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# A note from Pastor Drew

One of the important values for me in leadership is transparency. There are some things in our life together that are strictly confidential pastoral care issues are especially important in this category. However, in most other things, I want our leadership to be an open book so that if you, as a part of our church community, have questions, you are welcome to ask them and trust that your question will be received with gratitude for your interest and that you will receive an honest answer as soon as possible.

In no area of church life is this more important than our finances. One of the major projects in my time here has been working with Tori, who also serves as our treasurer to completely overhaul our church's accounting structure and the reports that we provide to church council and the finance committee so that it is as clear as possible how the gifts you give on Sunday morning flow through our church's office and then out to empower mission and ministry around us.

One of the things that we discovered in this process is that our church finances are very strong. Last month we celebrated paying back the money that we borrowed from ourselves two years ago when our boiler broke. There are many churches that would have closed if they had such an unexpected expense, however, due to the financial stewardship of those who had set aside money in our savings, we were able to pay for this out of those funds. And the fact that we were able to replenish those funds as quick as we did is yet another testimony to the generosity of this church and your commitment to its ministries.

One of the other changes that we have implemented was a more intentional budgeting process. While no one can predict the future, we asked the various leaders in our church for their best estimates for the new year. There were significant increases related to pastoral insurance and general increases in cost. This budget was approved by both our Finance committee and church council. It is a conservative budget, but one that also seeks to live into our mission and vision as a church.

Later in this newsletter you will see the monthly financial summary. We print this each month so that you can see where we are as a church. You will notice that we are starting the year in a deficit. This is primarily because January was a three pay period month and so those expenses were larger. Our budget numbers are also "straight-lined." This means that we divide it equally across the year. This is not how our income or expense happen. Usually, donations are highest in January and then decrease toward the summer and increase in the last few months. We will be monitoring our accounts and spending carefully in finance committee and keeping you updated with these summaries each month. If you would like the weekly financial information, it is posted each week by the mailboxes. If you would like to review the detailed financial documents, just let me know and I or Michael Davis, our new finance chair, will gladly go over them with you.

I am not worried about the financial health of our church. I am confident in where God is leading us, and that we will have the resources to live out our call. Thank you for being a part of that support through your financial generosity, your prayers, and your energy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Rev. Drew Weseman



## FEBRUARY NURSE'S NOTES



February is American Heart Month. Heart disease, including high blood pressure, stroke, heart failure, heart attack, valve disease, hardening of the arteries, remains the number one killer of Americans. While heredity does play a large role in heart disease, there is much you can do to prevent or reverse heart disease. Know your family history. If heart disease is in your family, you have a higher risk of developing it yourself. Have regular physical exams. Add exercise to your daily routine. Walk 15 minutes a day and then 20 minutes and so on. Increase fresh fruits and vegetables in your diet while decreasing red meats and fats. Cut back and quit smoking.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and Respect Week being observed Feb. 13 – 17. In the last year, more than 1 in 10 teens who have been on a date have also been physically abused by a boyfriend or girlfriend. Make sure that any teen in your life knows that love = respect. Dating violence can be physical and or emotional. Some signs that your child may be in an abusive relationship include: Your child's friend seems possessive or jealous, you notice unusual bruising or injuries, your child appears more anxious, the friend texts or calls constantly and your child feels they have to respond, your child stops being involved with family, friends other activities. How to help? Start by being a good role model for your kids. Show your partner loving respect. Start the conversation early. Ask if your child has seen any abusive relationships among his/her friends and how they feel about it. Point out healthy and unhealthy relationships on television, discuss what you are seeing. Keep communication open. If you are involved in an abusive relationship, help is available.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Speaking to dental professionals, I'm amazed at the number of root canals that are being done on children! The culprit is believed to be juices. We think that fruit juices are healthy, and, in moderation, they are. But, they are also full of sugar, which increases bacteria on the teeth and lead to decay. If you are going to give sugary drinks, give them with meals when saliva production increases that helps neutralize acid and wash the sugar away. Rather than juice between meals, offer water. Teach brushing and flossing early. Encourage dental visits.

*Christy Friedel, R.N., Spiritual Director 269-535-1032  
Office hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Donna Perkins Pierece    12 - Tadd Davis  
 1 - Anna Rhyner                13 - Shirley Klippel  
 1 - John Rhyner                14 - Travis Miller  
 5 - Chris Pangle                17 - Jamie Shears  
 11 - Adam Carpenter        20 - Gail Miller  
 11 - Jim Shears                26 - Elaine Fair



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### JANUARY 2025

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

19 - Tom & Gail Miller

## FEBRUARY MEETINGS

**SPRC: 2/4 at 6 pm**  
**Lay Leader Meeting: 2/4 at 7 pm**  
**Finance: 2/11 at 6 pm**  
**Worship Committee: 2/11 at 7 pm**  
**Church Council: 2/25 at 6 pm**

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Pastor Drew:**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11:30-2:30 pm**  
**Friday: Sabbath**  
  
**Tori: Monday, Thursday: 8:00-2:30**  
**Friday: 8:00-12:00**

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Check out our online-giving option, GiveButter! There are options for our special givings (our missions & can offerings, Special Sundays, UMCOR, etc), as well as general giving. You can setup auto-giving as well, for your convenience. Please reach out if you have questions or if you would like more information or help getting started.



Operations Financial Summary		
Income	January	Year To Date
Pledged Income	8,507.00	8,507.00
Non-Pledged Income	5,522.00	5,522.00
Endowment - Gen.	-	-
Building Use	310.00	310.00
Other	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,339.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,339.00</b>
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	11,923.64	11,923.64
Ministry Shares	1,258.50	1,258.50
Property and Utilities	2,037.94	2,037.94
Administrative	131.42	131.42
Worship	-	-
Program and Education	15.31	151.31
Other	100.00	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,466.81</b>	<b>\$ 15,602.81</b>
<b>Net:</b>	<b>-\$1,127.81</b>	<b>\$ (1,263.81)</b>

<b>Missions Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,066.25</b>	<b>\$ 18,904.71</b>
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<b>Boiler Income</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>	<b>23,660.00</b>
<b>Total Cost of Boiler</b>		<b>25,049.47</b>

For full financial information, please contact the church office.

For all financial questions, please contact Michael Davis or Pastor Drew.



## Writer's Group



### **How are Faith and Action Related**

**If we have faith and believe all God does for us, then his grace challenges us to do the same for others. It pushes us to be better, do better. To help others. Pray for others. Respect others. With faith we simply do for others, without the accolades and thank yous. Faith allows us to see what God sees in others. It allows us to give to others. If we know God's teachings we believe God's teachings. If we understand the path of Jesus, we can understand the path Jesus laid out for us. Then our faith drives us to act. It is said that faith guides actions. Faith most definitely does guide our actions.**

**If we understand then we are forced to acknowledge how we treat others, how we behave is how God wants and needs us to behave. We must always act with Love and kindness. This does not mean we let others push us around, it simply means we must have Love in our heart to act.**

**After all Jesus acted in Love when he turned over the money tables in the tabernacle. He did it in a powerful way to show how important people are in comparison to money.**

**Acting with faith is acting with Love. God is Love. Therefore Love should be our default setting for our actions.**

**God so loved the world that he Gave his only begotten son. ~ John 3:16**





## Murder at Mardi Gras



**A Masked Murderer Unveiled:** There's mystery afoot in the Big Easy – the Krewe of Midas King, Pierre Dupre, has been murdered, strangled with a set of Mardi Gras beads. It's time for all party revelers to put down their sweet tea and mint juleps and discover the truth about his demise.

Pierre was always suspicious of those looking to sink their claws into his fortune. Was it the greed of those around him that put old Pierre in the grave? His beloved family members, friends, and neighbors have now become suspects in the Garden district murder! Put on your favorite masquerade mask and get your sleuthing mind ready. It's time to unveil a murderer.

**When: Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**Time: 4:30 pm**

**Where: Centreville UMC**

There are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Potluck food (think all the fun Mardi Gras dishes 😊). Anything from appetizers, soups or salads, main dishes, desserts, and beverages!

There is also a sign-up sheet for attendance as well, so we know how many people to plan food for. This should be a fun night!!



## Community Dinner



Our Community Dinners have been happily received by the community! We've been serving around 40 guests twice a month. We would like to begin offering a weekly meal and we are in need of at least 2 more licensed people. The church will supply a scholarship for the cost. If interested, please contact Connie or Christy.

## Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 11  
from 12 pm - 5:45 pm  
is the Red Cross Blood Drive. The QR code here can be used to schedule your time.



## Piano looking for a new home!

The upright piano in Classroom 6 (aka the Orange Room) is looking for a new home. If you know someone who might be interested, please let Pastor Drew, or one of our Trustees know.





# FEBRUARY 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship Service 10 am	3	4 SPRC 6 pm Lay Leaders 7 pm	5 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	6	7 Food Pantry 10 am	8
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## February Song Leaders

- 2/2 - Michelle Brokaw
- 2/9 - Barb Bungart
- 2/16 - Barb Bungart
- 2/23 - Shone Rhyner

## February Liturgists

- 2/2 - Chris McCall
- 2/9 - Joyce Yoder
- 2/16 - Tom Miller
- 2/23 - Shone Rhyner

## February Children's Moment

- 2/2 - Sarah McCall
- 2/9 - Shone Rhyner
- 2/16 - Jan Rhoads
- 2/23 - Michelle Brokaw