



From the Heights

**January
2024**

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Pastor’s Message



Dear Church Family,

It’s an annual tradition. Every year, on December 31st, we make a list of resolutions, things that we promise ourselves or others for the coming year. We start out with lofty goals and high hopes, thinking that this year, yes this year!, will be the year that we change our lives and start fresh. We list out the things that we will and will not do...and, then every year, often as early as January 2nd, we feel like huge failures because we ate the second slice of pie, not yet made it to the gym, caved and had the cigarette. We give up, give in, shrug our shoulders and think...well, maybe next year.

Yes, I think that it is safe to say that the rise and fall of our New Year’s Resolutions is a time honored and well worn tradition. But what if we thought about our New Year’s Resolutions differently? What if, instead of listing out the things that we will and won’t do, we listed the ways that we would strive to be? What if it was truly about changing our lives, instead of just our habits and patterns?

What if we simply resolved to laugh more, love fearlessly, give unconditionally? To care for ourselves the way that we care for others, and vice versa? To give ourselves the courage to dream and to dare and the grace when we make mistakes? What would that look like? How would it, could it, change our lives?

This New Year, I invite you to join me on a journey of intentional resolutions to change our lives for the good. Join me in making resolutions of ways of being, as we look to live into who and what God has called us to be.

And may God Bless you, deeply and fully, in and into this New Year!

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Leanne



SHPC (Birthday) Party Animals



We wish those who celebrate
Birthdays
in January a Very Happy
Birthday and
many blessings throughout the
year!

**If your name is not listed and you
celebrate a birthday
in January, please notify the church
office so that our
records can be updated.**

1 Sue Babovec	13 Suzie Harder
1 Wyatt Stewart	14 Iris Wells
4 John Dahm	16 Jim Harder
4 Anthony Niedbalski	23 Katey Rehm
4 Nick Niedbalski	25 Paul Masters
5 Sue Anderson	26 Bob Larson
5 Gene Knoche	27 Dana Johnson
5 Carolyn Nickel	28 Bob Haberman
5 Scott Miller	29 Sherry Kolder
9 Randy Price	31 Lindsay Priefert



STAN HAS A NEW ADDRESS!

**New contact information
for Stan Hatcher:
Check with the Church
Office.**

Join Us For A Life-Changing Christian Mission Trip To The Dominican Republic

A Foundation For Peace Mission Trip gives you the opportunity to work hand in hand with the people of local communities to meet some of their greatest needs. The ability to be God's "hands and feet" can bring hope and lasting change.

A Trip For Everyone

Ages 5 - 70+ We welcome youth groups, families and multi-generational teams. Each trip is tailored to meet the ministry goals and skills of the team members to provide an opportunity for all those who sincerely want to serve others.

Trips With A Purpose

Our trips are planned with local church leaders to maximize the opportunities to engage and serve. Schedules for worship, vacation bible school and other activities are fully prepared in advance.

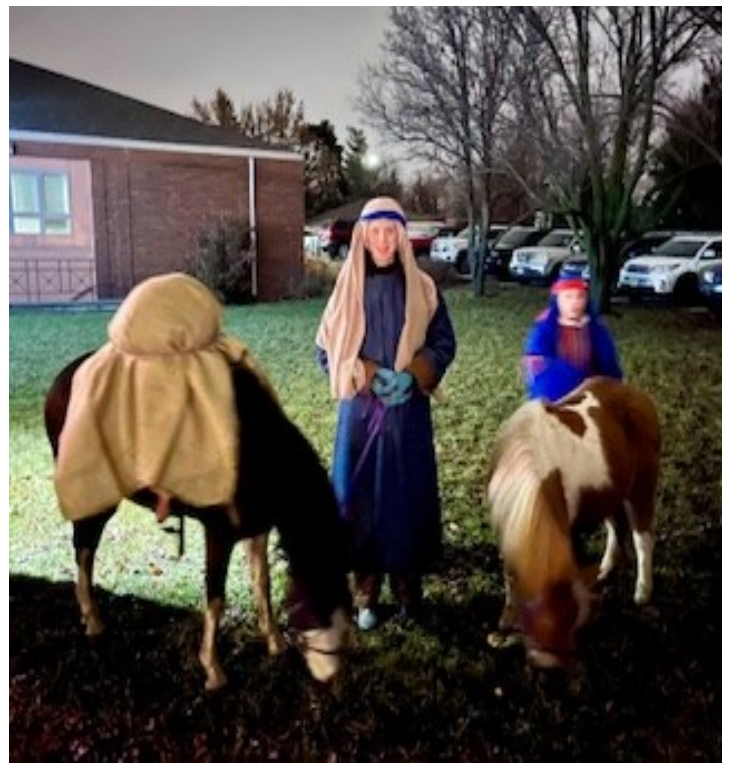
For more info, contact Leland Stege at (402) 474-7936



PHOTO GALLERY ~ LIVING NATIVITY

DEC. 15 & 16, 2023







Use Scrip Cards at Your Favorite Merchants

Buy groceries or as gifts for:

Easter dinners

4th of July celebrations

Regular weekly groceries & monthly prescriptions

Gifts for Teachers, Scout Leaders, Co-workers

How to Buy Scrip Cards

The Scrip table is open every Sunday in Fellowship Hall for 20 minutes following the worship service-OR you can contact Scrip Coordinator, Andy Anderson, to place an order:

aanderson34@neb.rr.com

C: 402-440-5902

Andy carries some Scrip cards in stock. If what you want is in-stock, you can pick them up on Sundays.

Please make your payment to Andy (checks payable to Scrip).

Every Scrip card purchase gives money back to the Youth!

BOOK OF CONFESSIONS STUDY

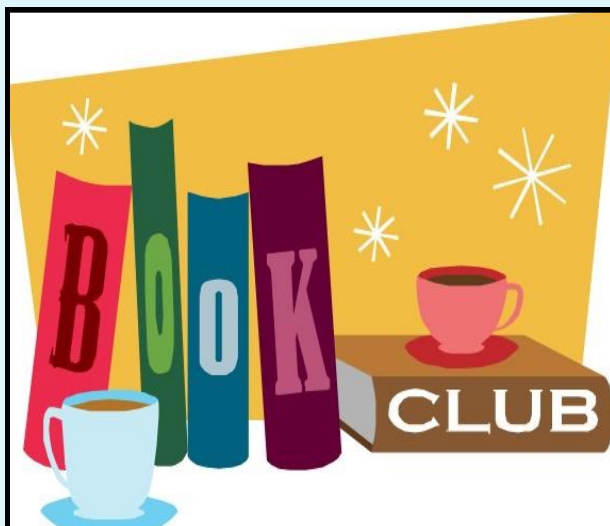
January 14, 2024

Following Worship | 12 noon
in the Conference Room

We will be reading the Barmen Declaration in January



MONTHLY FICTION BOOK CLUB



Saturday, Jan. 20

1:30 pm

at SHPC

We'll discuss:

Lessons in Chemistry

By Bonnie Garmus

New Year's Eve Bash Photo Gallery



New Year's Eve Bash Photo Gallery



Treasurer's Report (October's corrected report)

	<u>Jan - Oct 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Budgeted Income	238,989.56	245,500.00	(6,510.44)
Budgeted Expenses			
Program Expense			
Mission	16,830.74	19,980.00	(3,149.26)
Life Long Learning	2,516.19	5,525.00	(3,008.81)
Worship & Music	2,500.47	2,385.00	115.47
Membership	482.51	1,137.50	(654.99)
Total Program Expense	<u>22,329.91</u>	<u>29,027.50</u>	<u>(6,697.59)</u>
Staff Expense			
Salaries	97,478.72	96,768.75	709.97
Benefits & Allowances	47,100.24	48,234.80	(1,134.56)
Expenses & Substitutes	5,077.79	6,299.60	(1,221.81)
Total Staff Expenses	<u>149,656.75</u>	<u>151,303.15</u>	<u>(1,646.40)</u>
Occupancy Expense			
Custodial & Maintenance	23,997.63	25,060.00	(1,062.37)
Utilities	16,287.85	16,930.00	(642.15)
Insurance	9,074.43	7,950.00	1,124.43
Total Occupancy Expenses	<u>49,359.91</u>	<u>49,940.00</u>	<u>(580.09)</u>
Office & Other Operating Expenses			
Office Expense	4,133.55	4,890.00	(756.45)
Other Operating Expenses	7,457.08	8,166.00	(708.92)
Total Office/Operating Expenses	<u>11,590.63</u>	<u>13,056.00</u>	<u>(1,465.37)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>232,937.20</u>	<u>243,326.65</u>	<u>(10,389.45)</u>
Budgeted Net Income or (Loss)	<u>6,052.36</u>	<u>2,173.35</u>	<u>3,879.01</u>

Treasurer's Report

	<u>Jan - Nov 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Budgeted Income	279,605.63	270,050.00	9,555.63
Budgeted Expenses			
Program Expense			
Mission	17,425.74	19,980.00	(2,554.26)
Life Long Learning	2,646.52	5,725.00	(3,078.48)
Worship & Music	2,500.47	2,615.00	(114.53)
Membership	482.51	1,217.50	(734.99)
Total Program Expense	<u>23,055.24</u>	<u>29,537.50</u>	<u>(6,482.26)</u>
Staff Expense			
Salaries	106,336.54	106,616.25	(279.71)
Benefits & Allowances	56,531.84	53,058.28	3,473.56
Expenses & Substitutes	5,925.97	6,704.56	(778.59)
Total Staff Expenses	<u>168,794.35</u>	<u>166,379.09</u>	<u>2,415.26</u>
Occupancy Expense			
Custodial & Maintenance	26,317.54	27,080.00	(762.46)
Utilities	17,170.99	18,260.00	(1,089.01)
Insurance	10,101.34	8,850.00	1,251.34
Total Occupancy Expenses	<u>53,589.87</u>	<u>54,190.00</u>	<u>(600.13)</u>
Office & Other Operating Expenses			
Office Expense	4,547.26	5,390.00	(842.74)
Other Operating Expenses	7,582.42	8,461.00	(878.58)
Total Office/Operating Expenses	<u>12,129.68</u>	<u>13,851.00</u>	<u>(1,721.32)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>257,569.14</u>	<u>263,957.59</u>	<u>(6,388.45)</u>
Budgeted Net Income or (Loss)	<u>22,036.49</u>	<u>6,092.41</u>	<u>15,944.08</u>

January Calendar

Room Key: FH: Fellowship Hall
WW: West Wing

CR: Conference Room
S: Sanctuary

FF (or SHFF): Food Forest
LL-K: Lower Level-Kitchenette

Monday, Jan 1

New Year's Day

Tuesday, Jan 2

5:30 PM Crocheters / FH
6:00 PM Life Long Learning

Wednesday, Jan 3

6:30 PM Choir Practice / S

Thursday, Jan 4

6:30 PM Membership Committee / CR

Sunday, Jan 7

10:30 AM Worship / S
11:30 AM Fellowship / FH

Monday, Jan 8

6:30 PM Personnel Committee / CR
7:00 PM Scouts / FH

Tuesday, Jan 9

7:00 PM Financial Stewardship Committee / CR

Wednesday, Jan 10— *Session Reports Due*

1:30 PM PW-Esther Circle / FH
6:30 PM Choir Practice / S

Thursday, Jan 11

7:00 PM Deacons / S

Friday, Jan 12

7:00 PM Adoptive Moms / WW

Sunday, Jan 14

10:30 AM Worship / S
11:30 AM Fellowship / FH
Noon BOC Study / CR
5:30 PM SHYP K—2nd grade
5:30 PM SHYP 3rd—12th grade

Monday, Jan 15

7:00 PM Session Meeting / CR
7:00 PM Scouts / FH

Wednesday, Jan 17—Newsletter Articles Due

6:30 PM Choir / S

Thursday, Jan 18

8:30 AM—4PM WIC Clinic / LL-K
3:00 PM Poli-Ollie / FH
5:30 PM Cubs Scouts / FH

Friday, Jan 19

9:00 AM International Club

Saturday, Jan 20

1:30 PM Fiction Book Club / CR

Sunday, Jan 21

10:30 AM Worship—Birthday Offering / S
11:30 AM Fellowship / FH

Monday, Jan 22

7:00 PM Scouts / FH

Tuesday, Jan 23

5:15 PM Rolling Hills Annual Neighborhood Assoc. Mtg

Wednesday, Jan 24

6:30 PM Choir Practice / S

Thursday, Jan 25

6:30 PM Worship & Music / S

Sunday, Jan 28

10:30 AM Worship / S
11:30 AM Fellowship / FH
11:30 AM Bingo Bash

Monday, Jan 29

7:00 PM Scouts / FH

Wednesday, Jan 31

6:30 PM Choir Practice / S

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We welcome your suggestions and contributions to the newsletter. Deadline for each issue is the third Tuesday of each month. It is greatly appreciated if contributions are emailed to the Newsletter Editor: karen@southernheights.org.

Please don't try to structure anything . . . we will format your contribution to fit the newsletter. You may also contact us through the Church office at (402) 421-3704.

Our worship services are on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM. Adult Tuesday school classes are at 9:30 AM from September through May.

Staff: Rev. Leanne Masters, Pastor. Karen Moore, Administrator. Anita Elliott, Music Director. Dr. Ronald L. Bump, Pastor Emeritus.