



JOY Newsletter

April 2022

United Methodist Church
of Whitefish Bay

Happy April everybody. The days will lengthen, flowers will start to bloom, grass will start to get green, and Christians all around the world, even in war torn countries, will gather together to proclaim resurrection this month. Matthew 28:6 reads; "He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said." That will be our victorious cry this Easter Sunday, **"He is Risen!"**

Some of Jesus' followers had come to the site of his burial early on a Sunday morning. But to their surprise, he was not there. People visit gravesites to remember and celebrate the life and legacy of the person whose body or ash have been committed to the ground. Some of these sites are very historic.

A stone's throw from my parents' grave site in Madison is the grave of Eston Hemings Jefferson. He was the son of President Thomas Jefferson and his slave Sally Hemings. It is not uncommon for me to see people who have made a pilgrimage to see the tombstone. A few years ago I did a service of committal for one of our members. His gravesite is only yards away from the Les Paul monument in Waukesha. It was apparent that many fans had made a trip to see the famous guitar player's final

resting place and left guitar pics there.

From famous music stars and actors, to politicians, authors, and inventors, people visit these burial sites. This is true of spiritual giants as well. John Wesley in England, Martin Luther in Germany, and Martin Luther King Jr. here in America all see countless visitors each year. Outside of Christianity, Muhammad died and was buried. His faithful followers take pilgrimages to visit his remains. The same is true of Buddha and other religious leaders, but it is not true of Jesus. You cannot visit His remains; you can only visit His empty grave because He isn't there. He Arose!

On Easter there are no tears of sorrow, no pain of separation. He is alive and at work in our lives drawing us into living in relationship with God and our neighbors on earth as it is in heaven. Whether you will be worshipping with us in-house or online, or out of town with family, take time to give thanks that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

(John 3:16)

See you in worship,
Pastor Matt

United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay

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Worship

Upcoming Faith-filled Events & Services

Taizé worship service on Friday, April 1, 7 p.m.

Vigil for Peace on April 2, 5 p.m. (in place of Saturday evening service)

Music offerings from the Requiem at both Sunday services on April 3

Palm Sunday, April 10, 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week Meditations, April 11-14, noon (online only at umcwfb.org)

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15, noon

Holy Saturday, April 16, 5 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 17

Klode Park service, 8 a.m. *Contemporary* 9 a.m. *Traditional* 10:30 a.m.

Children's Musical, April 24, both Sunday worship services



**The church plans to send small Easter plants
to our homebound members.
We invite the congregation to aid us in delivering these plants
after Palm Sunday.**

If you are able to help, please contact
Pat Wisialowski at 414-964-2424 or by emailing pwisialowski@umcwfb.org.
We will then arrange with you how to proceed.
Please assist us in assuring our homebound members that they are
an important part of our church family and that we want to
celebrate a glorious Easter with them.

Vigil for Peace

For those who are heartbroken over the suffering in Ukraine and believe in the power of prayer, we are offering a Vigil for Peace in our Sanctuary on **Saturday, April 2**, from 5-6 p.m. We have invited leaders of other faiths and the community to join us. We will also receive a musical offering from Ukrainian and Russian musicians. Let us come together as one community to pray for peace in Ukraine and the world.

VIGIL FOR PEACE In Ukraine and the World

A service of prayer, song,
reflection, and hope



Saturday, April 2, 5 - 6 p.m.

**United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay
819 E. Silver Spring Drive**

Vigil will also be livestreamed at umcwfb.org



**Cosponsored by Bay Bridge, Bay Shore Lutheran,
From the Same Dust, a Baha'i Group**

Fine Arts

IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE



Performances:

Thursday, **April 21**, at 1:30 p.m.
at Keefe Avenue School

Sunday, **April 24**, 9 and 10:30 a.m.
at UMCWFB

The UMCWFB Children's Choirs and the 4th & 5th grade students at St. Mark AME and Keefe Avenue Elementary schools are putting on a show, *It's Cool in the Furnace*. The students are singing, dancing, and

getting *all fired up* to present this show. But we don't want directors Ms. Jenny, Ms. Alayna, and Mr. Neil to *burn out*. Would you be willing to help them?

Ministry Opportunities Remaining:

- create set pieces at Keefe Elementary School on **Saturday, April 9**, from 10 a.m. to noon
- organize and assign costumes at UMCWFB on **Saturday, April 16**, from noon to 2 p.m.
- assemble the set at UMCWFB on **Monday, April 18**, at 1 p.m.
- assemble the set at Keefe Elementary on **Tuesday, April 19**, at 12:30 p.m.
- transport set pieces from Keefe Elementary to UMCWFB on **Thursday, April 21**, at 2:30 p.m.
- erect remaining set pieces at UMCWFB on **Friday, April 22**, at 10 a.m.
- offer transportation to children/families from Keefe on the mornings of **April 23 & April 24**
- disassemble the set on **Sunday, April 24**, at 11:30 a.m. following the last performance
- organize a cast party for Wednesday, **April 27**, at 6:00 p.m. This will include ALL the children and their parents.
- offer transportation to the Keefe Avenue children on **April 27**

PLEASE CONTACT NEIL BUBKE TO VOLUNTEER at 414-331-2691 or nbubke@umcwfb.org.



Events

Panel Presents the Map of Racism in Real Estate in Milwaukee County

On April 30, 1968, two weeks after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, the Milwaukee Common Council passed the Fair Housing Law. Introduced and led by Alderwoman Vel Phillips, this ordinance gave all people the right to live where they wanted. Yet, racially discriminatory covenants still persist on homeowners' deeds.

To honor the anniversary of the Fair Housing Law in Milwaukee, an expert panel will present the contours of racism in real estate being mapped in Milwaukee County on **April 27 at 7 p.m.** at Christ Church Episcopal, 5655 N. Lake Dr., Whitefish Bay. Titled "Mapping Racism and Resistance in Milwaukee County: Struggles over Racism and Real Estate in the Urban North," the event will also be livestreamed on YouTube and recorded for later viewing.

To register for this event, please choose one of these options. For **in-person** participation, register [here](#). To register for **online** participation, click [here](#).

Presenters include Anne Bonds, associate professor, UWM Department of Geography and a lead on the mapping project; Derek Handley, assistant professor, UWM Department of English, also a lead on the project; Reggie Jackson, journalist and educator/consultant, Nurturing Diversity Partners, LLC; and Lawrence Hoffman, GIS program manager at Groundwork Milwaukee.

LEARN ABOUT RACIAL COVENANTS IN OUR CITY/SUBURBS & ACTION STEPS TO FORMALLY REPUDIATE THEM

Mapping Racism & Resistance

in Milwaukee County:

STRUGGLES OVER RACISM AND REAL ESTATE IN THE URBAN NORTH

ANNE BONDS, UWM DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
DEREK HANDLEY, UWM DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
REGGIE JACKSON, NURTURING DIVERSITY PARTNERS
LAWRENCE HOFFMAN, GROUNDWORK MILWAUKEE

APRIL 27, 2022, 7 PM

Logos of partner organizations: REDRESS MOVEMENT, Jewish Community Relations Council MILWAUKEE, Tikkun HaShabbat, Bay Bridge, DIVIDED BY DEEDS MILWAUKEE, FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL, PAGE, hummingbird, bridge the DIVIDE, UWM, Nurturing Diversity Partners, GROUNDWORK Milwaukee, Shalom, UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Whitefish Bay, From The Same Dust, CONGREGATION SINAI, ELSAFY, Break the Silence in the Suburbs, 88NINE, BID Racism Milwaukee, MIGA'AH We Build.

IN PERSON @ CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL, 5655 N. LAKE DR. OR VIRTUAL ON YOUTUBE
REGISTER @ BayBridgeWisconsin.org

Events



Find Out More

Are you a curious person, constantly trying to learn more about this world and the culture we live in?

Then join some of your fellow church members in **visiting America's Black Holocaust Museum at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 29.**

The Museum is located at 401 W. North Ave. in Milwaukee.

It features seven history galleries which

tell the story of the Black Holocaust in chronological order from life in Africa before captivity to African American life today. Three of the world's most influential empires were Ghana, Mali, and Songhai in Africa, contributing to world culture in astronomy, mathematics, medicine, metallurgy, and shipbuilding.

The Museum was founded in 1988 by Dr. James Cameron, the only known survivor of a lynching. It was forced to close in 2008 during the Country's economic downturn but reopened online in 2012. Then on February 25, 2022, the physical galleries were reopened with the goal being to build public awareness of the harmful legacies of slavery and Jim Crow laws in America and to promote racial repair, reconciliation and healing. Black Holocaust refers to the period from the 1400s to the 1800s when 12.5 million Africans were taken in the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Meet us at the Museum, or if you are interested in lunch before the Museum visit, contact Bonnie Henderson, Kathy Schluter, or Beth Groble for more information.



ABHM's president and CEO, Dr. Robert Davis | Photo Credit: Milwaukee Independent

Citizen Advocacy Program
Presented by the League of Women Voters

Tuesday, May 10
7-8 p.m.
Church Sanctuary (in person and livestreamed)

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith
but does not have works?” (James 2:14-15)

Have you ever wondered how to get involved in what is going on around you? How to find out what’s happening? Or how you can share your views or ideas with others? The Church and Society Committee of UMCWFB has partnered with the Milwaukee County League of Women Voters to present a program to help you put your faith and energy into action.

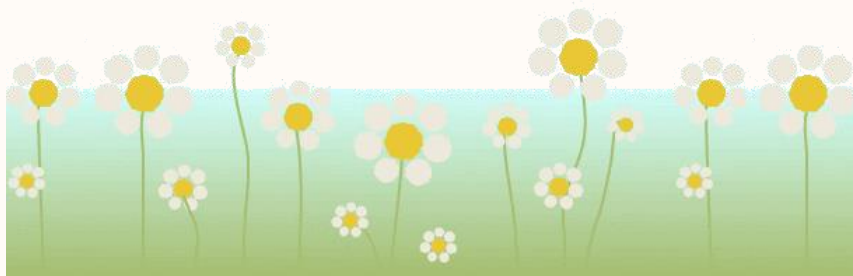
The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 and is a nonpartisan, grassroots nonprofit group dedicated to empowering everyone to fully participate in our democracy. The agenda for their presentation will include:

- ◆ identifying how to advocate for your ideas or beliefs
- ◆ options for taking action
- ◆ how to engage with elected officials and policymakers
- ◆ review of the legislative process
- ◆ ways to track legislation or proposals at local, state, and national levels

This is a program for everyone who is interested. We will promote this in the community but please invite family or friends to attend—either at church or online (details how to link to online presentation will come later).

We strive to be a church community of **ideas and action**. Please join us for this important program. We hope to see you there!





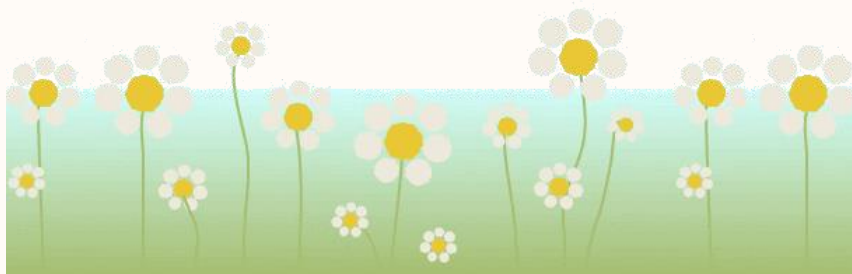
UMW May Tea Petals and Praise

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.
In Fellowship Hall
\$8.00**

The Petals and Praise program
will present beautiful floral arrangements
and scriptures that will provide joy to all.

One will delight in the variety of teas
plus tea sandwiches (including gluten-free options),
sweet breads, scones, and delicious desserts.

**Sign up sheet available in April in the office
or one can call the office at 414-964-2424.
Please indicate if you require gluten-free options.**



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WANTED: Wedding photos from ceremonies at our church

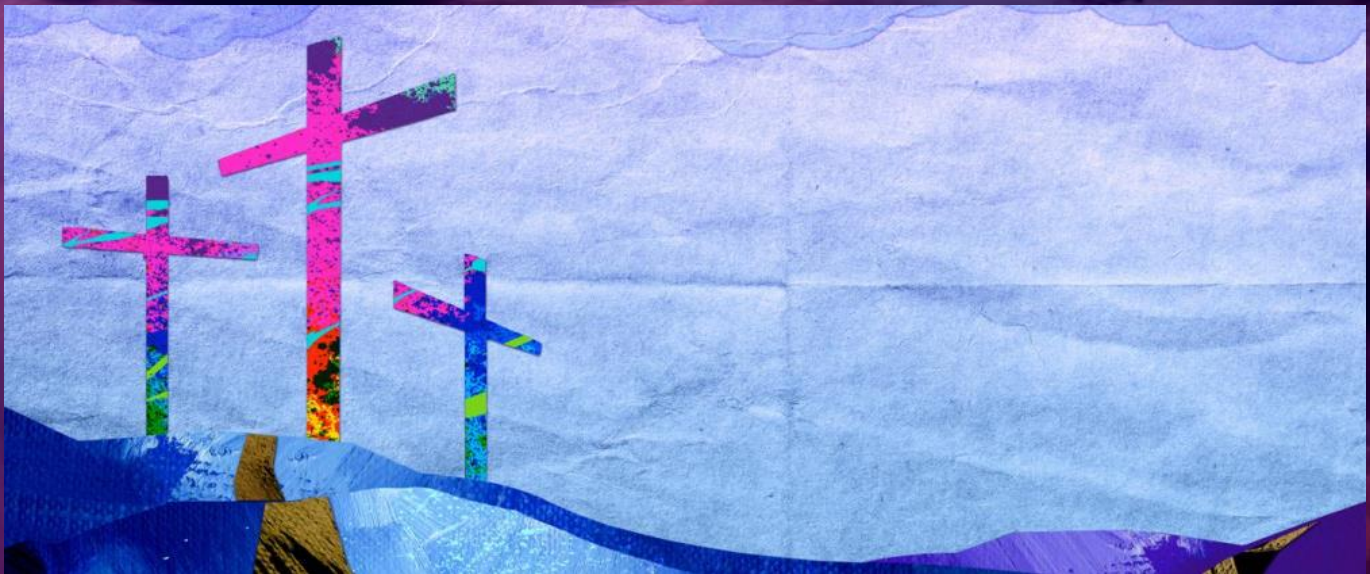
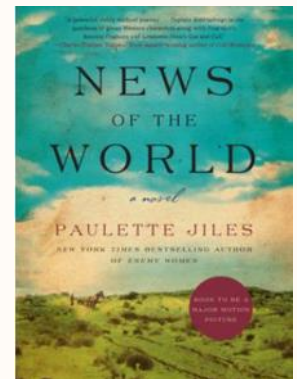
The Brides' Room has been remodeled for almost a year! We are looking to change the wedding pictures on the wall. There is very limited space, so we can only display photos from weddings that were performed at our church. If you would like to share your wedding photo or one of your children's wedding photos, please email a digital copy of a vertical 5x7 or a horizontal 8x10 to Linda Mazumdar, lmaz@sbcglobal.net. If you have a vertical 5x7 or horizontal 8x10 that you are willing to part with, please leave that photo, marked "Brides' Room," in the UMW mailbox in the church office. **Deadline for the photos is April 15.**

Calling all readers

Deborah Reading Circle discusses *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles via Zoom on **Tuesday, April 5.**

The group hopes to meet in person for the May 3 and June 7 meetings.

Members have submitted twenty suggestions for next year that will be compiled into sentence summaries for voting in May. If you want more information about the Circle, contact Sally Jipson at swjip@hotmail.com.





Hey Friends,

As we journey through the season of Lent, our youth and children have focused on the life and teachings of Jesus. We talked about Jesus feeding the masses, healing the sick, and calming storms. In that journey, we discussed the work of the church to be God's presence as we feed, heal, and calm others during the storms of life!

Our youth will be leading the Good Friday service during Holy Week. We pray that families will embrace the Easter story as we worship a God who brings us Good News of hope and peace!

Appalachia Service Project Fundraising

Our next adventure with Appalachia Service Project will be July 16-24, 2022 and we need your help! We sold \$1000 in chili and we are still

selling stock. April 7 and 10 our talented youth and ASP students will broadcast a Telethon on Livestream, Facebook, and YouTube to benefit our ASP trip!

ASP is open to all current 8th graders through current high school seniors. We also need adult and youth leaders to accompany us on the trip. This is a great opportunity for adults and kids to have an experience they can share for a lifetime.

Please let Lori Aeschbacher (loriaeschbacher@sbcglobal.net) or Pastor Andrew know if you have interest in going or have questions about the trip.

High School Seniors

Once again, we will honor our high school seniors during a special recognition service and breakfast in June. We are asking for your help in two ways:

1. Please respond to the [Senior Survey](#) by April 29!
2. You can now apply for the [Yulin Hsi Scholarship](#) based on church and youth group involvement!



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Youth

Summer Plans

- Kids Grades 2-5: Lake Lucerne Camp: **June 19-22** ([Register Here!](#))
- Youth Quest Camp: **June 26-July 1**
- Appalachia Service Project (High School Only): **July 16-24**
- Vacation Bible School: **August 1-5**



[If you have interest, would like information, or want to volunteer for any of these summer events, fill out this SURVEY!](#)

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in serving or volunteering, please contact me at ajones@umcwfb.org.

With Hope,

Pastor Andrew

Tree of Life



Tree of Life Christian Preschool

Tree of Life Preschool still has openings available in our 3-4 year old classes for the 2022-23 school year. If you know of a family looking to join a wonderful, caring preschool community, or if you yourself are looking to enroll your child, please contact our director, Kari Nau, at karinau010@gmail.com for more information. We offer 2, 3, or 5-day options to accommodate your family's needs! Thank you!

Mission of the Month for April — Meta House

Loose change and other offerings toward the Mission of the Month for the month of April will benefit Meta House. As a local SE Wisconsin non-profit organization, Meta House seeks to end the generational cycle of addiction by healing women and strengthening families. Meta House was one of the first residential treatment facilities in the country designed specifically for women with substance use disorders, and has been providing gender-specific, family-centered treatment for almost 60 years! It was also one of the first in the nation to include children in the residential setting.



While the cornerstone of the Meta House program is addiction treatment, Meta House also offers numerous wraparound services to its clients including case management, parenting classes, job-and-education-readiness programs, peer support and fatherhood engagement opportunities. This holistic approach is both strength-based and trauma-informed, helping give every woman her very best chance to heal, find life-long recovery, lead a healthy family and become a productive, independent member of the community.

Meta House thanks UMCWFB for being included in last December's Christmas with a Conscience and is proud to count several members of the UMCWFB congregation as volunteers and supporters, including church member CJ Neville, who currently chairs the Meta House Board of Directors. Feel free to reach out to CJ if you are interested in getting more involved with us and please check us out online at www.metahouse.org

Meta House ends the generational cycle of addiction by healing women and strengthening families.

Canceled Rummage Sale Provides Ukraine Mission Opportunity

As you know, our church will not have a rummage sale again this year - and any future rummage sales are unlikely.

Missions have been the beneficiaries of our rummage sale proceeds - a tradition that we would like to continue with the rummage sale spirit for at least another year.

Therefore, as we did last year, we offer this opportunity to give to missions - with the suggestion to contribute what you might have spent at this year's canceled rummage sale.

Past rummage sale proceeds have been distributed to different missions. **But today the Ukraine people cry out for humanitarian help. Therefore, the plan is to give all of your contributions plus last year's to the Mission Team to be sent to Ukraine via United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).** Please label/make your contribution to UMCWFB with a notation on the memo line **"Rummage Sale (RS) Ukraine Fund."** Thank you for continuing our church's financial help to the people of Ukraine.

- Loretto and Dick Steinmetz



Hippity Hop into Lydia's Treasure for Easter basket goodies!

Fair Trade chocolates, decadent Hughes' chocolates from Oshkosh, luscious Thistle Farm lotions, colorful kisii hearts, gently read books, plushy lambs and bunnies, and all those fun finds! Visit us on Wednesday evenings 5:30-7:30 p.m., this Saturday, April 2 before and after the 5 p.m. Ukraine Prayer Worship, and Sunday mornings 10-10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – noon or by appointment by texting Lydia at 414-759-1437. All proceeds go directly to our three missions: Peace Learning Center, Above the Clouds, and Starfish Foundation.

Want to be a part of this FUN ministry? Join the Lydia team.
Contact Mary Paull at mpaull@wi.rr.com.



Capuchin Walk For The Hungry (St. Ben's Meal Program)

On **Sunday, June 13 at noon**, our church is sponsoring a group walk to help fund the Capuchin hunger ministry. We have served a meal monthly at the St. Ben's meal site for many years, but this past year, because of the virus, we haven't been able to volunteer. This is our way to show our support for the great food ministry they continue to perform for the hungry in their neighborhood. During normal years, the Capuchins sponsor a walk along the lake during Polish Fest. This year, they are asking organizations to sponsor their own walks locally. We plan on doing a 1 1/2 to 2 mile walk starting at church. Everyone who registers will receive a T-shirt in the mail. They ask that you register online as soon as possible in order to receive your shirt before the walk.

Please do the following steps to register online:

1. Go to the website "capuchinwalk.org"
2. Hit "Capuchin walk for the hungry"
3. Hit "Register"
4. Hit "Tickets"
5. Hit the "As a team member" button
6. Hit "Get tickets"
7. Enter the team name "United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay"
8. You can then follow the rest of the steps in order to give them your information. Note that adult tickets are \$30 and children are \$20. Online payment is by credit card or by PayPal.



If you wish to pay by check, you will need to email your information to John Wierschem at jjwiers@sbcglobal.net. Your check should be made out to UMCWFB and sent to church. Please put "Capuchin Walk" in the memo section.

If you have any questions feel free to contact John Wierschem at the above email.

Let's hope for wonderful weather and a terrific turnout for this very important cause.

Notes from the Board

Spring is in the air, and with it, the hope of spiritual renewal and a re-engagement of our church community. There are many ways to re-engage - the Vigil for Peace on April 2, the Requiem at both services on April 3, Palm Sunday on April 10, Holy Week and Easter on April 17, and the Children's Musical on April 24. Come and feed your soul this month.

Charge Conference

This year's Charge Conference will be held on Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m. Charge Conference is an annual all-church meeting where the business of the church is conducted. Our outgoing District Superintendent, Rev. Forrest Wells, will preside.

Staff Parish Relations

The position of Director of Media Outreach was clarified to distinguish it from Anne Eversfield's role as Manager of Communications. Anne focuses primarily on internal communication while this new role would expand external media posts, public relations and outreach. Both Anne and the Director of Media Outreach would work together and with help from other staff to implement an overall internal/external communications strategy for the church. We are still working to fill this role and the position of Director of Membership and Engagement.

Weddings and Funerals

The church has provided families with a brochure for weddings and funerals for many years. Lynn Bennett currently serves as our weddings and funerals coordinator. However the weddings procedure fell into disuse during COVID. The wedding brochure is now being updated and another coordinator is being recruited to help families with logistics in planning a wedding at the church.

Trustees

We reviewed the renovations being considered for the Narthex.

The key renovations would include:

A coffee shop at the current site of Lydia's Treasure.

A fireplace and sitting area at the site of the current coffee area.

A new location for Lydia's Treasure created by repurposing the far (south) end of the main office.

An enclosed coat room around the coat rack on the south end of the Narthex.

A new church legacy area in the NE hallway off the Narthex.

New carpeting and flooring, where needed.

Art for the blank white walls and improved lighting.

The cost of the renovations would be \$200,000. The funds would come from the Capital Fund and funds raised in a capital campaign.

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Finances

FY 2021-2022 Budget - we had a weak February with \$41,022 in pledge and \$3,218 in non-pledge income. This led to a \$22,479 deficit for the month which reduced our surplus for the year to \$34,205. This is similar to the \$38,599 surplus at this time last year. We project that the budget will balance at the end of the fiscal year which is June 30. Although revenues will be below budget, expenses will also be below budget due to open staff positions and lower than expected Trustee expenses.

Capital Account, Future Fund and Properties Capital Fund - our Capital Account and Future Fund remained the same at \$68,501 and \$97,435, respectively, and the Properties Capital Fund remained at \$213,507.

Paycheck Protection Program Grant

The church has received a second Paycheck Protection Program grant of \$196,000. The ALB is still discussing how it should be used but there is a strong desire to provide more consistent raises for staff. Our longest tenured staff have received only 3 or 4 small raises in the last 15 years. The last Paycheck Protection Program grant was used primarily to provide bonuses to staff.

Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget

The board reviewed the first draft of the FY 2022-23 budget. Although actual pledges are projected to remain the same as the FY 2021-budget, revenue from non-pledge income, Christmas offering, and NSSS are projected to be lower. Expenses are not expected to increase.

Pledge Drive

The pledge drive for the FY 2022-23 budget will run from May 22 to June 5.

BSA Troop 400 Update

The completion of an agreement governing our church's relationship with Troop 400 continues to be delayed as attorneys for the National Boy Scouts Association and the Conference work to resolve BSA's concerns with the liability provisions in the Conference's Facility Use Agreement.

Technology

There has been some confusion about Steve Brooks' role. He helps maintain the computer network and the staff laptops. He does not work with the Shelby - the church administration platform, or the website.

The next meeting of the ALB will be on Tuesday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m.



Our Birthdays for April

Joan	Modrinski	04/01	Fredric	Ehle	04/21
Laurie	Geisel	04/01	Mandy	Kliber	04/21
Priscilla	Buck	04/02	Kelly	Mulligan	04/21
Christine	Gaffney	04/02	Alana	Blegen	04/22
Susan	Abram	04/03	Mike	Lindfors	04/22
Marjorie	Hogan	04/04	Nolan	Feix	04/22
Karen	Swartzberg	04/04	Tom	Daykin	04/24
Joanne	Sook	04/04	Adelaide	Schaetzke	04/24
Lisa	Swartzmiller	04/04	Jim	Armstrong	04/25
Bruno	Pruhs	04/04	Brooke	Julian	04/25
Marina	Pruhs	04/04	Amelia	Hicks	04/25
Stephen	Motte	04/05	Marie	Sander	04/26
Kathryn	Voelz	04/05	June	Berry	04/26
Jennifer	Patrick	04/06	Bruce	Markuson	04/26
Lydia	Keith	04/07	William	Matt	04/27
Anne	Ehle	04/09	James	Thomson	04/27
Beth	Goble	04/09	Sharon	Bolingbroke	04/28
David	Dettinger	04/11	Deborah Ridley	Kern	04/28
Jennifer	Provancher	04/11	Linda	Stolz	04/28
Jack Bryan	Schultz	04/11	Gary	Summers	04/28
Judy	Linsley	04/12	Ann	Markuson	04/28
Rega	Plaster	04/12	Tom	Van Cleave	04/28
Tom	Goble	04/14	Ryan	Mortonson	04/28
Rosemary	Schroeder	04/15	Anthony	Case	04/29
Annemarie	Case	04/16	Bill	Jeselon	04/29
Jacob	Siebert	04/17	Jason	Kliber	04/29
Amelia	Zentner	04/17	Eileen	Dean	04/30
Chelsea	Montague	04/17	Kathy	Widdifield	04/30
John	Sook	04/20	Bryan	Schultz	04/30
Laura Whitney	Whitney	04/20	Dan	Murphy	04/30
			Isabelle Dorothy	Haecker	04/30