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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

I Know That God Is Calling

BY JUDI GEISTLINGER

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It has been such an honor to serve our congregation in an interim pastoral leadership role for the last two years. I've done my best to bring creativity and meaning to the worship services and seasons over this time. We have gone through two Advents and Christmases, two Lents and Easters and all the "ordinary" time in between.

As my time this go around ends, I'll be joining you in the pews and maybe at the tech desk on occasion.

I love serving God, through this congregation. This place, and all of you, have shaped my faith and helped me discover my calling as a disciple of our Lord. It was here that I first realized that God was calling me to serve the Church, from the pulpit.

I do know that God has a sense of humor, and that every time I think I have my calling figured out, God nudges me to step up and serve in new ways. I am not quite sure what is next, but I do know that God is calling. As I mentioned in my sermon on August 27, I am sure that God is calling you too.

The second week of August was a time of rest, renewal, and revitalization with pastoral colleagues from across the country in Glacier Presbytery Camp in Lakeside, Montana. We studied the liturgical seasons and worshipped in what I fondly call a holy place. One of my favorite childhood vacations was camping in Glacier National Park. I was able to visit one of the days after the programming was finished, with friends who were also visiting Montana from Champaign that week. We went about halfway across the Going to the Sun Road before we had to turn back. On Tuesday and Wednesday, I have lucky enough to catch up with Chuck Carlson, as he had a couple of meetings at the very Glacier Presbytery Camp I was staying. I went with very few expectations, knowing it

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2nd SUNDAY BRUNCH
September 10th
10:10 AM

**Come, enjoy brunch
with an international flair
Centennial Hall**

We will have a variety of "international" brunch items to celebrate "Welcome America Week." Enjoy the fellowship right after the 9 AM service.

Donations appreciated!

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

was in Montana, Presbyterian, and we were focusing on worship. My expectations were completely fulfilled, as the worship leader just happened to be the author of several books on my shelves. The group was full of folks who love to sing, and the harmonies were amazing.

During our closing worship service, we shared with each other how we see the kingdom of God breaking through. I shared how the memories of my parents had been flooding me, reminding me of holding my dad's camera lenses as he took wildflower pictures in the meadows of Glacier. I found myself looking for wildflowers that week, but in the crispy, dry conditions, flowers were few and far between. Yet on that last morning, as I walked at sunrise, I spied some yellow flowers breaking through the pavement on the camp road. Life will have its way.



I have a deep fondness for sunrises and the color show that begins the hour prior to the sunrise. Did you know that sunrises on the prairie are perhaps more spectacular, as we get the large orange glow as the sun creeps above the horizon. Mountain sunrises, since they appear after cresting 10,000 foot tall mountains, are



a flash of dazzling light, not the soft glow above our prairie state cornfields. Beauty is found everywhere, if we but look.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve alongside you these last two years. I'll be around, but you might have to look for me. Often, I can be found walking at local parks, looking for God's light show at sunrise.

Face to Face with Ginny & Jack Waaler



What brought you to First Presbyterian Church?

Ginny: I grew up in a Presbyterian family, so worshiping here was a natural.

Jack: My family was Catholic but not active in the church. Ginny invited me when we began to date. I joined the church and am happy I found both Ginny and our church.

What has been the highlight of your church experience?

We agree on this one. We love worship, particularly the music, a powerful motivating sermon and all the wonderful friends we've made.

Tell me about your family? Your work?

Jack's career has been in the practice of law, first in the military then in several capacities in Urbana. Ginny's master's degree is in education but much of her work was raising three boys and volunteering with programs like Mother's Morning Out. Later she worked with a University of Illinois seminar program designed for business executives from China. This led to many trips to China and many enduring friendships.

What do you do in your free time?

We are bird watchers. Ginny stays busy with her church groups and other friends.

Who are your favorite Bible characters?

Ginny: "Mary. She had a rough time of it."

Jack: "I would like to have a serious conversation with Judas, Peter or Paul."

How can the church best be the church?

Jack: "The church connects us to a community of people looking to lead ethical lives and exploring together the meaning of life."

Ginny: "Hear and spread the good news, listen and sing joyful music, and enjoy and spread fellowship."

We Welcome Associate Pastor Joe Lundy!

Letter from Joe

Hello First Pres. Champaign:

I am so excited to meet you all, and I look forward to being your Associate Pastor of Discipleship! To me discipleship means all sorts of things, from how we can better serve our neighbors in our city and our world, to careful learning and studying of God's word to us here and now!

The last couple years I have been in Shreveport, both learning to be a pastor from the staff there, but also helping with their connection to the Highland neighborhood in which they reside (also leading their youth along the way).

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve and get to know all of you here, and I thank you for all the kindness and generosity you have shown me already through this process.

Blessings,
Joe Lundy



Joe At a Glance

- Joe was raised in Huntsville, Alabama, and ordained at his home church First Presbyterian of Huntsville on July 17, 2022.
- Always an active volunteer, Joe's interest in ministry was sparked after university and a brief career in computer software.
- Joe comes to Champaign with his cat Clem (Clementine).
- He looks forward to a change of scenery after spending most of his life in the Southeast: Huntsville and Auburn, AL; Atlanta, GA; Shreveport, LA; and a little farther west at Austin Theological Seminary in Texas.
- He enjoys disc golfing, 3D printing, playing with his cat, playing video games on his computer, and guitar.

**Joe will officially join the staff as Associate Pastor for Discipleship September 3.
Introduce yourself and give him a warm midwest welcome!**



HOME IS HERE
Welcoming Week 2023

WELCOMING WEEK

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SEPTEMBER 8 - 17, 2023

Welcoming Week is a chance for all neighbors, both immigrants and US-born residents, to get to know one another and celebrate what unites us as a community.

Don't Miss Out! Stay up to date on this fun-filled week by visiting our website and following the New American Welcome Center on Facebook.



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the **NEW AMERICAN WELCOME CENTER UNIVERSITY YMCA**  

Fun! Fun! Fun!

BY GARY PETERSON
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The Nurture/Outreach Committee has some exciting events coming in September and October.

September 10 New Immigrant Sunday and 2nd Sunday Brunch

World-Wide Food and Fellowship Brunch at 10 AM will feature a taste of international food. This is to celebrate Welcoming Week from September 9-17 sponsored by the New American Welcome Center is a program of University YMCA located at Lincoln Square in Urbana. We will have a variety of foods from around the world. Other events for Welcome Week are scheduled throughout the community. (See the calendar that will be available in Westminster Hall.)

September 11 Game Night and Snacks with New Americans

We are proud to be a part of Welcome Week again this year. We will be featuring a Game Night from 4:30-6 PM in Centennial Hall. We will have snacks and play a variety of games from around the world. Please let us know if you would like to help at one of the games. All are welcome!

September 17 Cuba Sunday and Special Coffee Hour

Cuba snacks will be featured after the church service in Westminster Hall. Join us for this special Cuban event and Sunday service sponsored by Nurture and the Cuba Partners Leadership Team.

October 1 Church-Wide Picnic at Hessel Park

This is the Sunday that missionary **Bob Rice** will join us for the service and then attend our church picnic from 4-7 PM. (More information about the visit later in this issue.)

This will be a potluck with Nurture providing fried chicken and hotdogs. It will be held at Hessel Park this year in the pavilion on the north side of the park. Nurture is also providing games. Feel free to bring your pickle ball racket or use one of ours. Bring a covered dish of food to share. Kona Ice will be there with some free cones.

Good food, fellowship and fun!!!

Healing Across C-U

This comes from the wider interfaith community and may interest you...

Healing Across Champaign Urbana is a course designed by **Dr. Nicole Anderson Cobb** to explore contemplative practices at diverse sites in Champaign-Urbana. The experience is designed as a course of study as opposed to a drop in experience.

The group will meet the first Saturday of the month from 8-9:20 AM. The cost is \$10/session for 7 sessions plus an optional \$30 for a Winter Retreat. Registration for the course can be made via Eventbrite.

For more information contact Dr. Cobb (drnicolecontemplativeprograms@gmail.com)

Pride Festival September 30

On Saturday, September 30, plan to show off your pride and join CPJMT (Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry Team) at this year's Pride Festival in downtown Urbana to support the LGBTQIA+ community.

We will be participating in the Pride Fest Fair 1-5 PM and in the Pride Parade at 2:30 PM.

Please contact **Brandi Lowe** if you would like to participate. brandiscrapbook@yahoo.com OR 217-369-5844. We will need volunteers to sit in our booth from

1-5 (or a portion of that time) and also people to join us in marching in the parade. We will also arrange for people to ride in vehicles in the parade if they prefer.

Friday Forum at University YMCA

Akua Forkuo-Sekyere, director of the New American Welcome Center will be the inaugural speaker at the Friday Forum at noon on September 15.

Chancellor Robert Jones will be the speaker on September 29. A free Thai lunch is provided for those who attend.

The focus is on important social justice issues challenging our lives. The University YMCA is located at 1001 S. Wright Street, Champaign. Watch for future updates here

Matthew 25 Eradicating Systemic Poverty

We are a Matthew 25 congregation committed to three pillars: Dismantling Structural Racism, Eradicating Systemic Poverty and Building Congregational Vitality.

Your Compassion, Peace and Justice Team (CPJMT) is about to focus on issues of systemic poverty. "More than a million of our public-school children are homeless. More than two million Americans do not have running water or a flushing toilet. Yet our country produces annually \$5.3 trillion more goods and services than China and

our gross domestic product is larger than the combined economies of Japan, Germany, United Kingdom, India, France and Italy. Our poverty is not for lack of resources but something else." So writes Matthew Desmond in his newest book, *Poverty by America*. He quotes Leo Tolstoy, "We imagine that their sufferings are one thing and our life another."

The Champaign Metro Area is not excepted. We will be exploring why we have so few nursing home beds that our neighbors must be cared for at distant sites separating them from loved ones. Why is affordable housing not more available and how do we continue to reduce homelessness? Why do approximately 16,000 of our children and 13,000 of our seniors live in poverty? What is our Christian response?

We will be reading Desmond's book together, meet with local advocates and respond to what we are learning. Join us in Mae Chapin Parlor or on zoom on second and fourth Wednesdays at 10:00 AM.

Library News



Free Book Exchange

Check out the book cart in Westminster Hall. Donate a book for others to enjoy and take some for yourself.

Snippets from Your Pastor/Washing Dishes

BY MATT MATTHEWS

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(Editor note: *If you'd like to volunteer washing dishes in the church kitchen, put on a hairnet and join us after the meal. Thank you.*)

Every meal requires somebody to wash the dishes.

Growing up, after big meals at our house, all the women would line up at the kitchen counter shoulder to shoulder blocking the sun from the window over the sink. The clatter of the dishes and the chatter from those industrious women sounded like a forest filled with birds. I could tell they enjoyed this camaraderie, even though they were working hard, and I knew I was being excluded from something meaningful that I didn't understand, but it still looked like work, and I was ready to slip into a food coma on the den couch after these feeding frenzies. No boy or man could edge into that line of flying elbows no matter how much he wanted to help. And, truth be told, no man in my family of origin ever volunteered.

After a good meal, the cooks are often thanked. Less so are the dishwashers. They slink away to their lonely work without fanfare. And there's absolutely nothing edible to show for their work: No cakes, no steaming entrée, no chilled appetizer, no foamy cocktail. Nothing but empty, clean plates, and countertops cleared of grunge standing ready for the next dinner.

Some of the men I know—and many of my father's contemporaries—have never held a soapy sponge. A guy on YouTube named Internet Shaquille posted "Washing Dishes Without the Existential Dread" in an effort to get dishwashing newbies on board. Besides equipping yourself with enjoyable smelling soap and big, pink rubber gloves, he suggests getting into the proper frame of mind. First, cleaning up after a nutritious meal is a blessing. Not everyone had a good meal tonight, but you did. Bring that gratitude to the sink. Second, finishing the job (ie: washing your dirty dishes) is a necessary step in being an adult. He's right about his first point. Gratitude is the attitude. His second point I'm not sure about.

As a young man, I was influenced by how cousins Tom and Consuelo managed meals in their narrow kitchen outside of Washington, D.C. Consuelo demolished the kitchen with her fantastic Mexican cooking. She brought Le Creuset cauldrons to a bubble by late afternoon, and over several hours she dirtied every dish she possessed. She mixed, flattened, grinded, chopped, sauteed, steamed, and otherwise transformed ordinary groceries into something transcendent. Tom helped get plate after plate of food to the table for those late dinners. We'd eat and eat. Her meals were sometimes painful because she cooked so much, and she cooked so many different things, and she used such a heated combination of spices, and we devoured it all.

We'd sit at their table for hours talking, laughing, chit-chatting. Mozart and Francine and memories of various schnauzer ancestors flitted from one

pair of legs to another for table scraps until they finally collapsed contented in a corner. A child often ended up on Consuelo's lap. Sometimes two. Tom might talk politics, church, or some arcane facts from the latest F. Scott Fitzgerald biography. Rachel would bring up the cousins and they'd talk for hours invoking names I'd never meet: the never-married Haden, the alcoholic ranchers in North Texas, Lucille who ran a hotel, Ruth a business woman, Uncle Albert who built bridges out west during the War with Elbert his twin, cousin Ross and his five wives. I envisioned these strong people pioneering that westward expansion. Consuelo's people, migrants all, followed the harvest, leaving Consuelo to herd her siblings, protect them, teach them to read, cook for them.

Her cooking.

As the party moved outdoors or as children were carted off to baths and bedtime stories, Tom might fall into the pages of the Washington Post or catch up with the New York Times Sunday Book Review. He'd be the only one left at that table late at night, dishes still piled up, plates lacquered with sauces hardening like polyurethane, some sniffing dog at his feet.

After Mozart's evening walk, Tom would click on the low murmur of NPR, and commence the clean-up: scrubbing pots, rinsing dishes for the dishwasher, soaking pans, clearing the counters. He'd next tackle the cleared counter tops sweeping detritus into either the compost or trash, peeling off the stovetop crusted over with delicious splatter, and sweeping the tile floors. I loved Tom for this.

He never interrupted a meal with distracting cleanup. He waited well into the evening after the eating was over and the guests had retired. If he didn't prefer doing it alone, he never once asked me for help. He moved like a chess master, or a limber country music line dancer, or a sanitation worker stepping off the back of the truck, swinging heavy cans on the lift, slinging them back to the curbside, gliding back onto the moving truck all in a series of fluid motions with muscled, utilitarian ease. That was Tom, on those late nights, in that kitchen. I absolutely loved him for it. Every time I'm alone in a kitchen at night, I think of him, and when I clean up alone, I'm never alone.

When our church kitchen was newly renovated, I wanted to help to explore the possibilities a new kitchen allowed for ministry. So, I took classes with other church folk and got a manager's certificate. I learned to wear a hair net. But, because after-church meals required during-church cooking, I couldn't find a place on the cooking crew. The job that was available, thank goodness, was a spot on the cleanup crew.

And guess what?

I love it. I love scrapping dirty plates, or loading the 90-second 800-million-degree dishwasher, or washing the big pans by hand in the three-bin sinks. With a crew of three people or four, max, we can clean every dish and shelve every dry plate in less than an hour. We sometimes sing. We usually joke and laugh. We help each other. We have meaningful side conversations. We get to know each other a little better. But there's

absolutely no standing still. At the end of this work, there are so many reasons to be glad, not the least of which we've accomplished something worthwhile. With dishpan hands, I go home tired and happy. Cleanliness may or may not be next to godliness, but many hands, indeed, make for light work.

In that church kitchen, steam rising and suds popping, I recognize the line of women at my childhood home kitchen sink and the measured gait of Cousin Tom's post-culinary line dance—all of us beating on, boats against the current, leaving behind luminous countertops and clean, drying coffee pots, and shiny, nested spoons in our smooth wake.



Thank You Very Much

The following comes from Shannon Morber and the DREAM Staff...

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your continued generosity and support of DREAM! We hold special gratitude for your gift to help get some DREAMers to Africa. While we may have been delayed, we will get there!

Our hearts are full for all the ways you have showered us with love, prayers, space to use, encouragement, donations and financial gifts over the years. May you all be blessed abundantly for the ways you have blessed so many!

Warmly,
Shannon Morber & the DREAM team



Gracious God, you are always present and active amid your people. We confess that sometimes we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true, and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Mr. Coffee – Tom Gilmore

Tom Gilmore serves our congregation by managing our Sunday hospitality table.

Thanks also goes to **Cathy Emanuel, Tom Gilmore, Camille James, Bill Marble, Kathy and Mark Schoeffmann** and **Blaise Zamena** for serving on our hospitality team, offering us coffee, tea, lemonade and sharing smiles on Sunday morning. It is fun and easy.

Would you help us grow this team by Tom is eager to train new hosts to help him. Please consider signing up [here](#).

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

How would you like to join a **group from First Pres at a Cubs game**? We plan to attend the 1:20 PM game at Wrigley Field on Saturday, September 23. We will leave the church parking lot between 9-9:30 AM and drive straight to Wrigley. Cost is probably around \$60 each depending on number attending and where the seats are. If taking the church van, we might ask for donations for gas. If interested, contact Tom Ulen at thomas.ulen@gmail.com or 217.390.4667.

Jays & Concerns

We celebrate...

- the arrival of Associate Pastor for Discipleship **Joe Lundy**. Introduce yourself and give him a warm 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. Blest be the tie that binds.

The Heart of Mission

Lifeline Pilots in Peoria

Lifeline Pilots is one of our mission partners. This is one of their annual fundraisers. You are invited to join them on Saturday, September 23, 2023, for the 2nd Annual Plane Fun Day event at Mt. Hawley Airport in Peoria, IL.

The following activities will be offered...for free!

- Airplanes on display
- Bounce houses
- Balloon animals
- Face painting
- Paper airplane contest
- And much more!

Food trucks will be available with food for purchase. Trailin' Smoke BBQ and Gramma Nana's Kitchen will be set up for Plane Fun Day 2023!

Annual Awards to Lifeline Pilots and sightseeing flights (preregistration necessary) will be available.

Dip Your Toes in Cuban Waters

We will offer an eight-week exploration of Cuba-The Land, The People, The Culture and The Church. We named the study, *Dip Your Toes in Cuban Waters* to emphasize that this will be an introductory overview. The study will provide resources for individual study followed by a weekly informal in-person discussion time.

Meeting times will be developed based on the availability of registrants.

Registration deadline is September 15. (rwk3213@gmail.com)

You can see the study outline on our blog at: <https://cubapartnersfirstchurch.blogspot.com/>.

Cuban Presbyterian Pastor To Visit United States

The **Rev Alison Infante Zamora** will visit the United States in September and October through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Annual peace maker visits are aimed at increasing understanding of peace and justice concerns around the world. Read more [here](#).

Mission Co-Workers Bob & Kristi Rice Here October 1



Bob and Kristi Rice, our mission co-workers serving in South Sudan, will be with us at First Presbyterian Church on October 1, 2023 for World Communion Sunday

Here are some excerpts from their most recent newsletter on www.pcusa.org/missionconnections:



April and May were very busy months for both of us in Juba. Bob had a great celebration at the end of his class at NTC as students presented in groups something of the religious heritage of each of the nine people groups represented in his class....



Kristi and her colleagues received a few invitations to conduct the Healing Hearts Transforming Nations Workshop in Juba from different groups in April and May. This was a great opportunity for some of the new facilitators who were trained in March to gain experience and join in the teaching. There were some painful personal stories of atrocities committed that people shared during

some of those workshops, and we praise God for enabling people to share and release that deep pain and bring it to the cross. Several participants in those workshops confessed the wrongs of their people in a way that opened the door for others to forgive and find freedom from prejudice and hate. These new facilitators were grateful and humbled to see the Holy Spirit at work in people's hearts, despite how inexperienced they felt.

[Bob has been recovering from a resurgence the Epstein Barr Virus he had in 2017. They returned to Illinois in late July for Bob to recover.]....

We are grateful that Bob's energy is improving, although it appears that it is a rather slow process. Bob's motto these days is "Walk slowly and carry a grateful heart."

In July, I (Kristi) attended the Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network meeting. I was grateful for this 'coming together' of people who care about the people of Sudan and South Sudan and want to work collaboratively to increase God's shalom there. Some of the people who were present have built friendships with Sudanese and South Sudanese colleagues over more than 20 years of visits, communication and shared experiences. Three people from the 'diaspora' community were present and their perspectives and experiences as South Sudanese people who have lived in the U.S. for many years helped to enrich our discussions. Those gathered represented presbyteries and congregations who have partnerships

in Sudan or South Sudan, along with Presbyterian World Mission and several other organizations and individuals....

Finally, you have probably all seen the news about the devastating civil war in Sudan that is causing upheaval in our region. More than 100,000 people have fled from Khartoum into South Sudan, in addition to other refugees who have fled to other neighboring countries.... Our church partners in South Sudan are providing some food and supplies to these people fleeing the war, and we ask for your prayers that the violence would end, and that God would protect and provide for civilians.

We are grateful to the Good Shepherd for walking with us on this journey, particularly in the uncertainty and discouragement of not feeling well. We welcome your prayers for healing for Bob and for God to continue to give discernment and wisdom. We celebrate the ways that God has worked this year in South Sudan, but we also recognize significant suffering and ongoing challenges that people face. Your prayers and partnership with us and our partners in South Sudan are important!

You can always reach us if you have questions or thoughts to share at bob.rice@pcusa.org or kristi.rice@pcusa.org.

*Gratefully,
Kristi and Bob*

Environmental News

BY PAT PHILLIPS

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Wondering what to do with outdated electronics? A free residential electronics collection event will be held October 11 at Parkland College from 8 -12. Registration begins September 11 at 8 AM at www.ecycle.simplyblue.me.

There's a limit of seven items and no more than four TVs. Small items can be bundled and count as one. For security, hard drives and cell phones will be destroyed (shredded) at the recycling facility; no need to wipe devices clean.

Seeking Picker-Uppers! The next Adopt-a-Highway Event will be Wednesday, September 27 at 10 AM followed by brunch! Please contact Clemmie Ackermann coletta.ackermann@gmail.com to get a waiver or to sign up. Should be a lovely, productive outing.

Finance

Financial Update

BY ANN WEBBINK, FINANCE TEAM

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Contributions

Total July contributions: \$70.7K from plate and pledge plus \$9.3K from prepaid= \$80K This is \$13.7 K less than last year and \$10.2K over budget. Total contributions YTD, including prorated prepaid pledges: \$515.9K which is \$28.5K less than last year and \$27.3K over budget. At 58.3% of the year, we have 67.11% of the budgeted contributions, including all prepaid contributions.

Expenses

July expenses were \$68 K, which is \$10.6 K less than last year and \$14.7K under budget. Expenses YTD were \$577K, which is \$44.7K less than last year and \$1.9 under budget. At 58.3% of the year, we have spent 58.1% of the budget.

Balance YTD

Revenue from all sources exceeds expenses by \$39.8K, which is \$1.2K less than last year.

Session Designated Funds

\$1,844,068.59 which is \$50296.63 more than last month.

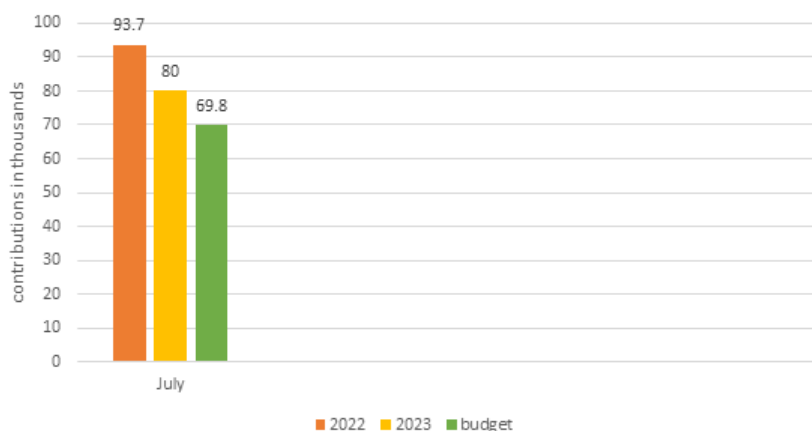
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Missions received \$4945 which included \$2805 for the Raindrop Project and \$1650 for DREAM Designated funds, not including capital improvements, received \$3332.

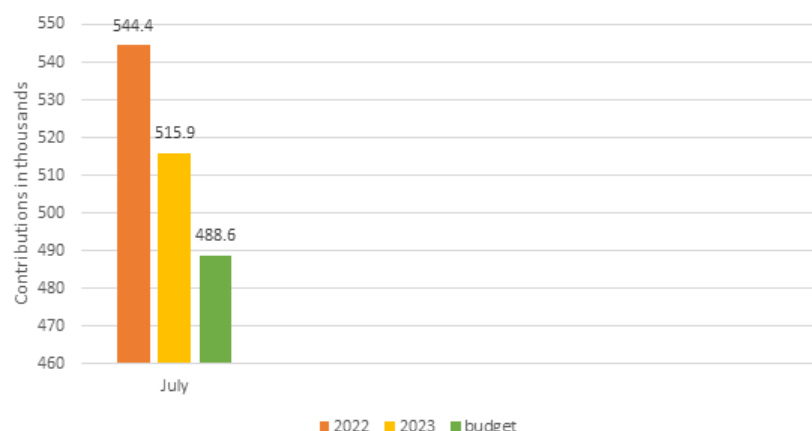
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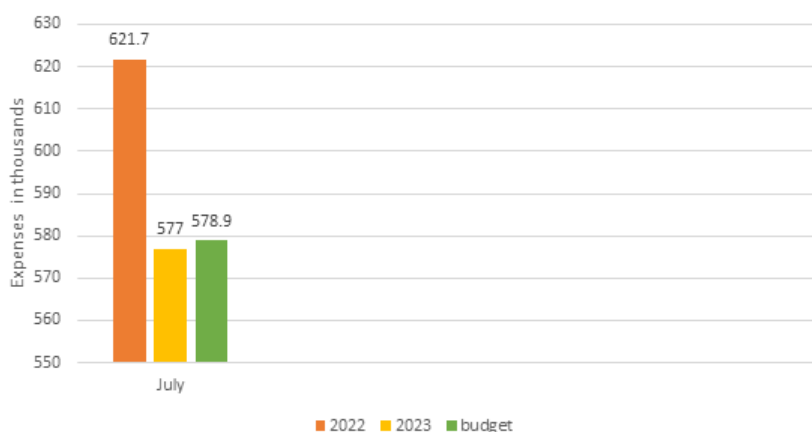
Contributions for July 2023



Contributions YTD



Expenses YTD





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9 AM Worship/Sanctuary

10 AM Coffee and Fellowship

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