houston to Havana, into the embrace of our Cuban brothers and sisters—our *hernanamiento*. Holy God, guide and guard our steps.

Day Two

We arrived at the endless parking lots of the Indy airport at 4:35 AM. Sarah took a picture of our parking section—otherwise we’d never find our van upon our return. The flight to Houston boarded on time at 6:25 for the two – hour, five – minute flight. The sun is just now showing signs of appearing. Though there are few hills in Indy, the words of the Psalmist come to my mind, like a dawning: “I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, maker of the heaven and earth.”

Day Three

Our experience at the Aereopuerto Havana would have unraveled as a comedy of errors. The errors were not ours, but the communication barrier gave normal bureaucratic games a dangerous, sharp edge. Linda was singled out and had to go to another room for a luggage inspection.

The rest of us were shuttled out-side to meet our gracious hosts, Rosita and Alejandra. I brought Rosita with me back to the airport lobby to translate, but we were denied entrance. Poor Linda was alone and we were barred



from helping. Alejandra and I went to another airport agent at another door to seek help. No help was needed, the woman explained only patience. Linda was soon “released” and we were reunited in the covered patio in front the airport. A shower had washed the land with heavy rain. We

were reunited. The clouds began to clear.

The drive from the airport was slower than usual, thanks to the puddles of water several inches deep. The smokey roads thick with exhaust from myriad cars of unusual make wound through a living green country-side juxtaposed with a dying cityscape. These historic buildings seem beyond renovation.

Reunion with our church friends was sweet. Isaac is as cute as ever. Annaitza was all smiles. We visited Melagro (which means “miracle”) who prepared our rooms. Deisi and Yanelli were running the kitchen, as usual, and dinner they later produced was hearty and appreciated: guava and papaya juices, chicken, rice, beans, and a mild, boiled sweet potato. Strawberry ice cream topped off the dinner.





“Prayer invites a holy, just God, onto the Scene”

Exodus 33:11 NRSV Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then He would return to camp...

John 15:15 NRSV I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

“The content of all true prayer originates in the heart of God”

Proverbs 4:23 NRSV Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

“God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier forces against evil...”. E M Bounds

Coming in June

Classes - weekly for four weeks - to learn sign language. Be able to converse with deaf friends. If interested, text **Michael Hogue** at 217-841-8486.

Presbyterian Men

The men of the church meet Tuesdays from 8-9 AM in Mae Chapin Parlor or on Zoom for coffee, bible study and conversation.

The men of the church pray together on Fridays at 8:15 AM on Zoom. We pray in turn in our own ways and in the language of our choice. We pray for the world, our nation, our community, our congregation and those we love.

Obtain Zoom links from Marcia@FirstPres.church

Jays & Concerns

●We give thanks for the safe travels for **Sarah Laufenberg, Brandi Lowe, Matt and Rachel Matthews** and **Linda Sandquist** who returned Tuesday, April 25, from Cuba.

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.

Face to Face with Nancy Martin and Vivian Schroeder



Nancy and thirteen-year-old granddaughter, Vivian serve as ushers. Nancy is a member of the worship team.

What brought you to First Presbyterian Church?

My parents were members, so I was born into the church. Vivian was baptized here.

What has been the highlight of your church experience?

I was part of the "Celebrate 150" committee in 2000 that developed our sesquicentennial celebration. I enjoy serving as an usher and as a member of our worship team.

And for Vivian, "Pastor Matt because he is friendly, and he talks to me".

What do you do in your free time?

Vivian: I love playing the piano and percussion.

Nancy: In addition to spending time with family I like to read and check out estate sales.

What are your favorite Bible characters?

Nancy: Ruth. She was loyal to her mother-in-law and very kind.

Vivian: For sure Mary. She accepted Gabriel's call. Where would we be if she hadn't?

What advice can give on how to be the church? Or how can the church best be the church?

Nancy: Accept your call and get active and learn through one of our many ministries here.

Vivian: Sit in a different pew each week and meet new people.

Flowers For Sunday Worship Service

●You can sign up on the flower chart in Westminster Hall near the Welcome Center to bring flowers in memory of a loved one, for a celebration, or just because.

●Consider buying plants for Sundays instead of flower arrangements.
Remember no lilies!

●Let the flower committee know if you would be willing to have your garden flowers, greens or fall harvest used in worship bouquets.

●You can donate money for the flowers too, make checks out to First Pres, specify that it is for flowers.

The flower committee is **Lola Ruthmansdorfer, Grace Ashenfelter, Nancy Dankle, Judy Nicolette, and Carol Arnould.**

Church Women United Friendship Celebration

Friday, May 5

6:30 PM

All women are invited

A special remembrance for Sandy Carr will be shared.

Location to be announced.

God's Holistic Mission In the World

There are three ways the church participates. Evangelism is the church as messenger, compassionate service is the church as servant and social justice is the church as prophet. The final goal of all mission is God's reign of love, peace, and justice.*

What are your gifts? What is your calling? *PC-USA

Finance

Financial Update

by ANN WEBBINK, FINANCE TEAM
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Contributions

Total March contributions: \$51.9K from plate and pledge plus \$9.3K from prepaid= \$61.2K. This is \$41.2K less than last year and \$8.6 K under budget.

Total contributions YTD: \$200.9K which is \$74.3K less than last year and \$8.5K under budget. At 25% of the year, we have 33.96% of the budgeted contributions.

Expenses

March expenses were \$98 K which is \$7.4 K less than last year and \$15.3K over budget.

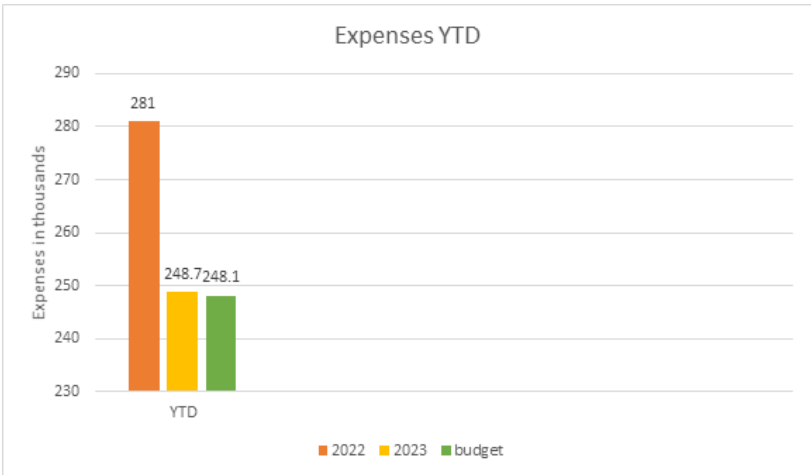
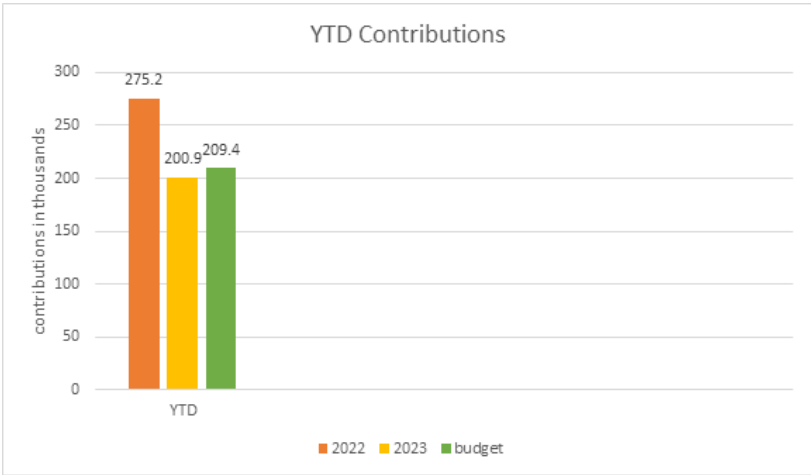
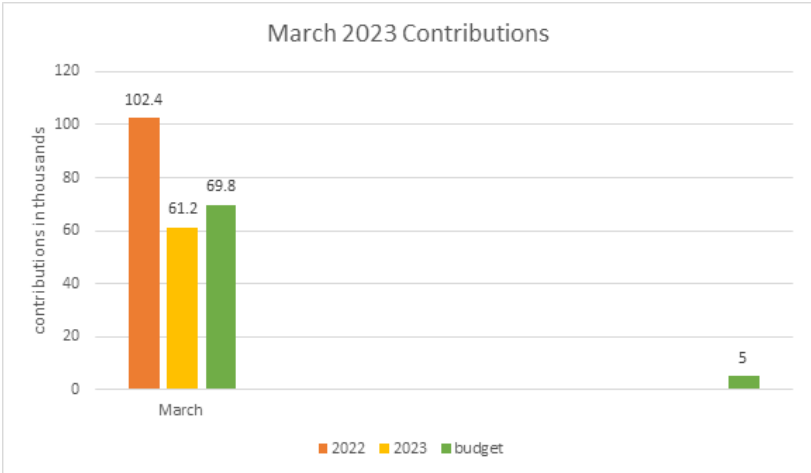
Expenses YTD were \$248.7K which is \$32.3K less than last year and \$0.6K over budget. At 25% of the year, we have spent 25.1% of the budget.

Balance YTD

Revenue from all sources exceeds expenses by \$43.7K which is \$51.9K less than last year.

Summary of Restricted Accounts

\$5283 was donated to various funds in March. This included donations of \$1000 to DREAAAM and \$1080 to OGHS.





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Sunday:

9 AM Worship/Sanctuary

10 AM Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

Online Worship is also available at 9 AM on Sunday mornings thru
YouTube, Facebook, and our church website. Go to FirstPres.Live

Contact the church office for more information.

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