



MAY 2025

THE Lamplighter

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MAY 2025 EVENTS

May 5

Trustees, 7:00 pm

May 10

Youth BBQ
Game Night, 6:30 pm

May 15

Stewards, 6:30 pm

May 18

Sunday School Celebration
Children's Day
Communicants Class joins

May 19

Official Board, 7:00 pm

May 25

Summer worship schedule 9:30 am

May 26

Office closed for Memorial Day



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning May 25, we will transition to our summer worship schedule with one unified service at **9:30 AM**. This schedule will remain in place through Labor Day weekend.

Our summer schedule provides us with a wonderful opportunity to worship together as one congregation. During these months, we'll continue our journey through the Psalms as we gather in a single morning service. This unified summer worship creates space for our church family to strengthen connections across generations. It's a reminder that we remain one body in Christ, seeking to approach God with our whole hearts.

Please make note of this schedule change and share the information with others who might be planning to visit our church during the summer months.

FROM THE PASTOR

Approaching God Through the Psalms

The Book of Psalms

As one of the greatest collections of songs, prayers, and poetry the Book of Psalms expresses the deepest passions of humanity. In these pages we can hear the psalmists' desperate cry in the soldier's camp or in confinement, but also babbling over with joy. "The psalms lead us through the valley and peaks of human experience, but in the end they guide us to the praise of our loving Creator."

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As we continue our journey through the Psalms this month, we move deeper into these ancient songs that have guided God's people for generations. The Psalms offer us a language for approaching God with every emotion and circumstance we face. They teach us to pray with honesty, to worship with abandon, and to trust with perseverance.

Throughout May, we'll explore how different psalms give voice to our

varied experiences with God - from the heights of celebration to the quiet confidence of being led by our Shepherd. These ancient words continue to shape us as people of faith, just as they have for countless believers before us.

Each psalm we'll study this month reveals a different facet of approaching God. In Psalm 30, we discover the pattern of Appreciating, Considering, and Thanking (ACT)

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God for His deliverance. From there, we'll journey through the beloved assurance of Psalm 23 where we find God leading us from green pastures to royal banquets. Then we'll join the cosmic chorus of Psalm 148 where all creation participates in praise, before concluding with Psalm 67's vision of God's blessing extending to all nations.

These psalms remind us that approaching God isn't a one-size-fits-all experience. Sometimes we come with exuberant thanksgiving, other times with quiet trust, and still other times by recognizing ourselves as part of a greater community of worship that extends beyond humanity to encompass all creation.

I encourage you to read each psalm before Sunday worship, perhaps reading it daily throughout the week. Allow these ancient words to become your own prayers as we learn together how to approach God with authenticity, trust, and praise. ▲

Wade

*You turned my wailing into dancing;
You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.*

- Psalm 30:11-12

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 04 - Appreciate, Consider, and Thank (ACT): Our Response to The Psalm of Temple Dedication (Psalm 30)
Additional Readings: Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

May 11 - From Pastures to Palaces (Psalm 23)
Additional Readings: Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

May 18 - The Complete Symphony of Praise (Psalm 148)
Additional Readings: Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

May 25 - Shining His Light: God's Face and Our Mission (Psalm 67)
Additional Readings: John 5:1-9, Acts 16:9-15





Remembrance

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Jinilee Hildebrandt**, whose stepfather, **Donald Kunes**, passed away on March 19th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of **Rita Ebersol**, who passed away on March 23rd. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with **Rob and Natalie Clark** for the passing of their son, **Alex**, on March 29th. Please keep Alex's wife, Alissa, and their 4 young children in your prayers, along with the entire Clark family during this difficult time.

Tables: In With the New and Out With the Old!

The United Church has purchased **new folding tables** that provide easier portability for our dining area. As a result, we have an abundance of sturdy, **wooden 8-foot rectangular and 5-foot round folding tables** that we can no longer store. If you are interested in bringing home one or more of these tables, we are asking for a **minimum donation of \$10 per table**. Please contact the Staff Relations Committee by email at src@uccdga.org.

If you are in need of assistance transporting the table(s) home, we have kind volunteers who are willing to help.



Caring in Action: How Our Helping Hands Care Teams Are Making a Difference

Over the past year, new teams within the Care Ministry have quietly stepped up to support church members in times of need. From offering rides, preparing meals, visiting with those who are homebound or recovering, helping to move furniture and simply being present to pray or check in--these volunteers are living out our call to love and care for one another in meaningful ways.

Ann, a member of our church family, recently experienced this care firsthand following hip surgery. Living alone and returning home the day after her procedure, she found herself in need of both practical help and companionship.

"I had not driven since Fall," she shared, "and even before the surgery, I was given rides to doctor appointments. This was a lifesaver for me."

What started as transportation help quickly became something deeper. "As time went on, I got to know one couple in particular who now takes the time to call and check on me," Ann said. "They even called to wish me a happy birthday. Another gentleman gave me his number so I could reach out if I needed anything."

She also received meals from the Meal Train team, which offered more than nourishment. "The meals were very helpful and delicious," she said. "But the best part was when someone brought the meal--it was the company and conversation that I needed."

Visitors, phone calls, meals, and rides all worked together to meet her needs during a difficult season. "My friends were very impressed with the help United Church provided," Ann said with gratitude.

We are thankful for the many volunteers on the Helping Hands Transportation Team and Meal Train Team who are showing up with compassion and care. They remind us that even simple acts of service can offer deep encouragement--and that we are better when we walk through life together.



During the months of May and June, on the first Sunday, loose offerings will go toward the Steward's Assistance Fund, helping support those in our church family in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Ministry Involvement Day

If you were not able to join us on Ministry Involvement Day on March 30, **please** be sure to **complete a survey**. They are available on the Welcome Center desk or online using the QR code to the right. Our goal is to have everyone participate in this survey!



Stewards would like to welcome Jim to Our Senior Companion Circle

We're delighted to welcome Jim H. as the newest member of our Senior Companion Circle--a ministry of presence and care for those who are 90 and above or living with ongoing health challenges. Through regular visits, phone calls, cards, and compassionate connection, our Board of Stewards walks alongside these cherished members, offering friendship and spiritual encouragement.

Jim brings a love for music--he plays piano for church services at his senior living community and has always enjoyed singing, especially in the church choir. He is a man of deep faith who finds joy in Bible study, sharing the gospel, and time spent outdoors, especially on the golf course. An alumnus of Hamilton College and a retired computer programmer, Jim spent most of his life in the Philadelphia area before moving to Victor to be closer to family. Though he no longer has a dog, he remains a devoted dog lover.

We are grateful to have Jim in our circle and look forward to spending time together and getting to know him better. Please keep Jim--and all members of our Senior Companion Circle--in your prayers. 

CARE MINISTRY



Introducing Our New Care Ministers

We are excited to introduce six wonderful individuals who are stepping into a new role within our church family--as Care Ministers.

Each of these individuals has a heart for serving others and a meaningful history of offering care, encouragement, and spiritual support. After meeting with our Care Team and prayerfully discerning together, it became clear that these six embody the compassion, wisdom, and presence needed for this important ministry.



Our new Care Ministers are:

June P., Jinnilee H., Robin P., Bill F., Nancy B., and Aleta W.

In the coming weeks, they will begin a training process to equip them further for this role. Once completed, they will be formally commissioned during a worship service, and we will celebrate and pray over their ministry together as a congregation.

Care Ministers are a vital extension of our church's ministry to those experiencing illness, loss, isolation, or other life challenges. Through visits, phone calls, prayer, and presence, they will help ensure that no one in our church family feels alone in their time of need.

If you feel called to join this ministry and would like to learn more about becoming a Care Minister, please contact Christy. We are always looking for compassionate individuals who wish to share God's love with others in a meaningful way.

We give thanks for the willingness of these six individuals to serve and look forward to the many ways their care will reflect Christ's love in our community.

FAMILY MINISTRY



Youth Club

Our Youth Club year wrapped up with LOTS of fun! On April 23rd, we had first graders visit Youth Club, which also meant the middle schoolers got to go out for one last dinner at Tom Wahls!! Then on April 30th, we celebrated our Youth Club year together with a carnival and a special closing program and pizza dinner with Youth Club families. We are thankful to God for another year of ministry to children and their families. All glory to Him!



Camp

Parents, don't forget that **we offer camperships!!** Our church believes that the Christian camp experience is so important that we will pay half the cost for one week at any Christian day camp or overnight camp! This is not a need based scholarship - this is for every family sending a child to Christian camp this summer! The only qualification is that your child currently participates in Sunday School, Sunday morning services, Youth Club, and/or The Cause. So, sign up for camp, send the registration confirmation to Deb, and we will take care of the campership. We sent 27 kids to camp last year; let's try to send more this year!!!



Sunday School

In May, we will wrap up our Sunday school year for all ages. We like to remember and celebrate our year together with a **Sunday School celebration breakfast**, which will happen on **May 18th at 9:45am**. All are welcome to join us for this special time together! Please bring a dish to pass if you're able.



Nursery

Once we transition to summer 9:30am services, on May 25, we also transition to asking people to volunteer each week for nursery duty. We do this because summer schedules are busy and it is difficult to "pre-schedule" people for summer Sundays. Even if you don't usually volunteer in the nursery, you can **sign up to help once or twice during the summer**. All nursery volunteers need to be background checked - you can ask Carolyn about how to get a background check - it's quick and easy! Thank you so much for sharing in this ministry to the youngest in our church family!



True North VBS: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Registration is getting full!

<https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2772543>

July 14-18, 2025, 9am – 12noon

Kick-off: Sun., July 13, 2025 at 6:30pm

REGISTER NOW!



Kids ages 4 years old through those who completed 5th grade, are welcome to participate!

Tweens/teens who completed 6th – 12th grade are encouraged to volunteer!

Adults are needed as volunteers, too! Contact Deb Marshall with any questions



Personal Reflection - Prayers in May

The month of May is one of my favorite months of the year. While it often starts out cold, and possibly could even still feel a bit wintry on some days, it typically ends warm. There have been many Memorial Day weekends that I can remember wearing shorts - or, at the very least, jeans and a t-shirt with no jacket! And, I LOVE warm weather.

Read more on our website at www.uccdga.org



YOUTH



North Carolina Missions Trip

(April 13-18) - We sent several youth on an intergenerational missions trip to North Carolina. The trip was highly impactful, and we plan to do it again! Check out the Missions article for more info.

Youth Faith Education

Leading into Easter, we conducted a Bible Study of 1 Peter (the first 2 chapters) at The Cause, and used that as an introduction to next year's Bible study focus (our students are being gifted journaling Bibles to use). In May, our Youth Ministry Team is to identify curriculum for the Middle School and High School students.

2025 Fundraising - This year's chicken BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 10:30- sell out. We will be selling BBQ tickets at church the Sunday before. This helps Gal-Wyn plan for our event. Note: We do not have a second BBQ fundraiser currently scheduled.

Check the church calendar online for upcoming youth events, including the summer retreat and local missions experiences!

ADULT & YOUNG ADULT

North Carolina Missions Trip

(Apr 13-18) - **Several young adults and adults** also attended this Disaster Relief mission trip (to accompany the youth as mentioned above in the Youth Ministry section). Check out the Mission Team's article for more info!

Adult Faith Education - Our Adult Ministry Sunday School Classes are transitioning to a Bible Study on Philemon and Titus, and the Parenting Coffee Hour will be finishing up their parenting book, and then transitioning to a parenting-related discussion on communion. For the start of the Fall program year, we will be going through a small group Bible study initiative for (an estimated) six-weeks.



Check the church calendar online for upcoming events, including open small groups ministry team meetings, monthly connects, and special events (such as the summer retreat!)



THE YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT, AND ADULT MINISTRY TEAMS RECENTLY MADE PROGRESS ON THEIR 2025 GOALS. CHECK OUT THE UPDATES BELOW!

Adult Ministry

Goal 1 - Offer Studies that expand biblical literacy

- › We are planning a Small Group initiative in the Fall that will be a classic Bible Study.
- › We are aware of interest in eschatology and a study on Paul (particularly persecution and the spread of Christianity).

Goal 2 - Offer studies that make us hungry to learning and growing closer to God

- › As noted above, we are planning a Small Group initiative in the Fall, which we believe will provide an environment for deep conversation and will foster hunger and relational deepening with the Lord.
- › For the 2025/2026 program year, we are planning to provide resources on class etiquette, to support healthy learning environments.
- › We are planning to use a survey that can help us understand our church's spiritual health. May use Virginia's older surveys.

Goal 3 - Encourage and minister to people of all levels of their faith walk

- › We are strategizing how we can connect select individuals in our church among the small groups planned in the Fall, with the goal to provide meaningful and helpful connections that will cultivate healthy discipleship.

Youth Ministry

Goal 1 - Produce relevant curriculum

- › We are planning Bible studies in the Fall, and reviewing Sunday School curriculum. We are purchasing journaling Bibles for our high school students to aid our studies.

Goal 2 - Volunteers for all ages

- › We are discerning who can be involved in youth ministry. We plan to review the ministry involvement forms for youth-related ministry interests.

Goal 3 - Plugging youth into church responsibilities

- › This is an ongoing discernment process.

Goal 4 - Ongoing relationships with charities/organizations

- › This is an ongoing discernment process. We plan to conduct another local mission experience, which will include plans to engage with local groups.

Goal 5 - Continue to grow youth experiences

- › We are considering how to intersperse select mentors with our youth during intergenerational classes.
- › We are discerning what prayer partners (adults having youth prayer partners) would look like.
- › Related: we would like to find mentors for parents.

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Blanket Sunday May 14

We worship a God who gives generously and abundantly. God has given us so many blessings. We are asking that you share some of these blessings by giving to our Blanket Sunday offering. **Only \$10.00 will provide one blanket** to a person in need. \$60.00 will buy a Blanket Bundle of 3 wool blankets and 3 fleece blankets. Through this special offering for **Church World Service blankets**, we join with other people of faith to make God's love known to our neighbors, bringing warmth and comfort to those in need all over the world. Please give generously, using the enclosed envelope or marking your check for CWS Blankets. ☺

An orphanage in Haiti sends us their thanks!

Partly due to your support, these kids, some who are true orphans and some whose families are not able to care for them, all go to school. They are fed, have clothes, shoes/sneakers/sandals and a place to sleep as well as loving guardians at the home. Even a loud barking guard dog..... It is actually a very happy place. As the kids grow up many go back to their families and become leaders of their families as they then, as older kids, have some education.



The “hands on” mission team invites you

to serve and support others near and far and offers these small group opportunities. Please join in as you have interest and availability.

—**Foodlink’s Free Food Distribution** on April 28th, May 19th, June 30th at Town of Canandaigua Highway Dept. Barn, 5440 Rte 5 & 20, needs volunteers from 9:00am till about noon.

—There is growing interest in supporting the Greater Rochester **Habitat for Humanity** in late summer or fall to help with their new builds here in Canandaigua. We'll discuss opportunities for weekday construction teams of up to 8 and the possibility of a Saturday “Framing Frenzy.” Contact Linda Werts now if interested and come to a meeting on Thursday, May 29th at 7:00pm.

—We look forward to opportunities to support Family Promise of Ontario County when its “**homeless family shelter**” opens this fall. Express your interest to Sonya Brooks.

—**Care Net** has an immediate need for a volunteer(s) on Tuesdays from noon to 2:00pm. Training will be provided. If interested contact Kathi Nacca.

—We've just returned home from **Mexico** but already plans are underway for a **2026 trip**...most likely in February...to participate with the Living Water for the World (LWW Network Conference which will be held in Kimbilá, near Merida, spend time with the congregation of Iglesia Emmanuel in Bacalar, and to visit water plants in Limones and Cedralito where we have LWW covenant relationships. Talk with Linda Werts or Ray McMillen if you have interest.

Driving home after our week in Black Mountain/Swannanoa, North Carolina, we are exhausted yet rejuvenated. The week featured eye-opening scenes of the devastation, meeting locals who have experienced such heartbreak as well hearing so many stories of others' tragedies. We also witnessed the amazing work being done by Valley Hope Foundation and their hearts for their community. Amidst all of this, our inter-generational group experienced making new friends, lots of laughter, games and nightly devotions which included sharing our highs and lows.

One of the work details involved clearing the debris from 3 lots in a cul-de-sac. At least one of the homes had been swept away along with its' elderly resident and another had to be demolished. While most of the large debris had been cleared there was extensive smaller debris to be collected. We filled more than 80 large bags plus made several piles of big items! So many of the items dug up were heartbreaking reminders that families had lost everything there. One of the most poignant was a photo album in which portions of some pictures had survived!

Another involved our construction crew. They started on a home that had been cleared to the studs. Unfortunately, over the two days they worked there they determined that the home was not salvagable. How devastating for both the homeowner and our work crew!

One group donned Tyvek suits and masks to enter a home. The owner and his cat had ridden out the flood on his roof and this was the first time since the hurricane that anyone had entered his home. The hope was that some of his antiques would be able to be retrieved but unfortunately very few items were salvageable. Much of the floor had given out and items were on top of each other. However, from one hutch that had been attached to the wall (two legs were now suspended in air) the group was able to save most of his pottery collection! They did find many bibles, one that survived as it was in a zippered bag. As the owner was on site, they were able to present it to him. These heartbreaking efforts were able to help the homeowner emotionally prepare for his next steps.

Valley Hope Foundation is a central food and goods distribution site for 300 community hubs over 41 counties. We had groups helping with organizing food deliveries to the warehouse, pulling the orders for some of the hubs and even delivering to some of the more distant ones. MacKenzie Brown said that after a long (almost 2 hr) drive to a remote hub, the gratitude and excitement of the people was worth it. The individuals were on the phone before she left letting their residents know that vegetables were available!

In the midst of the disaster relief, Valley Hope is also planning a large Easter event to bring the community together for fun and fellowship. The highlight of the event involves an Easter bunny in helicopter dropping 1000 Easter eggs for the kids! We had a group filling the eggs, painting egg shaped signs and even going to the field (full of cows) to help set up tents and to sort toys to be used as prizes!

Valley Hope Foundation was so grateful for the help we provided as well as the generous donations from individuals and the mission budget of \$2400 and \$600



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in Home Depot cards. Steve Smythe's company, Power and Construction Group, Inc., also provided an extremely generous donation to Valley Hope! Our presence helped them know that their community is not forgotten. Even the shopkeepers would thank us for coming!

We all appreciated our week and the connections that were made so much. It has been decided that the church will take another inter-generational trip to help Valley Hope Foundation in its work next spring. The dates will be March 28 – April 3 which is school break and Holy Week.

Scan the QR code below to see a whole album of pictures!



PC(USA) changes to Global Missions and what it means for the United Church

Leaders in the Interim Unified Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) announced a reimagining of how it approaches global ministry. The plan includes transitioning World Mission with a new vision that leaders believe will continue to build connections with PC(USA) partners domestically and around the world.

Under the new plan, a select group of staff who are currently serving as mission co-workers and in administrative roles within World Mission will transition into a new role as Global Ecumenical Liaisons. The Liaisons will be

deployed internationally and across the United States to serve as a connecting and ambassadorial resource with PC(USA) partners around the world. The new role will require working closely with congregations, mid councils and new worshiping communities that are partnered with worldwide ministries. They will also serve as facilitator support for partner programs, relationships, and activities, and will implement local, regional and/or global strategies.

What this means to The United Church is that there are currently no longer missionary co-workers through PCUSA. The two couples that we have supported for years,

When one door closes another opens! The recent visit by three of us to Iglesia Emmanuel in Bacalar has opened an opportunity to include Pastor Leodegaro Hernández de la cruz and his wife María Ángela Bautista de la cruz as one of our Presbyterian missionaries supported by our church. Pastor "Leo" and Ángela are

originally from the state of tabasco but for the love of the Lord's work they left their families to serve, support, and minister in several Mayan communities... coming a few years ago to Bacalar. We look forward to a renewed partnership and relationship between our two churches.

Ryan & Alethia White and Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather, are no longer serving in these roles. We honor the years of connection we have had with them, the work they have done, and will continue to hold them in prayer as they transition to a new stage of their careers.

Our mission committee is actively looking to find other Presbyterian missionaries that we might want to support. One such couple has been identified in Bacalar, Mexico. Please read about them elsewhere in this newsletter.

If anyone is interested in being part of the Missionary team (a sub-team of the Missions Committee) please contact Sonya Brooks, sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com.



NOTE: God is at work through HIS church in Nicaragua as the current government opposes many church and other NGO's (non-government organizations).

CHRISTY has been serving God and her brothers and sisters in Nicaragua since 2012 as a part of **AMOS Health and Hope**. AMOS uses an empowering approach, following Christ's example of listening to and healing the most vulnerable, engaging communities as full partners by training local leaders as community health promoters. Their programs provide preventive and curative health services primarily to rural communities with significant barriers to health care. Christy facilitates short-term mission opportunities, engages churches as partners in long-term ministry, and helps share the stories of lives being saved and transformed in Nicaragua.. She lives in Managua, with her husband, Abel, and their son, AJ (9).

Our United Church and NY American Baptist partnered with AMOS sharing the Gospel and providing safe water and healthcare for more than a decade. Christy shared with us in Canandaigua last October. She continues to host AMOS mission teams to share God's love.



AMOS mission

AMÓS Salud y Esperanza exists to reduce health inequities by empowering local leadership that helps prevent disease and save lives. Executive Director Dr. Gabriella, MD firmly believes that health for all is possible when **evidence-based, faith-based, and community-based** models are combined to ensure that health services reach the most vulnerable members of our society.

AMOS vision

Our history

The dream of AMÓS began in 1967 with the work of Dr. Gustavo Parajón, American doctor, missionary, and Baptist pastor. Faced with the overwhelming need of the poorest rural towns, Dr. Parajón frequently commented: "**In Nicaragua, a doctor should not be just a doctor; a doctor must also be a teacher.**"

This vision of empowerment gave rise to a comprehensive healthcare initiative dedicated to local leadership development. The heart of Dr. Parajón's work focused on the communities themselves, teaching local people to provide basic primary health care services, thereby dramatically reducing preventable illnesses and deaths.

This focus on strengthening communities through education and preventative care lives on at AMÓS today. **In 2025 AMOS is serving in 25 communities.**

Our Christian values

At AMÓS, our core values are inspired by the example of Jesus:

Loving your neighbor through long-term collaborations : We live the Gospel and put love into action by building long-term partnerships based on trust with the people we serve and those who help us serve them.

Serving those most in need by working in vulnerable communities

Respect all people, without distinction

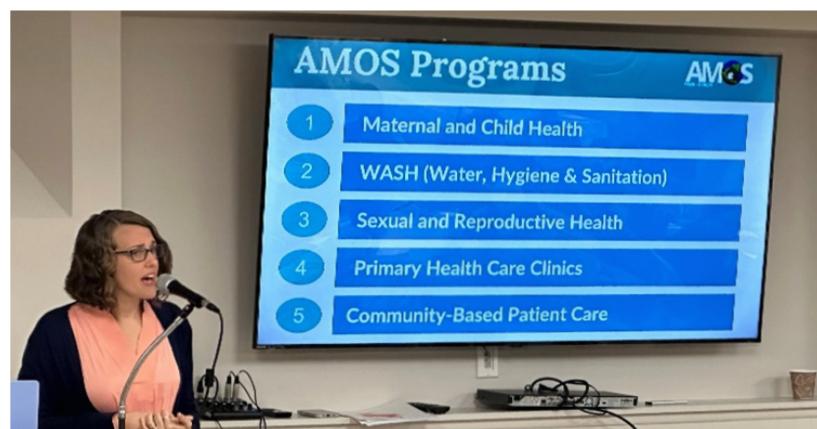
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Be good stewards of the resources we have : The resources entrusted to us are given as a blessing. We use these resources wisely and leverage partnerships to achieve the greatest impact for the greatest number of people. We document all our activities and results to share the impact of our work with the communities, churches, governments, individuals and other organizations that help make it possible.

Empower communities for service by developing local leaders : Solutions to address health inequities are neither new nor high-tech. They are in the hands of our world's greatest resource: its people.

Working for justice : We seek a world where there is health and hope for all people

Strive for Excellence : Because both our love for our neighbors as well as the challenges we must overcome are great, we strive to achieve excellence in everything we do through evidence-based good practices, learning and continuous improvement, and an unwavering commitment to our values.



Christy's Prayer request

Pray for Nicaraguan families who must overcome incredible barriers to receive even the most basic health care.

Pray for the brave community health volunteers who willingly dedicate their time and great efforts to improving health in their rural villages.

Pray that AMOS continues its long-term ministry and reaches more families to provide clean water, save lives and care for the most vulnerable.

Christy's guiding Scripture:

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

- Luke 10:36-37



Save the Date for Our Church Picnic!**June 1, following the worship service at Baker Park**

Watch the June Lamplighter and upcoming bulletins for more details and opportunities to volunteer!

**Game Night**

Looking for something fun to do? Join us for Game Night in the Dining Room on **Saturday, May 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM**. This family-friendly event offers an opportunity for church members of all ages to come together and enjoy a variety of board games, card games, and friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned game master or just looking to have fun, there's something for everyone. **Snacks and refreshments** will be available to enjoy as you engage in lighthearted fun and connect with others in the church community. Bring your friends, family, or come solo—Game Night is a great way to meet new people and build lasting relationships. Don't miss out on this enjoyable evening! For more information, please contact the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!

Stampin' Up**May 17 from 9:30-noon**

Come join us to create some cards. No experience is needed. Cost is \$20 for 4 cards and envelopes. Please bring a tape runner or glue. I will have everything else needed. Please let me know if you are coming by Monday May 11th. Email Nancy Burt-Preece: nancyburtpreece@gmail.com

**Prayer Shawl Knitting**

The Prayer Shawl knitting ministry began in 2005 as a group that met monthly to make shawls to bring comfort to our church family members and friends who were experiencing difficult times of life. This group continues to meet on the **3rd Tuesday of each month, Sept-June, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room**. Also a second group meets **each Tuesday morning from 10-11 am in the Fellowship Room**.



We invite anyone interested in participating in either group to join with us. Shawls can be knitted or crocheted. We even teach beginners. For more information contact: Rachel Rensberger at 585-394-8959 or Beverly Fehrenbach at 585-755-7408.

**March Finances**

As of March 31st, we are showing a \$25,413.94 net income. This is \$15,694.24 more than was budgeted for January-March. Expenses through the end of March are \$5,970.41 higher than budgeted and donations are \$28,261.73 over budget. Thank you for your faithful giving!



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