

September 2024



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

What Is Our Why?

BY BETH WAGNER

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It is one of the hottest days of the year, and the humidity is off the charts as corn sweat pushes the dew point beyond imaginability. I am trying to write about the church and Fall, the season of cooling temperatures and changing colors. After an unintentional month off (thanks to COVID), I am back with fresh eyes, again learning about 1st Presbyterian Church and our interim journey. So, after a month at 1st Presbyterian and a month away what have I discovered?

1st observations: 1st Pres is a busy place, filled with lots of programming and lots of people giving of their time, talent, and dollars. It is filled with active senior members who are more than happy to serve.

2nd observation: 1st Pres. is housed in a historically old building and a not-as-old but still needy Christian Education building. Both buildings need lots of time and care.

3rd observation: 1st Pres. is not just a church but a vital part of the community. Our ELL program, the home for AA and other support groups, the base for programs like DREAAM, and the place for our French-speaking brothers and sisters to worship-these are not just activities, but essential services that make us a cornerstone of the community.

I am very clear that this church is clear on what it does and how it does it; I am less clear on the question of why we do it.

As we transition into the Fall, I urge each of us to reflect on the 'why' behind our actions. Is it simply because it's always been done this way, or is there a deeper, more meaningful reason? I'll be listening and asking a few questions here and there. What is the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign's why?

Blessings,
Beth

**2nd Sunday Brunch
September 8th**

**Come, enjoy brunch
Centennial Hall**

**We will have a variety of
brunch items along with
some special sweet treats.
Enjoy food and fellowship
right after the 9 AM service.**

Donations appreciated!

**Volunteers are needed to help
with the brunches. If interested,
please contact Carol Ann Green,
(cadgreen@comcast.net), Gary
Peterson (amer_swede@yahoo.
com) or the church office.**

**We Welcome
Dr. Matthew Shepard**

The choir presented to retiring Director of Music Joe Grant on his last Sunday their original piece "Ode to Joe."



We welcome Dr. Matthew Christopher Shepard as our new Director of Music. Dr. Shepard is a choral and orchestral conductor. He earned his doctorate in choral conducting from the University of Illinois and is founder and artistic director of Te Deum, a professional choir in Kansas City dedicated to performing sacred music. As a church musician, Dr. Shepard has served in Catholic, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches. His most recent position was at Village Presbyterian Church in Priarie Village, KS. As associate director of music, he led handbells, youth choir, youth orchestra, brass ensemble, an adult choir, and conducted annual performances of large choral-orchestral works.

Ode to Joe

Sung to the tune of *For the Beauty of the Earth*

With great thanks for leading us, we sincerely thank you, Joe
 So much music, so many years, it is hard to see you go!
 But your voice lives in us true
 So many mem'ries singing with you!

"Hold your music up," you said. "Don't show me your balding head
 You've got separate knobs, you know: Please sing soft but don't sing slow
 Nice round 'Ah!' to sing Amen
 Basses, let's try that again

"Lovely singing, everyone! But the words aren't really clear
 When I listen 'n' close my eyes, 'oo-dee-woo-dee-hoo-dee' is all I hear
 Add a consonant now and then
 Basses, let's try that again

"One and two and tee and four, ensemble singing is sublime
 Don't mind me, just wavin' my arms; look up when you've got the time
 Tiny step 'tween ti and do
 Basses, have another go

"Where did all the music go? Forty copies down to three
 Sopranos please don't hurt yourselves, sing this part on dee dee dee
 Big belly breath if you wanna sing high
 Basses, have another try."

Very blessed that we can say, twenty-eight years with gifted Joe
 How many choirs can truly claim: Potlucks with a tornado!
 We wish you joy and love and rest
 Blessings, Joe, you are the best!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

I want to extend a warm welcome to all interested singers to come experience singing in the Chancel Choir. We will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM beginning September 5.

If you have questions, please email me at matthew@firstpres.church



**Adult Discussions
This Fall**

For the Fall term, Adult Discussions after Worship services will begin September 15 in Mae Chapin Parlor Sundays from 10:15 - 11 AM.

- September 15 Rev. Beth Wagner
- September 22 Jim Berger
- September 29 TBA
- October 6 Vilmarie Cintrón
Olivieri
- October 13 No discussion/brunch
- October 20

We start a series of discussions about the Minor Prophets, led by **Rev. Joseph Lundy** and the Adult Spiritual Formation Committee.

Coffee Mates

We have a core group who volunteer and rotate to manage our Sunday hospitality table. They do a great job! However, we need more folks. You can come in early to make the coffee and set up the table or you can sign up to stop by at the end of worship to clear the table and wash the dishes. You can also do both.

These are easy things to do and they are fun. You will get detailed directions which are also posted next to the coffee maker. The only important requirement is that you bring a smile.

To help out sign up [here](#). Or, contact Bob and rwk3213@gmail.com or 217-621-5915.

Can You Help?

Pride Fest is coming up on September 21. We need people who would like to participate by sitting in a booth for about an hour OR by marching in the parade. Booth is open 1-5 and the parade is at 1. Please contact **Brandi Lowe** (217-369-5844) if you can participate.

**Annual Church Picnic
Hessel Park August 18**

It was a pleasant, sunny, breezy and just warm enough Sunday afternoon at Hessel Park where a diverse group of about forty-five gathered for fellowship and food in the north pavilion. Ages ranged from less than one to over eighty-five and included University of Illinois students, congregants and other guests. Sandwiches, salads, fruits, vegetables and desserts were plentiful as the First Pres banner shimmered in the breeze. Corn Hole and Golf Ladders brought laughter from the young that blended with the chatter and chuckles of the more mature.

A big thanks to our nurture committee which consists of **Carol Ann Green**, moderator, **Tom Gilmore**, **Marilyn Lamkin**, **Mary Jane Kelley**, **Bob Kirby** and **Gary and Linda Peterson**.

Contact Carol Ann if you would like to join the committee or to simply receive minutes so you can see how you can help out. "Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." *Romans 12:13*

**We're All In
Welcoming America Week**

Join your First Pres friends and greet community friends for 90 minutes of fellowship. Relax, laugh and play games with all ages. Game time is 4:30-6 PM on Tuesday, September 17 in Centennial Hall, the patio and the alley. We will have special activities for children and some treats.

This event is organized by your Outreach and Nurture Committees and your English Language Learners Program as an event in Welcoming American Week, an annual national program of welcome. "Organizations and communities bring together neighbors of all backgrounds to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming and inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity". Wow!! We're all in!

Collaborating with us are Hessel Park Church, Immigration Services of Champaign-Urbana, New Americans Welcome Center, Parkland College Project Read and Michael Hogue Team Re/Max Associates.



A NEW AMERICAN WELCOMING WEEK



TUESDAY, SEPT 17TH | 4:30 PM

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY GAME TIME
RELAX - LAUGH - GAMES FOR ALL AGES - REFRESHMENTS
- MEET NEW PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS

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Update from Building & Grounds

BY TOM ULEN, CHAIR

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Your Building & Grounds Committee has been working on several important projects that we want to tell you about.

First, you may have noticed that an automobile accident damaged the brick column and founding stone at the NE corner of our property (on the SW corner of State and Hill). We are having the column and stone restored, and we may take the opportunity to put additional wording to the identifying information on the column.

Second, there is progress on the installation of the new elevator. We solicited bids for the construction of the new hoistway for the elevator. Last Friday we opened and considered those bids and awarded the contract to Petry-Kuhne. We're not yet sure when they will begin their work, but once begun, it is likely to take 90 days before they can turn the shaft over to Koné for the installation of the new elevator. Then, Petry-Kuhne contemplates another 30 days to finish their portion of the work.

The good news is that we're moving forward with trusted and skilled contractors. The unfortunate news is that the installation of the new hoistway is going to be much more expensive than we had anticipated and that it is going to take longer to complete than we had hoped. In the event of another end-of-year miracle, the project may be substantially completed by Christmas. But more likely, the new elevator will be ready

early in January, 2025. Thank you all for your patience through the last year. The wait, we are sure, will be worth it.

Third, we are having a new roof installed on the Sanctuary Building by Butler Roofing. The work should take only about five working days and is likely to be completed by mid-September. The new slate-green shingles should last at least 40 years. In addition to putting down the shingles, **Brad Passalacqua** and his crew will fix some leaks that we have discovered and will put special wire mesh behind the louvers on the north and south steeples to prevent bat infestation, which is a problem for all open buildings in the downtown area. Shortly after the completion of the new roof, we are going to have solar panels installed on the south- and west-facing portions of the roof. Route 66 Solar will be doing the installation. Through the miracle of government subsidization, the installation cost will be reduced by 63 percent if completed and fully functional by December 13, 2024, which, we are assured, it will be. Roughly speaking, the government checks we shall receive will reduce the installation costs from almost \$200,000 to about \$74,000.

Once the solar panels are up and running, it is likely that we will become a "net zero" consumer of electricity very quickly. That means that the panels will be generating enough power to satisfy all our needs so that we will not need to purchase any additional power from Ameren. Indeed, it is not inconceivable that we will generate power in excess of our needs and will sell that power back to Ameren. Route 66 Solar calculated that we will be saving approximately

\$16,500 per year and that, therefore, we'll recoup the entire installation cost in about four years.

Finally, we are trying to make use of the Christian Education Building in such a way as to further God's plans for us to help to make this a better world. To that end, we are talking with **Tracy Dace's** DREAAM program about sharing the use of the building.

Although our negotiations have some hurdles to get over, we have a reasonably good idea of the general shape of our joint use of the building. The Church's offices will continue to be in the NE corner of the first floor. Tracy and the DREAAM program will have their offices on the second floor and will use the rooms on the first, second, and third floors and the gym. There will be a separate buzzer entrance into the CEB for Church and for DREAAM business.

The current users of the CEB – the English Language Learners, the GROW program, and the Saturday night Francophone service in the Chapel – will all continue as they are. (DREAAM's usage of their portions of the building will typically occur after 3 PM. Our usages typically end at 2 PM.) We will keep you posted on all these projects.

If you have questions or comments or suggestions, please contact **Tom Ulen** (thomas.ulen@gmail.com or (217) 390-4667).

Face to Face with Margaret & Terry Noonan



Margaret & Terry Noonan in the church library

What brought you to First Presbyterian Church?

We were drawn in fifty years ago by Mal Nygren and then inspired by the youth club, Sunday School and the music program.

What has been the highlight of your church experience?

There are many. Our children grew up here. A son was baptized at America's Bicentennial celebration at the church. That is a special memory. We were married here as were two daughters. So, we have deep roots.

Tell me about your family? Your work?

We are a blended family of eight children and seventeen grandchildren. Margaret's work was with Bank of Illinois and then with Busey Bank. Terry was an orthopedic surgeon at Carle for thirty years.

What do you do in your free time?

We have many interests including reading, gardening, puzzles, golf and Illinois football and basketball. And of course, what keeps us most engaged is keeping up with our grandchildren.

What are your favorite Bible characters?

Margaret: John the Baptist. He baptized Jesus and paved the way for our faith.
Terry: Let me say Paul. He was a complicated man and a relentless evangelist.

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

Be a community that lives as Jesus taught us. See the secular world through church eyes-the things of the world important to God. Love everyone.



Do You Like Little Ones (0-5 years)?

The Children's Ministry Team is compiling a list of people who might be able to volunteer for a Sunday, 8:45 to 11 AM, in the church nursery, in case one of the paid providers has an emergency.

The church policy is to always have two adults with the children. We want our little ones to stay healthy in case a paid provider is not well and should stay home. We are hoping this never happens, but just in case, we want to be prepared.

If you are willing to have your name on the list please contact the church office (217-356-7238), **Pastor Joe** (joseph@firstpres.church), or **Mary Gritten** (217-369-7016 or maryhg3@sbcglobal.net). Thank you!!

Back-to-School Splash & Scream

Fellowship, great food, splashes and laughter. Thanks Ledford's and Children's Ministry for a great summer afternoon.



Great and gracious Lord God arrayed in glory and majesty, we praise you and bless you.

Creating God, you stretched out the heavens like a tent and set your dwelling place over the water.

You are carried on the clouds, and on the wings of the wind; the winds are your messengers, and flaming fire your servants.

You set the earth on its foundations, never to be moved.

Presbyterian Women’s Year Starts in September

The Presbyterian Women Bible Study books will be available at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall on September 15 and 22. Cost is \$10.00. The yearbook will be available at the same time (free). The season study is *Let Justice Roll Down - God’s call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. The first circle meeting will be Thursday September 26 - Environmental Justice.

Jays & Concerns

We express sympathy to...

- the Ron Deering family upon the death of Dr. Deering on Friday, August 16.
- Joe Lundy whose grandmother died in Huntsville, Alabama.

Presbyterian Women’s Fall Gathering

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering will take place on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 11:30 AM in Westminster Hall. Rev.

Cindy Shepherd from Faith in Place will be the speaker. Light lunch will be served after the program. All 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. Blest be the tie that binds.

The Heart of Mission

English Language Learners (ELL)

BY BONNIE WARD, DIRECTOR
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The ELL program began a new semester on August 26th. We had a full house and lots of energy and chaos as we sorted name tags, got to know each other, and got everyone to their appropriate classroom! We currently have 83 students enrolled, though not all come every day. We have begun a waiting list in earnest.

We have 10 new students from Kazakhstan. There are 100 visiting scholars here as part of their government's special program.

There are more than 200 Kazakhs in Champaign Urbana, because most of the scholars brought their entire families. The majority of the scholars are women, and their husbands are tagging along, most with a low level of English. What a privilege to meet folks from a part of the world that many of us know nothing about!

We are excited to partner with the church for the Welcoming Week game night on September 17th. I plan to encourage many of our students to attend. I hope many from First Pres will take advantage of this opportunity to meet people from around the world. I am excited to see what this year holds!!

Green Team Updates

BY PAT PHILLIPS, ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM
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The next Adopt-a-Highway is September 21. Look for chances to sign up September 1 or 8. We gather outside the education building, on Doxology Lane, at 8:30 to get fluorescent vests and long-handled "picker-uppers" and set out to clean up State Street and Westside Park. It won't take long, the weather should still be lovely, and it's a great start to a day.

Ginny Waaler delivered, in person, letters of thanks to restaurants who don't use Styrofoam; they were startled and appreciative. But it's best to take your own leftovers containers.

Christian Girls' Higher Secondary School Sangla Hill

The town of Sangla Hill is in the western part of Sheikhpura, Punjab. Christian Girls' Higher Secondary School (CGHSS) Sangla Hill is located adjacent to a beautiful hill outside the town. The school and boarding house were first established in 1902, by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of America. In 1972, the school was nationalized and later in 1998, the school was denationalized and returned to The Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) in deplorable condition. Immediately, repair work was started and a new boarding house was later constructed, thanks to the generous grant from the Presbyterian Woman's Birthday Offering. The high school was built in two phases; in 2005 and 2007. CGHSS Sangla Hill is proud to have been upgraded to a higher secondary school in 2012.



Part of our Mission budget supports the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB). Some of the girls pictured are sponsored through your donations.

Fall Volunteer Opportunities at Salt & Light

With our updated vocational program launching, there are several new opportunities to get involved at Salt & Light right now. If you have questions or would like to participate in any of these ways, please reach out to Vocational Program Coordinator **Gwenna Pelz**, at 217.355.5654 or gpelz@saltandlightministry.org.

Allies

Our program participants will now be meeting once or twice a month in small Affinity Groups that are facilitated by volunteers called Allies. Allies are there to lead conversations, make connections, and provide supportive friendship. Employment Track participants are meeting in these groups with Allies now. In the spring semester, we will be starting Affinity Groups for our Enrichment Track participants who are outside the traditional workforce, including seniors, individuals with physical or developmental disabilities, and those who may be new to the United States and not be legally able to work. We'd like to start conversations now with volunteers who might be interested in serving as Allies with these groups after the first of the year.

Course Allies

All our participants, both Employment and Enrichment Track, will have the opportunity to attend educational classes. Required classes for Employment Track participants will include Work Life and Faith & Finances, and elective classes for all participants will be more varied, with options like ESL, Bible studies, healthcare, and other possibilities. While Ally volunteers will meet with participants as background support through all their engagement in the program, Course Allies are volunteers who choose to attend a class as supportive co-participants. The first classes for the fall semester, Work Life and I'M Well (a mindfulness and meditation program), will begin during the first week of September, with others still in the process of being scheduled, and there are openings for Course Allies in all of them.

Group Meals

Employment Track participants will be attending required weekly classes for the duration of the semester. Meals will be provided to the participants, course instructors, and Course Allies at each of these meetings. This fall, we are in need of churches or individuals to provide dinner on Wednesday evenings from September 4th to November 13th, and lunch on Thursday afternoons from September 5th to November 14th, each time at Salt & Light and for a group of 15-18 people.

Course Facilitators

For this fall and for the spring, we already have volunteers who are leading the Work Life and Faith & Finances classes. However, we need to add to our team for these two classes, so we are looking now for people who would be interested in facilitating either this soft skills job training class or the financial management class sometime next year. We're also still working to arrange facilitators for an elective class or two that we hope to offer this fall semester, including a Bible study and a discussion group course called *The After Party* (<https://redeemingbabel.org/the-after-party/free-course/>).



Small World

Presbyterian mission co-workers based in the Democratic Republic of the Congo pose with congregants following their presentation in Mae Chapin Parlor on August 12.

Stories and smiles were shared. Jeff serves as regional liason and Christi as regional facilitator for women's and children's interests.

Left to right are **Gabriel Mboyo**, **Jacqueline Oualuel Seyi**, **Jeff** and **Christi Boyd**, **Solange Mboyo** and **Ginette Mukoko**. [Learn more](#) about the Boyds' work.

DREAMers Travel to Malawi

BY TRACY DACE, FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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A Ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, Illinois, Tracy Dace reports on a recent experience in Malawi



Five members of Driven to Reach Excellence & Academic Achievement for Males (DREAM) stand with DREAM's founder and executive officer, **Tracy D. Dace**, outside First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, Illinois. (Photo courtesy of DREAM) Driven to Reach Excellence & Academic Achievement for Males (DREAM) is excited to report on a recent international experience that was aimed at enhancing excellence in achievement, engagement, and behavioral and mental health among boys and young men ages 3–24 years old.

[Read more here.](#)

CU Days at Douglass Park



Wow ! What a great experience on a cool sunny Saturday on August 10! CU Days is a cherished 30+ year tradition as our community comes together to honor our shared heritage and culture. We were able to learn from outreach vendors representing almost forty serving organizations from Champaign-Urbana including the University of Illinois, Parkland College

and of course local politicians.

We attracted families to our booth with games and prizes and had time to share with each other. Ladder golf was a big hit with children of all ages as was the magnetism game which brought sighs of defeat overcome by shouts of joy.

We are an inviting, welcoming and nurturing Christian fellowship. Outreach to the community is our call. "And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" *Mark 16:15.*

A huge thanks to all of you who came by to show your support. Our next outreach event is International Family Game Time on September 17 at 4:30 PM. We are grateful to be a part of Welcoming America Week which

begins on September 13. Hope to see you there.



Vacation Bible School in Cuba

Our Cuba partnership includes not only our sister congregation but also Covenant Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas. Austin was an earlier partner than we and has been a great help to our congregation in teaching and mentoring us. Each summer they assist with vacation bible school in our congregation in Havana. Enjoy this [video](#) which shows the preparation followed by the children in action.

Cuba's Humanitarian Crisis

For those interested in a better understanding of the current situation of the Cuban people you will find [this webinar](#) well done. To skip introductions of speakers in this 1+ hour video you may begin at 06:09.

Cuba Study

Your Cuba Partners Leadership Team will offer an eight -week Cuba Study beginning September 9. Please register by September 5. We will learn about the history, the people, the culture and the church. Participation is mandatory for those who might travel to Cuba in March but valuable to all who are curious about our sister church and the Republic of Cuba. Contact Bob for more information. Rwk3213@gmail.com

First Presbyterian Church Champaign
corner of State & Hill Streets, Champaign

11th Annual Cuba Forum

October 5 and 6

We welcome Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri and the Rev. José Manuel Capella-Pratts who serve with Presbyterian World Mission as Regional Liaisons for the Caribbean Region.

A CHURCH THAT REAFFIRMS HOPE
JEREMIAH 29:11-13

Saturday, October 5

11 AM A presentation by our guests
11:30 AM A light lunch

Sunday, October 6

9 AM A message by Rev. José Manuel
10:10 AM Elder Vilmarie leads Adult Ed



Elder Cintrón-Olivieri and the Rev. Capella-Pratts work alongside partners in the Republic of Cuba, Dominican Republic, the Republic of Haiti, and the Caribbean and North American Council for Mission (CANACOM), among other partners in the region. They have served the PC(USA) at the local congregation, presbytery, synod, General Assembly, and related entities and church committees. Married for 27 years, Vilmarie and José Manuel bask in their life together enjoying music, reading, technology, all things "Star Wars" and "Star Trek", sketching and watercolors, often relaxing over a good cup of Puerto Rican coffee.

Thank You for Your Belief, Support, and Investment

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Champaign,

As the new Director of Development, I am writing to thank you for your recent donation and your ongoing support of DREAAM! Your generosity humbles us- you are making it possible for DREAAM to reach, teach, and empower boys and young men in our community.

Our DREAAMers engage in hands-on learning experiences to increase confidence, build trust, and explore academic and career interests in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Your generosity fuels our effort to provide a safe, encouraging, and loving environment where our DREAAMers can thrive. Thank you for believing in us, supporting us, and investing in our cause!

With gratitude,

Sarah Laufenberg, Director of Development

Finance

Financial Update

BY ANN WEBBINK, FINANCE TEAM
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Contributions

Total July contributions: \$30.3K from plate and pledge plus \$10.3K from prepaid= \$40.6K
This is \$39.4K less than last year and \$24.8K under budget.
Total contributions YTD, including prorated prepaid pledges: \$ 484.2 K which is \$31.7K less than last year and \$26.4 K over budget.
At 58.3% of the year, we have 68.2% of the budgeted contributions, including all prepaid contributions.

Expenses

July expenses were \$70.3 K, which is \$2.3K more than last year and \$9.7K under budget. Expenses YTD are \$582K, which is \$5K more than last year and \$22K over budget.
At 58.3% of the year, we have spent 60.7% of the budget.

Balance YTD

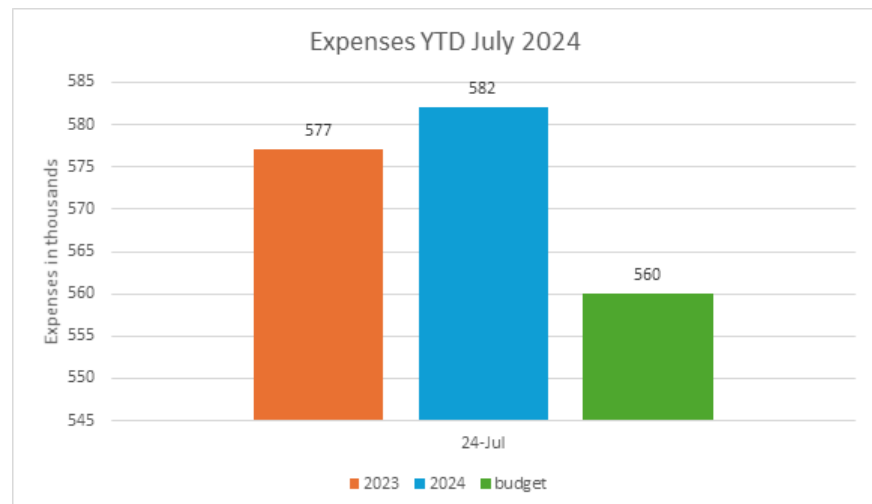
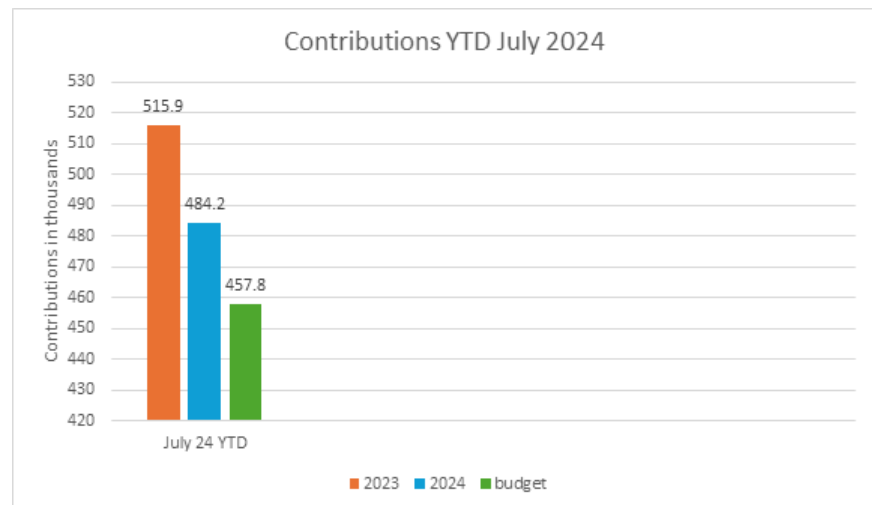
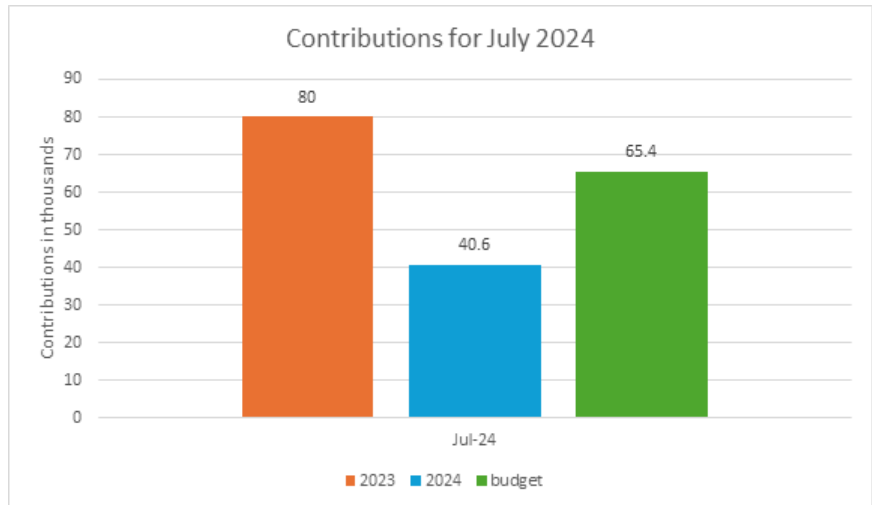
Revenue, including prepaid, exceeded expenses by \$9.5K, which is \$30.3K less than last year at the same time.

Session Designated Funds

\$1,721,296 which is \$37,397 more than last month.

Summary of Restricted Accounts

\$2,501 was given to various funds, including \$1335 to the Raindrop project





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Sunday:

9 AM Worship

10 AM Coffee and Fellowship

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.

Pastors:

Beth Wagner..... Interim Pastor/Head of Staff
Joseph Lundy..... Associate Pastor for Discipleship

Staff:

Martice Chapple..... Facility Assistant
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Patty Farthing..... Office Assistant
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Matthew Shepard..... Director of Music
Sora Shepard..... Organist/Pianist
Bonnie Ward..... English Language Learner Director

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Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM - 2 PM

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