

MARION CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Newsletter



APRIL *scriptures*

APRIL 7

JOHN 20:19-31

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1 JOHN 3:1-7

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HEBREWS 10:23-25

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a moment with your MCC staff

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

What glorious words to hear and to say! Christ is indeed risen and rises with us every day when we choose to follow in his footsteps. Thanks be to God!

We have made it out of the Lenten season and now celebrate Easter for the next fifty days until Pentecost Sunday. It has been a joy to walk with you through this season of church and I cannot wait to continue on our journey together. This Lent has given me many opportunities to reflect and grow in my prayer practices and I hope it was a time of fruitful growth for each and every one of you as well.

You may notice the newsletter looks a little different this month. Carrie and I have been working hard at making it easier to read and better reflect the work that we are doing at MCC. We will still make sure all the important information is still present in the newsletter and that we are updating sections as things change, but we hope this revision is helpful and makes it easier to connect with our activities.

Wishing you all a very blessed Eastertide,

Pastor Mike

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES!

We have so many things going on throughout the next couple months that I don't want anyone to miss out!! Make sure you put these things on your calendar NOW!

Sunday, April 27 - Youth Sunday

Wednesday, May 1 - AirFX as our last Oasis of the year

Wednesday, May 22 - Summer Oasis begins FOR ALL AGES! This includes families, seniors, singles, puppy parents, and more! Activities will be geared towards all ages so come and continue to have fun with us throughout the summer - more information coming soon!

Friday, July 26 & 27 - MCC Youth and Kids Weekend - our version of vacation bible school is back again this year!

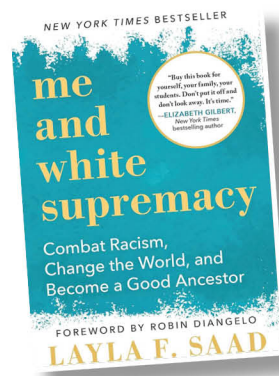
There will be so many opportunities this summer to get involved even if you're traveling we are working on ways to keep you connected! I'm very excited for the things that are planned and can't wait to enjoy them with you all!

Carrie Hendricks!

BOOK TALK

with Pastor Mike & Carrie

What are Pastor Mike and Carrie currently reading? Aren't you curious? Well guess what?!?! We're going to tell you and these books will be offered in our own Library in Room #XX



Me and White Supremacy

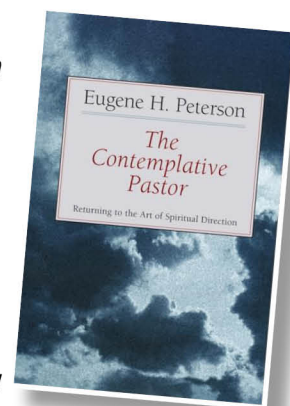
by Layla E. Saad

This last six weeks I've been on a journey through this book with an online book study group. This book definitely opened my eyes to how I perceive the world and how I can better support my BiPOC friends. - Carrie Hendricks

The Contemplative Pastor

by Eugene H. Peterson

I finished this book at the beginning of this month and it was a great reminder of the need to slow down in our lives. Contemplative life is something that I've always been interested in and this book gave some great opportunities to carve out time for contemplative practices in my ministry work. - Pastor Mike



MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & EVANGELISM TEAM

Help is needed for Sunday morning fellowship time. We need volunteers to provide the drinks & treats and to set-up & clean-up. Instructions and help will be provided. In April there will be an email sent out with the online Sign-up Genius along with a paper sign-up at Information Central starting in April. We need help from May thru December. If questions, please call Sharon McIntosh 319-551-5419.

Have you turned in your photo for our photo board in the Narthex? It's not too late and in fact, if you want your picture taken, Sharon McIntosh will take your picture prior or after church. Just schedule that with Sharon 319-551-5419. Let's get the whole congregation up on the Photo Board!

Thank you!

Wilkins Elementary wishes to send a huge THANK YOU to all of your congregation for their wonderful support to our students. The snacks you sent all year (and past years), are so appreciated by our students. Many of our students would not have a daily snack if it were not for your generosity. Your kindness is deeply appreciated by our staff as well. It is one less thing for them to worry about. Thank you for caring about our kids.

Wilkins Elementary

FOCUS ON FAITHFUL FINANCES

February 2024 Financial Synopsis

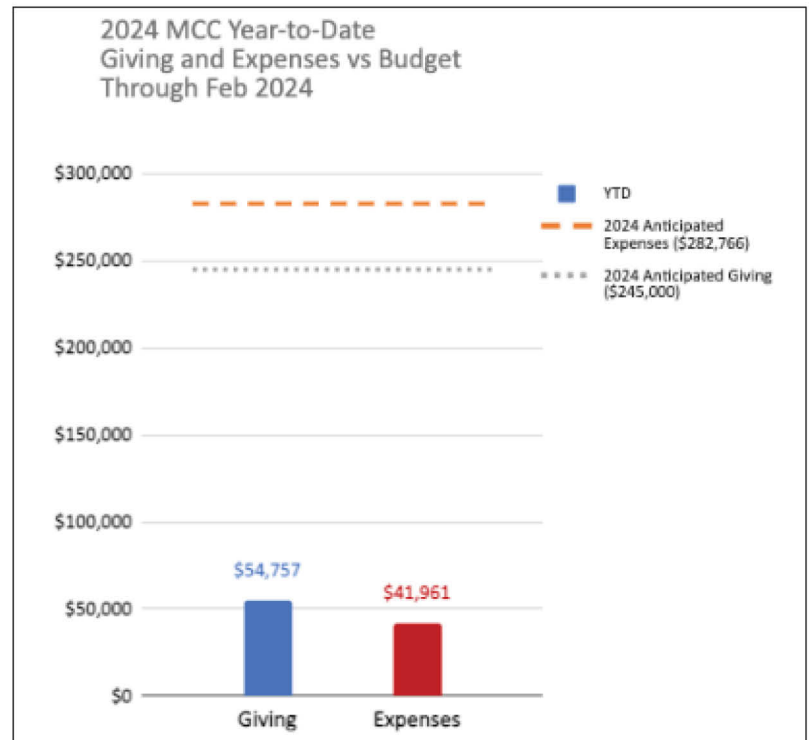
- Pledges/Offerings were \$23,804.45 for the month of February and \$54,757.23 year to date
- Total actual operating expenses for February were \$22,328.64, leaving a net income of \$1,475.81 for the month of February
- Year-to-date net giving (income vs expenses) is a net gain of \$12,795.87
- Total Encumbered fund expense for Feb is \$1,966.67, with a year-to-date total encumbered spend of \$8,299.38
- Capital Improvement Campaign income for Feb is \$1,223.74, bringing the year-to-date total to \$26,467.48
- Checking account balance as of end of Feb is \$165,810.82

Giving was down from the month of January, but still slightly above expenses for the month leaving us with

a year-to-date net gain of \$12,795. Some annual pledges were received in February that will not continue through the year. The church van was sold for \$4,000 and the council made the decision to apply these funds to 2024 operating expenses to help minimize the projected deficit for the year.

Atypical expenses for this month included a large (\$3,375) snow removal bill due to the January snowfall, and several multi-year software renewals (domain, antivirus, Powerchurch).

Council leadership continues to keep a close eye on overall giving levels and expenses to ensure we do everything we can do to be good stewards of the church's funds.



APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10AM-2PM COMM CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL	2 6PM OASIS DINNER 6PM, ACTIVITIES AT 6:30 FOR PK-12 STUDENTS	3 6PM OASIS DINNER 6PM, ACTIVITIES AT 6:30 FOR PK-12 STUDENTS	4 8:30AM-2PM HOMESCHOOL COOP	5	6
7 10AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER CHILDREN'S MOMENT 6:30PM COLBY MARTIN EVENT AT LANG HALL - UNI CAMPUS	8 10AM-2PM COMM CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL	9 6PM OASIS DINNER 6PM, ACTIVITIES AT 6:30 FOR PK-12 STUDENTS	10 10AM COMMUNITY GROWTH ROOM 2 10AM-2PM COMM CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL	11 8:30AM-2PM HOMESCHOOL COOP	12 8AM CLEAN UP ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY!	13
14 10AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER CHILDREN'S MOMENT 12PM DUNGEONS & DRAGON RM #12 - QUESTIONS CONTACT CARRIE	15 10AM-2PM COMM CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL	16 6PM OASIS DINNER 6PM, ACTIVITIES AT 6:30 FOR PK-12 STUDENTS	17 7PM INCLUSIVITY MEETING ROOM 2 6PM OASIS DINNER 6PM, ACTIVITIES AT 6:30 FOR PK-12 STUDENTS	18 8:30AM-2PM HOMESCHOOL COOP	19	20
21 10AM WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER CHILDREN'S MOMENT 11AM - GUATEMALA LUNCHEON AFTER CHURCH THERE WILL BE A LUNCH AND PRESENTATION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL	22 10AM-2PM COMM CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL	23 6PM OASIS DINNER 6PM, ACTIVITIES AT 6:30 FOR PK-12 STUDENTS	24 10AM-2PM COMM CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL	25 8:30AM-2PM HOMESCHOOL COOP REGIONAL LISTENING SESSION	26 1PM-3PM COMM CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL	27
28 10AM WORSHIP YOUTH SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER CHILDREN'S MOMENT	29 10AM-2PM COMM CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL	30		NOON - FIRST LIGHT BD MTG 8:30AM-2PM HOMESCHOOL COOP		7:30AM-4PM MARION PIANO FESTIVAL RMS 2, 8, 12