

**April 2015 Newsletter**  
**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
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“Resurrection Power”

Luke Timothy Johnson of Emory University once said something that really impressed me. He said **“one of the worst things that happened to the resurrection was that it became Easter...an event to be preached on in the past, rather than an event in the present that must be responded to. I find it regrettable, because it has enabled us to forget the radical edge of what is really being proclaimed by the resurrection, which is not about celebration of the past, but about transformation in the present.”** It was a surprising statement to hear, but it spoke to what had been going through my mind one Easter Sunday as the day was drawing to a close: “Easter is over. Did it really matter?”

As Christians, one of our greatest temptations is to containerize and reduce “Resurrection Power” to an ancient tale told about Easter Sunday—to focus on it exclusively as a “Holy-Day,” and in doing so defuse its “Holy-Power.” We both glory and argue about the details of that mysterious day as we wonder if Jesus was raised in body or in spirit, and if the story is historically true, or an ancient myth or metaphor. Who really knows? It seems to me that as Christians **our greatest concern should be to find something transformational in the story of the resurrection, something “that matters” so much that it captures our imaginations and our hearts, and reorients our thinking, our living, and our hope.**

So what might that be? What could we find in the story of the resurrection that has the power to transform our lives today? **Could it be the promise that we are not alone in our lives, even when the way seems dark, foreboding, and lonely? Could it be the promise that there is no event in life that cannot be redeemed--even if we cannot understand, or imagine, how that could be possible? Could it be the promise that ultimately the powers of hope, love, and forgiveness are the greatest powers of all the very essence of the Resurrection Power that not only raised Jesus from the dead, but also has the power to raise us out of every “tomb” we find ourselves in?**

To orient our lives around such promises is to find a new source of hope and power for our lives. But will we choose to believe in those promises and that power? Or will we choose to live our lives believing that the Resurrection Power revealed in Jesus is just an old story; a one-time event locked in history that we bring out to admire once a year-- like our Easter baskets? **Can we take the Easter story into our hearts and lives...and choose to believe that Resurrection Power is a miracle that can change our lives as well?**

As yet another Easter draws near, the word of life I would offer to each of us is this: **Choose! Choose to believe in Resurrection Power!**

Choose to believe that Easter is both a Holy-Day and a source of Holy-Power that is available to you in every moment! Choose to believe that we are not separate from God; that God does know who we are, cherishes each of us, and stands ready to offer guidance and wisdom and PEACE if we will but ask for it, listen, and be willing to receive it when it comes. Choose to believe that even though yesterday has brought us to today, yesterday cannot imprison today’s possibilities, and the new creation that tomorrow can be! Choose to believe that even in a world such as ours, the light does shine in the darkness--and the darkness can never overcome it! Choose to believe that although we don’t understand all of the mysteries of life, we can trust that its unfolding purposes will ultimately work for good—even as we work for the good of ourselves, and others!

**And choose to believe that Resurrection Power is God’s greatest gift to us--our birthright as God’s children. For we are an Easter people not because of a date on a calendar, or because of the details of an ancient story...but because of a power that promises to bring New Life into every tomb in our lives, as it did in Jesus’ life. And when we believe in that power, choose that power, trust that power, and cooperate with that power, then we will truly celebrate Easter...for then we will know that Easter really does matter! --**  
Pastor Craig

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

M 8 am - 1 pm  
T 9 am - 1 pm  
W 8 am - 12:30, 1 pm to 4:30  
Th 8 am - 12:30, 1 pm to 4:30  
F 9 am - 1 pm

## ATTENDANCE

March 1	70	March 8	91
March 15	105	March 22	70
March 29			

### Church Staff

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The anti-cancer lifestyle -

Maintain a healthy weight and exercise at least 30 minutes every day.  
Eat a mostly plant-based diet.  
Limit the amount of processed snack-type foods you eat.  
Limit red meat to less than 3 oz. a day.  
Limit fatty food, especially those of animal origin.  
Use modest amounts of vegetable oils in cooking.  
Cut back on salt.  
Limit alcohol.  
Don't eat charred foods. Limit the amount of grilled meat and fish you eat.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

2 - Rolf Yungclas  
2 - Karin Yungclas  
2 - Scott Sjoberg  
3 - Dorothy Stearns  
4 - Sherry Leksell  
5 - Jessica Paterson  
9 - Wil Groves  
9 - Lynn Leksell  
15 - Jonah Alan Fiala  
15 - Cori Fogle  
15 - Lorraine McCoskey  
15 - Becky Barrett  
16 - Jacob Lahr  
17 - Alaina Imhoff  
18 - Shelby Brim  
19 - Christy Fiala  
19 - Arden Schlitter  
20 - Gen Carroll  
22 - Lauren Christine Stirling  
25 - Hailey Marie Brim  
26 - Patty Yungclas



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

4 - Alan & Karin Yungclas  
17 - Bob & Leah Maass  
28 - James & Gretchen McGlynn



## Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday Worship—April 2, 7 p.m.

"The Hour Has Come" is the theme of our annual Maundy Thursday worship service, to be held at 7 p.m. on April 2. Come and listen to the story of the passion of Jesus, sing hymns of sorrow and hope, and share the sacrament of holy communion... as we keep vigil with Jesus during Holy Week.

## Easter Sunday—April 5

Easter is the pinnacle of the Christian faith, the day of our greatest celebration as Jesus “conquers sin and death, and reconciles the world to himself.” Join us at 8:30 a.m. for our “Son-Rise” Easter morning service, to be held in the sanctuary. Following the Son-Rise service breakfast will be served by the Christian Education Board beginning at 9 a.m., with an Easter egg hunt to follow. At 10:30 a.m. we will gather in the sanctuary for our traditional Easter Service. Communion will be offered at both services: intinction at the 8:30 service, and pew communion at the 10:30 service.

## Thrift Sale April 24 & 25



Spring Cleaning and Sorting  
**Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25** - Women's Fellowship will be conducting their semi-annual Thrift Sale.  
**Wed. April 22** - We will be accepting those items cluttering up your lives.

If you need assistance transporting your items, call Cindy Henning – 297-0422 or email [jbhfam@mchsi.com](mailto:jbhfam@mchsi.com).

**Please note** - Bringing items that **are clean, complete, and in good repair**. We will **no longer accept older TVs** because do not have anyone to take them after the sale.

Thank you for your donations and help making this fundraiser a success.

### In Memorium

Our prayers are with the family of Charles Leslie McMurray, who passed away on March 11. A memorial service was held for Charles in our sanctuary on Wednesday, March 18. Charles was a devoted husband, father, friend, and a business and community leader. He was also a lifelong member of First Congregational and served in many capacities, including Sunday School Teacher, Trustee, and choir

member. In his 89 years of life Charles touched many lives! He will be greatly missed.

### Myra Maxon

Funeral services for Myra will be held on Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 a.m. at First Congregational UCC. Visitation will be at Foster's Funeral Home on Friday, April 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Baptism of Talon Stockdale



Talon was baptized during worship on Sunday, March 15. He is the son of Troy and Emily Stockdale and the little brother of Ava Stockdale.

### Meals'N More

Join us on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 6:00 as the Mission Board hosts a lasagna dinner. Celebrate April Fool's Day with us!

### Mission Trip

Mission Board has been discussing the possibility of organizing another mission trip for 2015. At our March meeting Pastor Craig brought some information about doing a trip to the Appalachian area in either Tennessee or Kentucky. This would be a 'doing' trip where we would be working to help families in this poverty stricken area make their homes more livable. As we discussed this possibility our preliminary thoughts are that we would make this a 6 day trip, having 4 days to work and 2 travel days. Food and lodging would be provided there with an approximate cost of \$65.00/day per person. At this time this is all the farther we have gone in the planning, as we are now needing to know who in the church

would be interested in this trip. If you are one of those, please talk to Pastor Craig, Gayle Olson, Ginnie Veach, Lorraine McCoskey, or Karin Yungclas. When we know who is interested a meeting will be set up to talk about the best time to try and schedule this trip.

**Please make your interest known by the first couple of days in April.** Mission Board

### **Children's Books Needed**

Webster City will again hold a Summer lunch program at Webster City Middle school beginning June 8, and children's books are again wanted for the book give away that is part of the program. If you have any young people's books to spare please bring them to the church office, or to Pastor Craig.

### **Poverty in America**

One of the chief concerns of Christians is to offer help and hope to the poor of the world. But what happens when the "poor" are in our communities, our neighborhoods, and even in our families? What constitutes "poverty" in a first-world nation like ours? What are the causes of poverty in America, and what does it look like in our communities? Most importantly, what can we as Christians do to help alleviate poverty in our own country? These questions and others will be explored with a timely and provocative look at "Poverty in America", beginning Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. In three one-hour sessions participants will examine their own beliefs about poverty and the causes of poverty in the U.S., study statistics about poverty in the U.S., and watch video resources on poverty including "The Line", a Sojourner's documentary about the struggle to stay above the poverty line in America today. Join us for an important look at a topic that should concern us all!

### **Thanks**

■ Thank you for your donation to Outreach, Inc. through the Webster City Kiwanis, for the meals packed for Tanzania.

The second children's center was opened in the summer of 2014 in the village of Manyoni. You are helping the street children in both Sirgida and in Manyoni. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Kathy & Floyd and the Outreach Team

■ Dear Pastor and People at First Congregational, Connections are an essential component of living systems. Connections – relationships, common projects, and – yes – financial support! – make a church system living and robust or in the absence of that support, puny and ineffective. I am profoundly grateful for the OCWM support that your church commits for the vitality of the United Church of Christ in Iowa, across our nation, and into the world. Thank you. My staff and I work very hard to advance the health and vitality of our member congregations. Your financial support helped make that possible. God bless you as your ministry – and our common ministry – unfolds in 2015! Thank you so much and God bless you! With gratefulness and hope!  
Rich Pleva  
Conference Minister – UCC in Iowa

### **New Members**

On March 8 we welcomed 6 people into membership at First Congregational UCC! They are: Brandon Arkland, Charles and Alyssa Kenville, Kaleb Sterler Brenda Johnston, and Sally McIntyre. We rejoice that they are uniting with us and continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ in our midst!

9:15 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Webster City, Iowa**  
**Cabinet Meeting – March 10, 2015**

**Members Present:**

Moderator-----Luverne Bierle	Pastor-----Rev. Craig Blaufuss
Vice-Moderator-----	Trustees-----Tom Riemenschneider
Finance Sec.-----Myra Maxon	Women's Fellowship---Joyce Gelhaus
Finance-----Tracy Wehrhan	Mission-----Ginnie Veach
Staff/Parish-----Dalene Schlitter	Worship-----Holly Riemenschneider
Christian Ed-----Vicki Blaufuss	Evangelism-----Wilma Reinsel
Clerk-----Mary Van Diest	Treasurer-----Luverne Bierle

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Moderator, Luverne Bierle. Rev. Blaufuss gave a meditation, "Thought on Lent", and a prayer. Myra Maxon moved with a second by Dalene Schlitter to approve the minutes of the February cabinet meeting as printed in the March newsletter. Motion carried. Committee and board reports were open for review and discussion. Hospitality reported that there will be two greeters and two ushers will be used going forward. Finance reported that the chairman is Duane Vavroch, secretary is Dale Olson and cabinet representative is Tracy Wehrhan. Luverne presented the Treasurer's report: February offering of \$13,120.28 and expenses of \$14,586.00. Luverne moved and Tracy seconded that the report be put to audit. Motion carried. The Renovation Project was discussed under Pending Business. As the bid is higher than the estimate and readily available money, the Trustees are investigating the possibilities on how to make this all feasible before advancing on the project.

**REPORTS OF PASTOR, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**Pastor's Report:** Lent has been filled with a variety of events in our worship life together. On Ash Wednesday 26 people gathered in East Chapel to observe the start of Lent. On Feb. 15, Presley Halliday was baptized and on March 15<sup>th</sup> Talon Stockdale will be baptized during worship. During worship on Feb. 22 Katie Sonsalla led our children in singing. They will also be singing on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Also on that day Leah Maass' Sunday school class will perform a skit that they are presently rehearsing. Nancy Shelton has returned to lead our choir. On March 8<sup>th</sup> during worship, we received six new members into our church. In the coming days Maundy Thursday (April 2) will be observed with a service of word and sacrament beginning at 7:00 pm. On Easter Sunday a "Son-Rise" service will be held at 8:30 am with an Easter breakfast hosted by the Christian Ed Board following this service. At 10:30 am a traditional Easter Service will be held with pew communion being offered. On April 12 Ann Sherve-Ose will lead our KLAB students in singing and playing the ORFF instruments during worship. A memorial service will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> for Rose Deakman. Details will be announced after Craig meets with the family. Two additional upcoming events; May 17<sup>th</sup> is "Promotion" Sunday for the Sunday School and on Pentecost, May 24<sup>th</sup>, confirmation will be held. Faith Methodist opted not to host a men's Lenten Luncheon this year. KLAB has been studying Lent, practicing ORFF instruments and learned about St. Patrick. Due to spring break there will be no KLAB on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Ann Sherve-Ose will work with music on March 5, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The last day of KLAB before summer recess will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. The date for our annual Lock-In for KLAB has not yet been set. The Confirmation Class has begun studying the church and worship. The next field trip will be to the Hindu Temple in Madrid on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The class also wants to tour the grotto in West Bend. One student has withdrawn from the confirmation class. In the Adult Education Class weekly conversations based on pre-selected topics of interest to the class are being discussed. The current discussion is on "forgiveness." Beginning Wed., April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm Pastor Craig will lead a 3 week study of "poverty in America" using video resources including "the Line", which is a Sojourner's documentary about the struggle to stay above the poverty line. Under WCMA it was reported that police chief Shiloh Mork met with community pastors to explain how the local police

dept. administers the Traveler's Fund. Rev. Jeff Flagg of Asbury met with Pastor Craig to discuss VBS dates and programming: he is suggesting dates of July 6-10, with an early afternoon program following the summer lunch program rather than an evening program. Reporting from the NE Assn. Committee on Ministry, the subcommittee will meet with Blairsburg Congregational Church for a Periodic Support Consultation on April 8<sup>th</sup>. On April 15<sup>th</sup> the NW Association annual meeting will be held in Castana.

**Staff/Parish:** Present at Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were Verna Bierle, Stephanie Hill, Greta Oberender, Dalene Schlitter, Mark Vance, Shirley Yungclas and Pastor Craig Blaufuss. Verna and Stephanie were welcomed as new members and were given print outs from the Constitution describing the duties of Staff/Parish. Greta Oberender was elected as Chairman, Shirley Yungclas as Secretary and Dalene Schlitter as cabinet representative. Pastor Craig is meeting with a sub-committee of church members to form a Safeguard Policy. This deals with safeguarding church children in regard to sexual conduct. Eventually it is expected that church insurance coverage will require this policy. The staff interview process was discussed and the following assignments were made: Verna and Greta will meet with Administrative Assistant Michele Omvig, Mark and Dalene will meet with Custodian Curt McCoskey, Dalene and Greta will meet with Pastor Craig Blaufuss, Shirley and Stephanie will meet with Organist Myra Maxon and Stephanie and Shirley will meet with choir Director Nancy Shelton. Rosine Kennedy will rehearse with the choir while Nancy Shelton recuperates. Ann Sherve-Ose will rehearse the KLAB kids every other week with the ORFF instruments until KLAB ends in May. Organist, Myra Maxon, was briefly in the hospital but is now at home resting. Next meeting is Wed., April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:15 pm.

**Evangelism Board:** Present at the Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were Laurie Epps and Wilma Reinsel. Wilma reported on the individuals and families she sent cards to over the past few months. Training will be given on the defibrillator this spring. There are openings in Stephen Ministers for matches for 4 women Stephen Ministers. All of the men are currently matched. Grief Support will offer 3 classes this year; one in the spring, one in the fall and one in November for "Making it through the holidays". Al Fiala and Ginnie Veach will be in charge of the spring meetings. We are researching doing a grief support group for children and families, but no decision has been made yet. Ongoing education for Stephen Ministers this year will be from the Stephen Ministry Book, "Christian Caregiving." The classes will be taught by Pastor Craig, Dale Olson and Sharon Perry. An email was received from Mabel Prescott on care concerns for one of our members. The Hospitality Board remains busy with managing the greeters, ushers and nursery duty volunteers. They also hosted the Fellowship Coffee this past Sunday. Our officers for this year will be: Chairperson and secretary-Laurie Epps; Stephen Ministry and Cabinet representative-Sharon Perry. Wilma will continue sending out our We Care Cards, manage the Welcome Bags, Christmas Tree Ornaments and be the alternate cabinet representative.

**Board of Trustees:** Present at the Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were Tom Riemenschneider, Les Ploeger, Bruce Perry, Pastor Craig and Joyce Gelhaus. Absent were Stacy Wearda and Gretchen Bruner. Mark Trueblood will start working on the new air system for Fellowship Hall on February 16<sup>th</sup>. It will take around three weeks. Most of the work will be done above the Fellowship Hall. He will only remove what he needs to on the old duct work. He will coordinate with Jaycox and Rod Rouse to get the electrical, ceiling and ducts taken care of. Wayne Schlotfeldt sent the information out to contractors about the renovation project. At least 6 have shown interest. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> is the date bids are due. The coat rack is partially up. Instead of dropping the next part down for the kids we want it at the same level. When the elevator was inspected it was found to have about a foot of water in the pit. The hose on the sump pump was frozen on the outside and caused the water to be dumped by the foundation. When the hose was fixed and the water was pumped out it made ice on the sidewalk, which was blocked off for safety reasons. The quilters and nursery have finished switching their rooms. The old nursery was painted. All the toys were gone through and cleaned. The toys out in the hallway are for the Thrift Sale in April. The brochure area in Fellowship Hall will be removed. A top will be needed for the bottom cabinet; Tom will visit with Jaycox about it. This cabinet will be moved to the area by the church office. The old communion table will be removed. We will contact the Memorial Committee to see if they would buy a new table and chairs for people to gather by in Fellowship Hall, replacing the old octagonal table and chairs. The small table by the Fellowship Hall entry door will be put on the Thrift Sale. It was approved that the old kitchen in the

basement will be removed and move the new Christmas Trees and other large Christmas decorations. Les will look at the plumbing, if he cannot find a shut off he will call a plumber. The Task Force will be filled when there is a task to do. The Technology Committee will be treated as a Task Force and be filled if there are technology needs. The next meeting will be when renovation bids are received. Present at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting: Tom Riemenschneider, Les Ploeger, Bruce Perry, Joyce Gelhaus, Gretchen Bruner (phone) and Pastor Craig. Absent was Stacy Wearda. The coat rack is almost finished. There will not be a lower level accessible for kids. Mark Trueblood will start work on the new air system by the end of the month. The Trustees met on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, will move shelving on the second floor rooms where the new air unit is to go. The sink from the old kitchen in the basement has been removed and taken to scrap processors. We will finish cleaning out the old kitchen in the basement on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Wil Groves has requested to use the church on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for the Community Theatre. This was approved. We reviewed the renovation bid that was received on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from Jensen Builders. There was a lengthy discussion on our options of what to do since the bid did come in above the estimate. We did contact several individuals that are involved with the project and discussed the financing of the project and the extra expenses that will occur. A motion was made by Les to accept the bid and have Finance work on the payment of the renovation. Bruce seconded and motion carried. The Trustees will be meeting with the Finance Board soon. A report was made for the Finance Committee to show the estimates, bids, add-ons, extra cost, funds on hand and funds needed. The next meeting will be with the Finance Board.

**Mission Board:** Met on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen hygiene kits were mailed in February. The Shoeman Water Project continues. Please bring shoes, which will be resold to provide clean water, to the collection bin in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Craig and Lorraine McCosky will promote One Great Hour of Sharing offering on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The supper/program with Steve and Cami Mather was well attended. A donation was received from the congregation. Beacon of Hope Meal will be on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The theme for this year's D/SAOC cake auction (April 12<sup>th</sup>) is utensils/ingredients for a Gourmet Cook. Our church's contribution has received the highest bid for several years!! The Mission Board will be serving the April Meals'n More with a lasagna dinner on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. It is April Fool's Day so be ready for fun. A mission trip for summer 2015 is still under discussion. This would probably be a working trip. If you are interested, let a mission board member know. An educational opportunity on the subject of Economic Justice will be offered for three sessions; April 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the church. A Sojourners video will be shown and discussion of current economic issues will be held. There will be more information later on the "Reach Out and Read" project. Next meeting will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm.

**Worship Board:** Present at the Feb. 12 meeting were Gretchen McGlynn, Audrey Burnett, Holly Riemenschneider, Troy Stockdale and Pastor Craig. Holly will be the cabinet representative but the chairperson, secretary, person responsible for pulpit supply ministers and person in charge of securing and preparing elements positions are still vacant. The board will continue to meet on second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Linda Lahr volunteered to help with communion on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Still need someone to assist her. Gretchen will make sure that the elements are in the church kitchen. A pulpit supply minister for the Sunday after Christmas will be needed. Pastor Craig brought to our attention that it might be possible to find videos that would provide the sermon for such occasions. People would still be needed to help with the service, but the sermon would be shown on the screens. A motion was made and passed that a video license be purchased at a cost of \$225.00 This allows us to legally show videos/clips at movie night, during worship, Sunday School, etc.

**Women's Fellowship:** Steve and Cami Mathers accepted \$300 to give to Ana (Romanian) to help her obtain paper work. She will be working at the camp and hopes to come to the U.S. when the Mathers return. She is also helping girls getting out of trafficking. The Lenten luncheons are March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the Baptist church and they will also be doing the devotions. Please sign-up by Monday if you plan to attend the luncheon. The Executive Board will provide the coffee for the new members Sunday. KLAB is covered for several weeks. The May birthdays at the Care Centers will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with Southfield at 1:15 and Crestview at 2:00 pm. The Sister Act will provide the program. Each circle is asked to provide one worker and 3 dozen cookies which should be at the church on May 2<sup>nd</sup> before noon.

The Women's Fellowship May Dinner will be held on Wed., May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Mabel Prescott will provide the program on Kiva. Morning Star is responsible for decorations and Haystack circle will be hostess. Please bring a copy of the circle reports to give to Cindy. The Thrift Sale will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Shoeman Project will accept donations thru May.

Next cabinet meeting will be April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Van Diest, Church Clerk

### Treasurer's Report

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>February</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
Pledges and Offerings	\$13,120.28	\$22,352.28
Other Income	5.72	13.53
Memorial/Special Income/Interest	1,169.99	2,811.41
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$14,259.99</b>	<b>\$25,177.22</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Outreach and Mission	\$1,583.33	\$2,621.71
Pastoral Services	5,291.08	10,372.16
Maintenance and Repairs	2,774.43	5,123.93
Church Office	4,213.57	6,061.28
Music Ministry	612.50	1,225.00
Christian Education	0.00	170.89
Local Ministry	37.45	37.45
Misc. Expenses	73.64	761.05
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$14,586.00</b>	<b>\$26,373.47</b>



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God is still speaking  
to everyone in the home of:

