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Spending Some Time in the Book of Acts



My article for the May edition of the “The Compass” newsletter comes after recently finding out that we will be under the “safer at home” order through **May 26th, 2020**. Ugh. I knew deep down that this was likely to go longer, but the thought of doing this for another month (*at least*) is hard to take. Carla has done a masterful job editing our worship services that are posted on the website/Facebook weekly, and I have gotten a lot of good feedback on the mailing of the sermon out to our folks who are not computer users.

I am *very* appreciative of the work that the Membership Care and Concern Committee has made to reach out to folks, and with every phone call I make to a church member, I realize what a great job you are **all** doing continuing to be a community...while being *alone*. ☺ We are doing the bet that we can in these very difficult times.



Christina tells me that the timing of May 26th works out in perfect coordination with her birthday which is May 27th ☺. Here's to hoping that we might be able to **again** celebrate her birthday at the *Cheesecake Factory*. She tells me that Governor Evers *had* to have kept this in mind!

Given the extension, and the parameters for beginning to “open” things up, I am **very** hopeful that we will be able to be together for worship in church on Sunday, June 7th. Do I know this for sure? Nope...but I am hoping and praying that it is so! I miss you all, and look forward to *seeing* you soon!!

We will be worshipping virtually at *least* through the month of May.

During our continued celebration of Easter, I will be spending five weekends looking at readings from the Book of Acts:

- April 18th/19th: *“Peter’s Sermon: Acts 14a, 22-32”* — Peter talks about how King David knew the Messiah was coming, an eternal king! Peter preaches a pretty good first sermon, too.
- April 25th/26th: *“The People Respond: Acts 14a, 36-41”* — Peter’s audience wants to make a change. They are told to repent and be baptized. Their sins are forgiven and they receive the Holy Spirit. What does this mean to us today?
- May 2nd/3rd: *“The Early Church: Acts 2:42-47”* — A simple, but powerful description of the early church. Do we allow *rules* get in the way of practicing our Christian faith?
- May 9th/10th: *“Stephen, The First Martyr: Acts 2:55-60”* — A transitional moment for the church is explored in detail as Luke offers the account of the first follower of Jesus to die for their faith.
- May 16th/17th: *“Paul’s Sermon in Athens: Acts 17:22-31”* — We see Paul at work preaching to the Gentiles; the church grows!

These readings offer a glimpse at the way that the Holy Spirit was at work in the apostles and the first believers. It shows how the Holy Spirit continues to be at work in the church. I hope you find it both inspiring and instructional!

I am sad that we will likely not be able to celebrate Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday in person. Pentecost, next to Easter and Christmas, is the third most important celebration that we have in our church year.

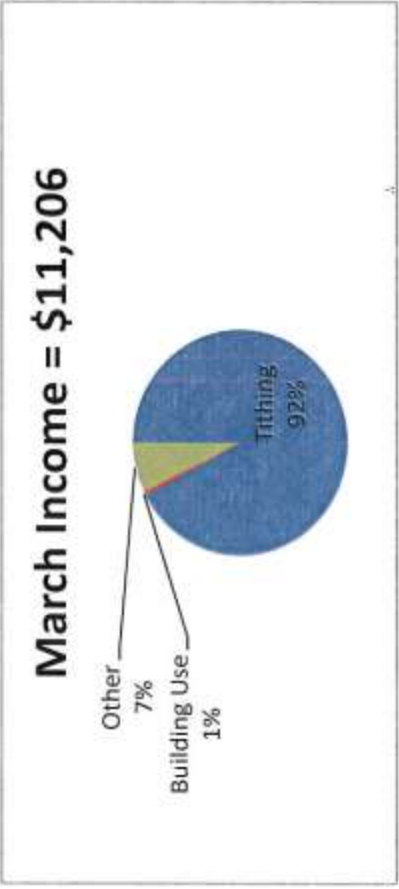
Again, it is my hope that we will be in person for worship in June, where I will be beginning a summer series called *“Being the Hands of Christ.”*

~Pastor Jim

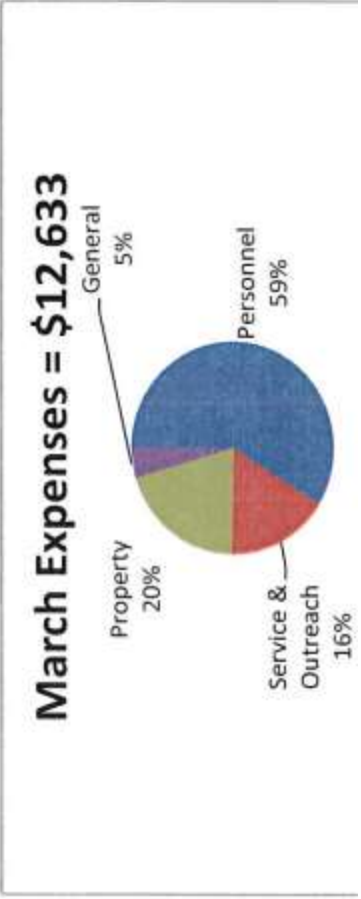
P. S. Annual Conference, usually held in June, has been postponed until October! General Conference is now scheduled from August-September **2021!**

MARCH 2020 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

March		
Titling	\$10,333	92%
Building Use	\$85	1%
Other	\$788	7%
Total	\$11,206	



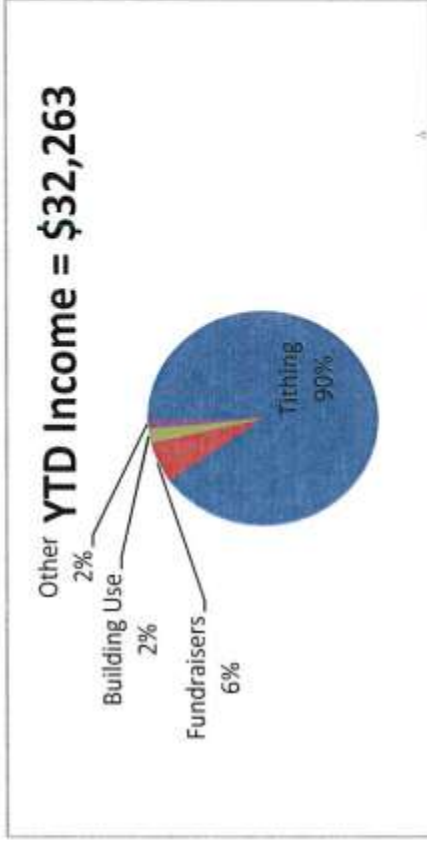
Personnel	\$7,426	59%
Service & Outreach	\$2,068	16%
Property	\$2,553	20%
General	\$586	5%
Total Expenses	\$12,633	



MARCH YEAR-TO-DATE 2020 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

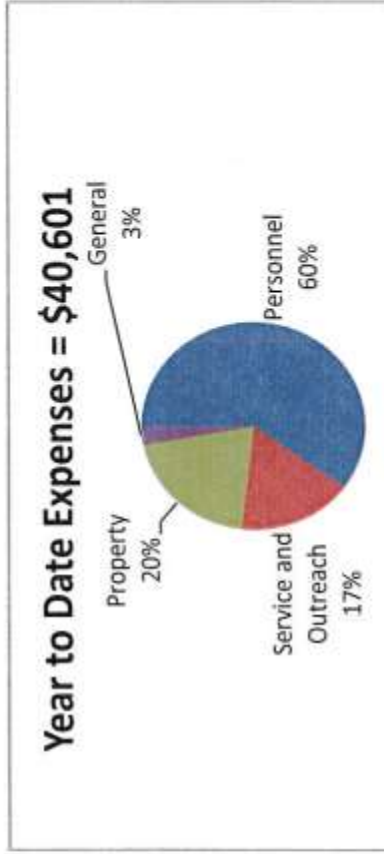
<u>YTD</u>	
Tithing	90%
Fundraisers	6%
Building Use	2%
Other	2%
Total	

\$29,077
\$2,004
\$675
\$507
\$32,263



Personnel	60%
Service and Outreach	17%
Property	20%
General	3%
Total Expenses	

\$24,342
\$6,831
\$8,247
\$1,182
\$40,601



2020 SUNDAY SERVANTS

Week	DATE	Communion	Media	Liturgist	Greeters	Children's Moment	Cafe	Accompanist
1	6-7-20	Strutts	Juanita	Christina	S&S Alexander, J Halverson D Starr	Juanita	Mary Aschliman, Mary James	Ginny
2	6-14-20		Tom	Julia	S&S Alexander, D Starr	Jeanne	Jan Aschliman Charlene Mingst	Christina, Ethan, Jill
3	6-21-20		Mary	Martha	S&S Alexander, D Starr, M Terrill	Dawn	Rachel Dees Jeanne Kapotas	Ginny
4	6-28-20		Juanita	Mary Ellen	S&S Alexander, D Starr	Pastor Jim	Deb Short Dawn Van Epps	Christina, Ethan, Robin, Jill
1	7-5-20		Tom	Peggy	M Schultze, J Aschliman	Brittany	Marie Oeklaus Bobbi Butteris	Ginny
2	7-12-20		Mary	Kevin	M Schultze, J Aschliman, P Trankle	Juanita	Julia Harman	Christina, Ethan, Jill
3	7-19-20		Juanita	Terry	M Schultze, J Aschliman, M Terrill	Jeanne	Martha Boyer Julie Colden	Ginny
4	7-26-20		Tom	Jan A	M Schultze, J Aschliman, P Trankle	Dawn	Penny Edwards	Christina, Ethan, Robin, Jill

ATTENDANCE/GIVING FOR APRIL

Day

Offering

April 1-17

\$7,980

The Hymn Sing for 2020 has been canceled

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Anyone interested in providing special music during worship this summer is invited to call the church office at 935-5451.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Kevin & Jan Kirschbaum

28 – Jamie & Brittany Gevelinger



MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 – Kay Van Epps

4 - Rick Beerkircher

5 - Jody Vanderloo

11 – Rich James

24 - Mary Berryman

24 – Ron Hunter

26 - Howard Rideout

28 – Eric Bower



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