

The Current

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Note from Pastor Christina

Our church began the 5-D Process with Pastor Dean some time ago. Disciple (define), Discern (discover), Decide (dream), Develop (design), Deliver. There were great conversations. Ideas were generated. Plans were explored. Possibilities were dreamed of. And then the process slowed ... and came to a stop. A lot of time and energy went into 5-D. What did we learn? Where are we now? Where do we go from here? On May 16, a small group is gathering to begin to answer those questions. In follow-up, there will be a larger conversation at Church Council.

I was given a 5-D bookmark with a prayer on it. Do you remember the prayer? 5-D as our framework going forward or not, the words are wonderful. Let us pray:

*O Source of Wisdom,
O Warmth of Heart,
O Light in the Darkness,
You are always faithful.
You make a way when there is no way.
As you have led us in the past, lead us into the future.
We are ready.
Bless us with willingness to be faithful disciples,
Wisdom to discern,
Courage to decide,
Perseverance to develop,
And conviction to deliver.
Help us to trust you even when we are anxious
about the new thing you are doing.
Speak to us the Word you would have us hear and follow.
Thank you, God.
Amen*

Congratulations confirmands!

Jammie Herhold, Nathaniel Schaper, Will Stone, and Zachary Schaper were confirmed and joined this church on May 11. Have you connected with them? A note of congratulations? An invitation to coffee or ice cream? An offer to attend church together? Yes, they each have a mentor. Yet we know it takes a church to strengthen and continue to raise up the future church. Just do it!

Starting Sunday

You frequently hear this church described as a family. How does one come into a family? By invitation!

This summer, we are lowering the threshold on coming into this church. Capitalizing on the construction making the Howard Avenue door difficult to access, we will make our 43rd Street glass doors our front door, leading directly into a worship space in Wesley Hall.

B.Y.O.B.!!! which for this experience is defined as **bring you own breakfast!** Starting around 9 a.m. we'll have coffee brewing, ice water, the ceiling fans cranked up, tables set and ready. Of course you're welcome to bring something to share. Bagels and Danish always make for relationship building. Hospitality first, worship to follow. Come as you are and bring someone with you. Interactive. Conversational. Accessible. And a summer sermon series on The 7 Deadly Sins!

If that isn't exciting enough, we will welcome the Rev. Dr. Tracy Smith Malone to deliver the sermon as our 125th anniversary celebration continues.

Looking ahead

- Sunday is your last opportunity to ring a layette blanket for Annual Conference mission focus.
- June 8 is Pentecost

Number crunching

On behalf of the stewardship committee, Dan Litster made a presentation on the 2014 budget at worship Sunday.

A copy of his presentation follows. Please take a few moments to look through this information carefully and ask Dan or Ann Lawrence, finance committee chair, if you have any questions.

2013 Budget

This was our budget plan start of 2013:

2013: Budget Income: \$155,876*
Budget Expense: \$170,147
Budget Deficit: (\$14,271)

*plan 6 apportionment payments and \$16,634 less in giving vs 2012.

2013 Actual

2013: Total Income: \$202,681*
Total Expense: \$198,243
Difference: \$4,438

* Paid all 12 apportionment payments. Received gift with direction to pay apportionments of \$26,448 in full.

2014 Budget Summary

2014: Budget Income: \$137,117*
Budget Expense: \$188,819
Budget Deficit: (\$51,792)

*IF plan 12 apportionment payments of \$28,800.

Expense Budget Numbers

2014 Expense Budget	% of Total	Expense \$
Administrative	1.36%	\$2,575.00
Apportionment	15.25%	\$28,800.00
Ministries	0.79%	\$1,500.00
Mission	1%	\$2,375.00
Properties	27.21%	\$51,376.00
Salary & Benefits	54.12%	\$102,193.00
	100.00%	\$188,819.00

Income Budget Numbers

2014 Income	% of Total	Income \$
User Fee	13%	\$18,142.00
Loose Offer	0%	\$500.00
All Giving	86%	\$118,475.00
	100%	\$137,117.00

How are we doing YTD?

2014	Income	Expense	\$ Change	% Change
January	\$12,498.00	\$18,107.00	-\$5,609.00	-30.98%
Feburary	\$13,660.00	\$16,729.00	-\$3,069.00	-18.35%
March	\$9,912.00	\$14,931.00	-\$5,019.00	-33.61%
April	\$15,677.00	\$19,134.00	-\$3,457.00	-18.07%
4 month Total	\$51,747.00	\$68,901.00	-\$17,154.00	-24.90%