

PEACEPRESS



Pastor's Perspective



In the latter stages of Israel's history, they would slowly succumb to their powerful and expansionist neighbor to the north, Babylon. This 'exile' at the hands of Babylon emerged not simply as a historical fact (dated to 587 B.C.E.), but also in their theological imagination as a dire and ever-present apocalyptic threat.

Babylon became symbolic of social and cultural realms devoid of God and given over to the always present death-dealing idols of perversion.

In the book of Revelation, the concepts of Babylon and the Roman Empire are used interchangeably. Chapter 18 is titled "The Fall of Babylon", although this chapter and the entire book are about the dreamed of Rome. Babylon then, by the time of the New Testament, had become a catch-all phrase designating any nation that subscribes to the powers of death. Powers expressed in greed, hatred, exploitation, violence, personal waywardness, and systemic oppression.

This concept of 'Babylon' has risen to the top of my consciousness as I follow some of the trends in our land. Consider these facts as to their Babylonian qualities:

- According to the Centers for Disease Control, from 2017 to 2021, the rates of STD syphilis increased by nearly 74%, and congenital syphilis – when a mother passes the infection to her baby during pregnancy – increased more than 203%.

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- The U.S. continues to have the largest war machine in history, with our 2023 ‘defense budget’ at \$847 billion (Defense & Energy Departments), outspending the next ten (10) countries combined. We are also the largest arms dealer in the world with \$80.9 billion in sales in 2023. Currently, we are sending billions of dollars in arms to Israel, while providing humanitarian relief to those in Gaza at the receiving end of our weapons.
- Gambling in the U.S. has taken on ever-expanding forms. Casinos, lotteries, sports betting, and online gambling among other smaller forms are now a huge industry in our land. In 2021, the gambling industry pocketed over \$53 billion with 466 commercial casinos in operation now as well as 515 tribal casinos.
- According to the Gun Violence Archive, as of February 15th, 4,994 people have died from gun violence in the U.S. this year, an average of 108 deaths per day. Another 3,351 people have been wounded.

I could certainly go on, but the news can be numbing. Nonetheless, what is happening in America echoes the Babylonian existence ancient Israel experienced in their day. That is, life lived daily among loss, endless violence, political division, anger, and despair. What to do?

Repent...Recommit...Resurrect.

Lent gives us an opportunity to act. First, as individuals, we must turn away (repent) from the worldly values of anger, resentment, greed, and hyper-individualism. Second, we must recommit to the teachings and values of Christ as indicated in the Gospel of Matthew chapters 5-7. Third, through prayer and study, we can find resurrection (new life!) through the giving of ourselves to the building of the Kingdom of God, a land of peace, love, justice, and forgiveness. As a friend of mine likes to say “It’s simple...but it ain’t easy.”

In the end, Christians are a people of hope, committed to God’s dream of a world without want, where the human family lives together in harmony and peace. The cynics among us will scoff, but the faithful will find a new leash on life. God’s word in Deuteronomy 30:15 lays it out clearly: “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.”

So, what’s it gonna be?

Pastor Tom

A Note from Elisabeth

What a month March is for spiritual growth and celebration!

We begin and spend almost all month in the season of Lent, and then on the very last day of the month we celebrate the Resurrection.

On February 11th and again on Ash Wednesday, we sang Spirit of the Living God (p. 259) during the worship services. The third line of this hymn is:

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

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What a wonderful prayer for the season of Lent. We can take a moment and focus on each of the verbs in this line and envision God re-creating us as we approach Easter. Our hymns carry such powerful messages and direction.

Our choir plans for March include special music each week. Two anthems and also a duet focus on Jesus as the Lamb.

John 1:29 says: The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “**Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**” (NIV)

These songs provide us the devotional focus of truly seeing Jesus as the Lamb of God – God’s precious, obedient, sacrificial Son.

On Palm Sunday, we will be asking the congregation to join us in singing a song appropriately entitled Hosanna written by Carl Tuttle.

Easter morning the choir will be sharing In Christ Alone by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend.

Psalm 98:4 gives us all our musical direction for Easter Sunday: **Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;** (NIV)

Have a blessed Alleluia Easter!



Members of our wonderful choir

Empowering Our Youth to Lead the Church

In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the valuable role youth can play as leaders within a church community. By empowering youth to take on leadership roles, we can foster their spiritual growth, cultivate a sense of belonging, and promote active participation in the life of the church. We witnessed this firsthand on 2/18 as our PUC Youth took over and led us in worship!

In the time of Jesus, children were very much disregarded and only deemed useful for working for the family and carrying on the family lineage. This is why we don't know much about His childhood- no one paid attention or cared or thought of children as important. So when we hear Jesus call the children to Him in Luke 19:16, this is just another radical statement that He made.

A call to change the narrative and ways of human living to meet the desires of God's heart for His creation. And I am all here for it! Involvement in leadership positions in the church allows youth to deepen their understanding of faith and develop a personal relationship with God. When youth are given opportunities to lead, they feel valued and included in the church community. This sense of belonging fosters positive relationships with peers and adults, reinforcing their commitment to the church. Taking on leadership roles helps youth build essential skills such as communication, decision-making, and teamwork. These skills are not only valuable within our church context but also prepare youth for future leadership roles in various aspects of their lives. Empowering youth as leaders encourages interaction and collaboration between different age groups within the church. Recall Gabby Goode excitedly running to Doris Yeates to ring the bells at the end of the service on 2/18!

Empowering youth as leaders in the church is not only beneficial for their individual growth but also enriches our entire church community. By embracing youth's leadership potential, we can nurture a new generation of faithful, engaged, and empowered believers who are equipped to make a positive impact in the world. And I know we all at Peace UCC are here for that!

Rhiannon Kelly



Women's Fellowship

On Tuesday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m. the Women's Fellowship will have a special presentation by our very own Rick Owen. Rick has been practicing as an Occupational Therapy Assistant for 26 years. He graduated from Stanley County Community College in May 1997. Rick also worked in Skilled nursing for 20 years and was a rehab manager for 6 years. In addition, he has worked in Home Health for 4 years and is currently working at Moses Cone Hospital in Acute Care.

The theme of the discussion is how to have a better quality of life by improving your health. Some of the specific topics that will be discussed include:

- Equipping your home safely to avoid falls.
- Maintaining balance for your body
- Easy exercises for specific concerns
- Energy conservation
- Responding to dizziness



There will be a question and answer session following the presentation. All are welcome to attend and learn more about how to live a healthier life.

Sharing Their Talents with Peace

Many thanks to David Murray, Rev. Dr. David Hirano, Rhiannon Kelly, and the youth of Peace Church for contributing their talents in leading our worship services while Pastor Tom was in Cuba.



David's sermon title on February 11th was "Beloved". While it fits with the theme of love heading into Valentine's Day, he informed us that his sermon title was influenced by one of the beloved heroes of the Bible, David, whose name indeed means beloved. (The moniker is derived from the Hebrew name Dawid, which evolved from the Hebrew word dod (beloved).)

David spoke about how David was anointed by Samuel and became the chosen one from God. David not only was a shepherd, but he was also a talented harpist who soothed Saul who was tormented by an evil spirit. David became an armor-bearer for Saul. It was young David who stood up to the Philistine bully, Goliath and struck him in the forehead with a stone from his slingshot. His story was one of having great faith: "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies

of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

The Rev. Dr. David Hirano delivered the imposition of ashes during the Ash Wednesday service on February 14th. Rev. Hirano said that receiving the ashes is a very ancient custom and one that he really likes because it "reminds him of his humanity and that one day this body will leave but the soul will be taken and lifted up and be with those other souls that have departed, especially the soul of the one who is called Jesus."

Ash Wednesday is also day one of the Lenten season where many believers take time over the next 40 days to reflect on their lives, confess sins, seek repentance, and prepare spiritually for the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus for all of us with His death on the cross and triumphant Resurrection at Easter.



Gabby and Keegan Goode with Rev. Hirano (right)



Darryl Clark, Janie Clark and Sandra Hirano receive ashes in the sign of the cross.



The youth of the church led the worship service on February 18th with Youth Director Rhiannon Kelly delivering the sermon “Jesus in the Garden with Us.” It was a sermon that humanized Jesus in a very relatable way.

Rhiannon spoke on when we really let our hearts answer, “What is home to you?” We find HOME is more of a connotation of who, not where. It is a feeling- it is memories, experiences, and relationships with people who have shaped us, taught us, loved us, and created us. It is where we go to find comfort and ease the troubles of our human condition. The people who “get us”. When we really let our hearts answer, “What is home to you?” Jesus displayed the very human emotions of fear, sorrow, and anxiety in the Garden. He showed us His vulnerability.

Here, in the garden of Gethsemane, a place of nature- God’s beautiful creation, where Jesus found His sanctuary- a place he felt at HOME- Jesus shows us His true humanity. He is God and yet He is also human. He is like us. He validates the emotions we have that often today’s society tends to disregard or try to damper or tell us to just pick ourselves up and get over it. Jesus was stressed out. Jesus was worried. Jesus was afraid. Jesus yelled at God and begged Him. Jesus cried.

She went on to say that God wants us to be honest with Him. To find our place of sanctuary and solitude to be with Him alone and be real with our thoughts and feelings through our prayers- our conversations with Him. God gets us, He cares, He loves us. He is HOME for us.

Rhiannon closed by reminding us of where we may find our place of HOME. HOME is where you find sanctuary whether it be your backyard, your family room, your grandma’s house, your garden, or in your heart’s memories, and take time to embrace your place of devotion and connection. HOME with your people who are HOME to you- those who get you, those who give you energy and life. BE at HOME and bring yourself closer to those preparing our eternal HOME- God, our ancestors, our beloved who are there waiting for us, and Jesus- who knows us and gets our human condition.



Garden of Gethsemane



**Dear God,
Thank you for this beautiful
Sunday to share at Peace
Church. Help us to remember
that God is always there even
when you are feeling anxious
and upset. In Jesus’ name we
pray. Amen.**

-Written by Logan Hindson

We are so very proud of the youth who led the worship service.

Back: Madeline Owen, and Charleston Eller.

Front: Gabby Goode, Keegan Goode, Archie Jolliff, Gus Eller, and Drew Hindson.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Rev. Dr. David Hirano has an extensive educational, ecumenical, international, and ministerial resume? He was born in Japan and grew up in Hawaii. He graduated from Wake Forest University in 1957 in the first class after it moved to Winston-Salem. He graduated from Andover Newton Theological School in 1960 and became associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Beverly, MA. While there, he met the lovely and talented Sandra E. Sparks. They were married in 1962 and have two sons, Peter and Scott.



David served as pastor of churches in Massachusetts, California, Hawaii, and Chicago. While in California, he graduated from the School of Theology at Claremont with a Doctorate in Theology in 1974. From 1974 to 1987 he was senior pastor at Nuuanu Congregational Church in Honolulu. From 1990 to 1994 he served as UCC Connecticut Conference Minister. From 1994-1999 he was Executive Vice President of the United Church Board for World Ministries. When he retired from that position, he moved back to Hawaii and served ten interims until 2018 when, as Sandra says, “he finally RETIRED!!! He’s been everywhere, man! He’s been everywhere.”

Sandra has been his faithful partner in ministry and life. She is an expert in setting up church financial systems, including ours!

We are so blessed and thankful that they retired to Piedmont Crossing in Thomasville and became members of Peace Church where they continue to be faithful disciples of our Lord.

Thank You Cindy!!!

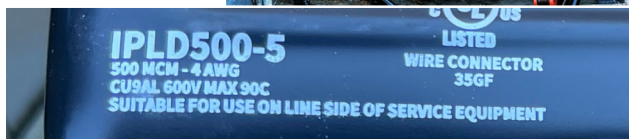
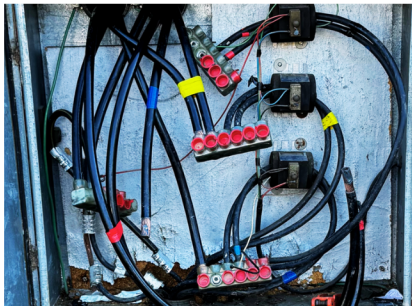
The Consistory recently received a letter of resignation from Cindy Spillers after over 30 years of dedicated service as the Chair of our Missions Committee. While she will continue to help out with our mission work, a new Chair is being sought.

A Certificate of Appreciation and floral bouquet was presented to her at the February meeting of the Women’s Fellowship. Thank you, Cindy Spillers, for your dedication to the Missions Committee!!!



Solar Panel Update

(below) The correct tap with the “suitable” line that was needed for installation to the electrical panel box outside (right).



The taps for the solar panels arrived and have been installed! We are now waiting to hear if we have passed the final inspection. Once this happens we can begin planning a date for the dedication of the solar panels.

Thanks to donations from friends, family, and church members, we have raised **\$28,560 toward our goal of \$35,292.**

Our loan with the UCC Cornerstone Fund totals \$93,275.00 which is the amount it cost to purchase and install the solar panels. We have been granted a \$30,000 Duke Power rebate as well as a \$27,983 Federal rebate. **The balance that is needed to fully pay off the loan is \$6,732.** This is the amount Peace Church still needs to raise.

UCC Cuba Study Seminar 2024

On Friday, February 9th, nine members of the U.C.C. Cuba Study Seminar touched down in Havana, Cuba for a 10-day cultural immersion trip. Designed to teach participants about the history and culture of this beautiful Caribbean island, the trip is led by Rev. Tom Warren and Kim Miller of Peace UCC in Greensboro. This year's trip included UCC members from churches in Ohio, Texas, and Pennsylvania.

Traveling by bus and guided by a bi-lingual tour guide, the seminar explored the capital city of Havana for three days; Santa Clara, the home of the Che Guevara National Monument, for one day; and Santiago in the east, Cuba's second-largest city, for four days. Along the way seminar participants had the opportunity to worship at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Havana, meet with Cuban doctors at a medical clinic, discuss religious freedom with a representative of the Cuban Communist Party, take in a choir concert, as well as enjoy local foods at various Cuban restaurants.



Meeting with the Religious Affairs Director of the Cuban Communist Party, Aldo Arbois (man in red).

Street in Old Havana with the Capital Building in the background.



Participants also visited San Juan Hill in Santiago, the site of a key battle in the Spanish-Cuban-American War.

The highlight of each year's trip is the time we spend with the Lavastida Christian Center in Santiago. Now in its 25th year of service, the Lavastida Center sponsors over 75 programs in and around the city of Santiago addressing various issues including domestic violence, food security, theological education, counseling, and gender issues to name but a few. Both Peace UCC in Greensboro and the Pleasant Hill UCC church in Tennessee have partnerships with the Lavastida Center.



Bible study at the Lavastida Center

Cuba has been under a severe economic embargo imposed by the United States since 1960, and the evidence of its destructive impacts is clear. While Cuba has survived these painful 60+ years, since the pandemic, which required the temporary suspension of their tourist industry, long lines for fuel, food, and shortages of medicine are now a daily reality. As part of our trip, we talked with local Cubans about their struggles, hopes for the future, and how North Americans might best be in solidarity with the Cuban people.

Cuba is a nation of beautiful people who, despite our government's historic tensions, embrace our group and all Americans with open arms. The UCC Cuba Study Seminar, traveling each year to Cuba since 1980, is an ongoing effort at bridge building centered on our Christian faith. The 2025 trip is scheduled for January 10th-19th. Those who are interested in seeing Cuba firsthand are encouraged to contact Rev. Tom Warren at uccubastudy@gmail.com.

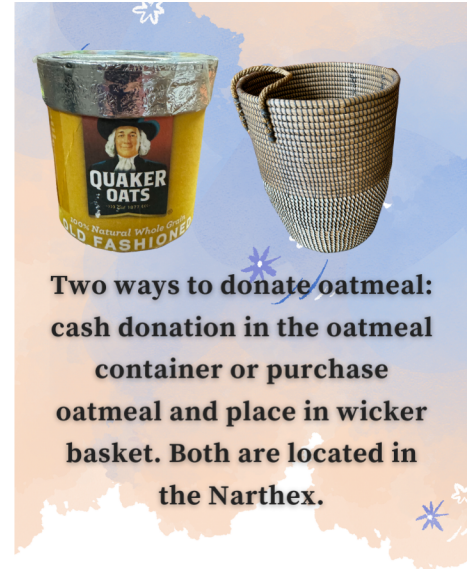
Oatmeal Sundays

One of the ongoing missions of Peace is our partnership with the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry. The GUM Food Pantry has provided food for people at risk of hunger in Guilford County for over thirty years. Food insecurity in Guilford County is a serious problem with nearly 90,000 people living with food insecurity.

The GUM Food Pantry is a "choice" pantry where guests get to come in and choose the foods they would like to take home. The pantry provides emergency groceries to community members struggling to access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for a healthy diet.

One of the staples Peace Church provides to the GUM pantry is oatmeal. On the first Sunday of every month, you can make a monetary donation to be placed in the special container on the table in the Narthex or provide an actual container of oatmeal and place it in the designated bin in the Narthex. Easy peasy.

While the concept years ago was that \$1 could buy a box of oatmeal, inflation has said otherwise. The actual cost of purchasing oatmeal at a chain grocery store is as follows:



National Brand
1.69 oz
\$1.49-\$1.99

National Brand
42 oz
\$5.94-\$7.99

Store Brand
42 oz
\$3.69-\$4.19

Store Brands
10 ct. packets
\$1.82-\$3.99

National Brand
10 ct. packets
\$2.19-\$4.18

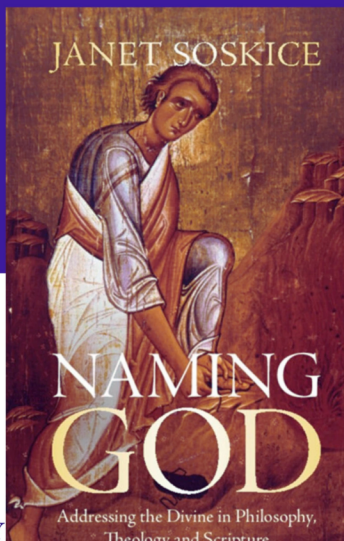
CHARLES FRANKLIN FINCH LECTURE SERIES

"NAMING GOD: PHILOSOPHY, THEOLOGY AND PRAYER"

GUEST LECTURER: DR. JANET SOSKICE

PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, FELLOW EMERITA AT JESUS COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, AND WILLIAM K. WARREN DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSOR OF CATHOLIC THEOLOGY AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024
4 PM
WILSON COMMERCE BALLROOM



Off-campus guests please RSVP to:

KATJA BROWN
336-841-9691
KBROWN7@HIGHPOINT.EDU



If you make a monetary donation for oatmeal, consider the increased costs to purchase oatmeal.

Though the economy is improving, the cost of groceries has not gone down. Physical or monetary donations to help feed those in need are greatly needed. Consider donating on one or more of the Oatmeal Sundays (but you can donate anytime throughout the month). The specially designated dates are listed below.

Oatmeal Sundays 2024

- March 3rd
- April 7th
- May 5th
- June 2nd
- July 2nd
- August 4th
- September 1st
- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st

Mission of the Month: One Great Hour of Sharing

We hear about the OGHS offering every year. But have you ever wondered why we take up this special offering every March?

On Easter Sunday in 1949, on nationwide radio, Christians were challenged to donate one million dollars in one hour to help people devastated by World War II's aftermath. Faithful Christians answered the challenge and the goal was met. Our world has changed a lot since then, but human needs remain great.

Since that first on-air offering, OGHS has expanded its mission to support domestic and international development, fight poverty and its consequences, bring aid and relief to communities torn by war or ravaged by national disaster, advocate and offer resettlement assistance for refugees and displaced persons, and combat injustice in its many forms. One Great Hour of Sharing provides funding and hands-on assistance in collaboration with local and international partners.

Seventy-five years since its inception, OGHS continues to carry God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. Each year OGHS offering is received by several religious denominations and the Church World Service (CWS) under a single theme developed by the ecumenical OGHS Committee. This year's theme is "It's Time to Share the Light".

The Rev. Shari Prestemon, Acting Associate General Minister and Co-Executive of Global Ministries UCC says, "When we participate in One Great Hour of Sharing, we become a dazzling prism of light scattering blessing in places that desperately need it. Our role as faithful light-bearers carries a witness of love and hope and persevering possibility that counteracts the cynicism, hatred, and hopelessness that are all too prevalent at this moment."

Thank you for supporting One Great Hour of Sharing and being a light in places that need it. Offerings will be collected throughout the month of March.



*You're here to be light,
bringing out the God-
colors
in the world.*

Matthew 5:14-15 (The Message)



**OFFERING DATE:
MARCH 10, 2024**

- 3rd - Archie Jolliff
- 9th - Ruth Doggett
- 13th - Abbie Wheeling
- 18th - Dot Benschhoff
- 22nd - Cindy Spillers
- 23rd - David Peeler
- Lucille Hege
- 28th - Larry Clapp
- Grant Jolliff

Happy
Birthday
to You



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 5th

- Primary Election Day. Our church serves as a polling place.
- Women's Fellowship meets in the Narthex at 10:00 a.m. The special guest speaker is Rick Owen, occupational therapist at Cone Hospital.
- The DVD study program Living the Questions: Saving Jesus group will enjoy a soup and bread meal at 6:00 p.m. in the Preparation Room. Video and discussion begin at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 10th

- Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring clocks forward one hour.
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected.
- Consistory meets at 1:00 p.m. in the Bertha Work Room.

Tuesday, March 12th

- Living the Questions: Saving Jesus study group will enjoy a soup and bread meal at 6:00 p.m. in the Preparation Room. Video and discussion begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19th

- Spring begins.
- Living the Questions: Saving Jesus study group meets at 6:00 p.m. with a meal in the Preparation Room followed by the video and discussion at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 22nd

- The deadline for articles and relevant pictures for the April edition of the Peace Press are due.

Sunday, March 24th

- Palm Sunday.

Tuesday, March 26th

- Living the Questions: Saving Jesus meets in the Preparation Room at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy a meal together followed by a discussion at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday dinner service at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31st

Happy Easter! He has risen!!!

Regular Easter Worship Service 10:45 a.m.



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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Expenses					
Missions					
5003	Community Outreach Publicity	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
5005	Community Outreach Events	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
	Total Missions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Consistory					
5101	PeaceCare	105.63	105.63	350.00	244.37
5103	Membership Growth	83.20	83.20	500.00	416.80
5104	Membership Support	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
5105	Worship Committee	48.00	48.00	1,700.00	1,652.00
5106	Stewardship	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
	Total Consistory	\$236.83	\$236.83	\$3,400.00	\$3,163.17
Christian Ed					
5117	Christian Ed Literature/Supplies	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
5119	Youth Fellowship	154.72	154.72	750.00	595.28
	Total Christian Ed	\$154.72	\$154.72	\$950.00	\$795.28
Property					
5210	Janitorial	700.00	700.00	8,800.00	8,100.00
5212	Grounds	416.67	416.67	5,417.00	5,000.33
5214	Property Insurance	1,243.92	1,243.92	17,500.00	16,256.08
5216	Building Equipment/Maintenance	104.99	104.99	8,000.00	7,895.01
5217	Boiler Maintenance	2,863.26	2,863.26	10,000.00	7,136.74
5219	ADT Security	53.75	53.75	600.00	546.25
5221	Supplies	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Total Property	\$5,382.59	\$5,382.59	\$50,817.00	\$45,434.41
Administration					
5401	Postage	(43.81)	(43.81)	1,500.00	1,543.81
5403	Office Equipment Lease	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
5405	Computer Software/Maintenance	149.44	149.44	1,100.00	950.56
5407	Telephone/Internet	248.86	248.86	3,100.00	2,851.14
5409	Office Supplies	43.72	43.72	1,600.00	1,556.28
5410	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
5412	Bank Charges	42.23	42.23	600.00	557.77
	Total Administration	\$440.44	\$440.44	\$12,400.00	\$11,959.56
Utilities					
5301	Gas	25.00	25.00	12,000.00	11,975.00
5303	Electricity	910.37	910.37	5,000.00	4,089.63
5304	Water	451.60	451.60	6,000.00	5,548.40
	Total Utilities	\$1,386.97	\$1,386.97	\$23,000.00	\$21,613.03
Pastoral Compensation					
5501	Cash Salary	2,790.84	2,790.84	33,491.00	30,700.16
5503	Housing Allowance	1,416.66	1,416.66	17,000.00	15,583.34
5505	Social Security Reimb.	338.76	338.76	4,065.00	3,726.24
5507	Annuity	589.05	589.05	7,322.00	6,732.95
5509	Insurance	1,797.37	1,797.37	21,020.00	19,222.63
5510	Medical Reimb.	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5511	Mileage Reimb.	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Total Pastoral Compensation	\$6,932.68	\$6,932.68	\$85,898.00	\$78,965.32

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5503	Housing Allowance	1,416.66	1,416.66	17,000.00	15,583.34
5505	Social Security Reimb.	338.76	338.76	4,065.00	3,726.24
5507	Annuity	589.05	589.05	7,322.00	6,732.95
5509	Insurance	1,797.37	1,797.37	21,020.00	19,222.63
5510	Medical Reimb.	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5511	Mileage Reimb.	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Total Pastoral Compensation	\$6,932.68	\$6,932.68	\$85,898.00	\$78,965.32
Personnel					
5601	Organist/Dir of Music	1,200.00	1,200.00	15,600.00	14,400.00
5603	Secretary	0.00	0.00	15,600.00	15,600.00
5604	Office Support	1,155.00	1,155.00		
5605	Nursery Attendant	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
5607	Youth Leadership	330.00	330.00	7,000.00	6,670.00
	Total Personnel	\$2,685.00	\$2,685.00	\$38,700.00	\$37,170.00
Personnel Benefits					
5612	Social Security Exp.	205.41	205.41	2,961.00	2,755.59
5614	Worker's Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
5618	Conference & Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Personnel Benefits	\$205.41	\$205.41	\$4,161.00	\$3,955.59
Fundraising Expenses					
5701	Jambalaya Expense	200.00	200.00	1,500.00	1,300.00
5703	Yard Sale Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5705	Brunswick Stew Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Total Fundraising Expenses	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3,100.00	\$2,900.00
5224	Cornerstone Solar Panel Loan Interest	286.83	286.83		
	Total Restricted Funds Expenses	\$286.83	\$286.83		
	Total Expenses	\$17,911.47	\$17,911.47	\$223,076.00	\$206,606.36

