

March  
2023

# The Samaritan

## Worship Themes

Our Lenten series is on  
*The Lord's Prayer*.  
Learn more with us  
Sunday mornings at  
10:00 am (in person &  
online) and at a  
Wednesday evening  
study in person from  
6:00-7:00pm.

March 5 -  
Peaceable Kingdom /  
Communion

March 12 -  
Setting the Table

March 19 -  
Forgiveness

March 26 -  
Guidance



## *"Making Your Whole Life a Prayer"*

*Excerpts by Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

*The force of the human being is prayer.*

*From your youth, familiarize yourself with prayer.*

*To pray is to breathe alongside God.*

*To pray is to give your life to God*

*and to dedicate it to him.*

*To pray is to place your trust in God...*

*When you get ready for bed in the evening,*

*join your hands, instill a deep silence in yourself,*

*and ask God to come close by.*

*Then tell God how you have passed your day,*

*whether you have made it holy or spoiled it.*

*Tell God if you have passed the day with love or with anger,*

*with peace or with hatred...*

*...If you have something which you do not wish to confide with anyone,*

*trust that God sees all things and knows all things.*

*Go to God; and, at night,*

*when all is calm and asleep,*

*pour out your troubled heart to him and he will give you rest.*

*My dear child...do not forget;*

*It is through prayer that you will become strong.*

*Note: Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Theologian  
killed in a concentration camp during World War 2.*

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# Pastor's Page

Have you ever thought about the choreography present in a typical worship service? We generally stand and sit together, bow our heads, close our eyes, we might raise our hands, at times move forward to the front, then return to our seats, and join our voices in song and prayer.

Liturgy comes from the Greek word *leitourgia* which literally means “work of the people.” Worship is meant to be something we collectively come together for and engage in through our actions.

Because we do this *together*, I wanted to explain a shift that I made in my language several months ago. Perhaps you noticed it, as I began saying, “Standing or sitting...” when inviting you to speak together the opening words or sing a hymn. Standing is an active gesture that serves to show honor or reverence, so it is an important practice. An old worship manual suggests we “stand for praise, kneel for prayer, and sit for instruction.” However, standing isn't always physically possible for a person.

It wasn't that long ago that I was introduced to the concept of ableist language. Ableist language is any word or phrase that devalues or marginalizes people who have a disability. It shows up in different ways: as metaphors, jokes, or euphemisms. Yet as Rakshitha Arni Ravishankar points out in an article about this, the words we use in our structures and policies ultimately shape what we think about people around us, and they influence our biases, thoughts, and behaviors, so we do want to be mindful of them.

The phrase “stand as you are able” is actually an effort to be sensitive to all this. We have a history of simply asking people to stand: stand at the ballpark for the singing of the National Anthem, stand in the courtroom as the judge makes their way to the bench, and stand as the bride walks down the aisle. Changing that directive to “stand as you are able” takes the step to acknowledge that not everyone is able. And while it isn't wrong to make this invitation, I've come to the conclusion that it emphasizes, and separates, those who *are* able to stand from those who *are not*.

Since “Includer” is one of my StrengthsFinders, an evolution for me has been to shift my invitation from “stand as you are able” to “standing or sitting, let's join in singing/praying...”. For me, this seems to acknowledge and include more fully those who worship with us in a wheelchair, as well as their loved ones who sit with them so that they're not alone in sitting. It acknowledges and includes more fully the parent with the infant sleeping in their arms, who may remain seated so as not to disrupt their baby. And it acknowledges and includes better the person who came to worship exhausted after a night shift, or who came with a crick in their back, and any others who choose to sit with them that day. There is a purpose for standing, and yet there is also a reason to genuinely include those in our midst who cannot. Adjusting this language is an easy way to create an inclusive culture here at Good Sam, so I'm happy to do that.



With care for all,

Pastor Carol

# Congregational Care

## Congregational Care

### Comment: Planning a Funeral

In recent months, multiple people within the community have expressed a desire to intentionally engage in pre-planning as many elements of their own funeral as they are able. This can be an emotional and tender topic to explore.

Nonetheless, deciding what particular songs, readings, prayers, or other elements of such a service are important to you grants you the ability to create a service that is particularly meaningful and personal. Putting your choices and preferences in writing also eases some of the stress and tension on the part of your loved ones as they do their best to honor you amidst their own grief upon your passing.

With all of that in mind, please look for the "Funeral Planning Notes & Preferences" document included in this newsletter. For those who are available, Pastor Carol and I will be staying after in-person worship on Sunday, March 19, 2023 in the Fireside Room to answer questions and create a space for you to fill out this document with our support. Adults of any age are invited and encouraged to participate in this endeavor as there is no way of knowing when it will be too late to engage in such planning on our own behalf. If you are unable to make this event, feel free to complete the document on your own and return a copy to the church office to be kept on file once you have done so. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance or support to you as you make these important decisions.

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and Fridays



## An Encounter with Kindness

*Editor's Note: Natalie was sharing this story recently, so she was encouraged to write it down for the newsletter as a way to illustrate the Kindness and Sharing themes we've recently heard in worship.*

My apartment neighbor and walking partner was recently diagnosed with lymphoma and melanoma. When she started chemo sessions last week I thought, "If I were Sally, what would I want someone to do for me?" Right away I turned to my all-time favorite (and falling apart) cookbook, *The Cancer-Fighting Kitchen*, to see what I could cook for her. This book is packed with menu-planning tips and scrumptious recipes for what tastes good and helps alleviate the effects of treatment, such as nausea, fatigue, dehydration, and more. I made her a ginger meatball soup and a pineapple smoothie. I also bought her the book! Another day I delivered Nana's Egg Salad (with basil) and Anytime Bars. I have loved cooking for her. Cooking for Sally has not only not been a chore but has been healing and nurturing for me. Sometimes giving comfort and receiving comfort happen together.

~Natalie Cramer

## Thursday Afternoon Book Club March Meeting

We will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 1:00 in the Fireside Room. Our discussion title is "The Switch" by Beth O'Leary. The story centers around a grandmother from a remote Yorkshire village and her granddaughter who lives in London. Both are restless in their situation so they decide to switch residences for two months. Please join us for a lively discussion and fellowship! Questions: contact Vicki Dunn, victoria.dunn@q.com, (952) 930-3431.



# Easter Flower Order Form



## 2023 Easter Flower Order Form Help Beautify our Sanctuary!

Order plants below. Indicate color and quantity.  
Orders and payment are due by Sunday, March 19.

Simply tear out this page and put in the offering plate or mail to  
the church office (5730 Grove St, Edina, MN 55436)  
**with payment to Good Samaritan UMC marked "Easter Flowers."**

		Quantity	\$ Subtotal
Easter Lily (white)	\$10	_____	\$ _____
Asiatic Lily	\$15	_____	\$ _____
		(yellow) (orange) (pink)	
Azalea	\$25	_____	\$ _____
		(pink) (white) (bi-color)	
Hydrangea	\$30	_____	\$ _____
		(blue) (pink)	
Tulip	\$15	_____	\$ _____
		(yellow) (purple) (pink)	
Mum	\$15	_____	\$ _____
		(yellow) (white) (purple)	
Donation for additional flowers to deliver to our homebound members			\$ _____
ORDER TOTAL			\$ _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER

IN MEMORY OF --- or ---  IN HONOR OF (check one and fill out line below)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate my plant to a homebound member.

*Plants may be picked up after the 10:00 am Easter worship service.*

# Children, Youth and Family Ministries



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## History and Highlights of the Appalachia Service Project

- ASP is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia.
- Since 1969, ASP has made homes warmer, safer, and drier for families and provided transformational service experiences for volunteers. Each year, more than 15,000 volunteers serve with ASP, providing critical repairs for more than 350 families.
- ASP envisions the eradication of substandard housing in Central Appalachia and the transformation of everyone who comes in contact with this ministry.
- ASP was initiated by Nancy Manolis and Nancy Diggs, who saw a presentation by founder Tex Evans.
- Good Samaritan UMC has sent teams for 41 consecutive years: 1979-2019.
- Locations worked: Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky.
- 631 participants from Good Samaritan.
- Groups range in size from 20-71 persons; average of 40.3 people.
- Most number of trips: 26 each by Joe Cleaveland and Terry Stevens.
- 6 Good Samaritans have served on staff at the national office in Johnson City, Tennessee.
- Terry Stevens served on ASP's National Advisory Council.



For more information on this year's trip, go to <https://good.org/event/asp/>



Save the Date!  
Vacation Bible School  
June 26-29, 2023

## ASP Fundraiser Update

Thanks to all who purchased Game Day subs! Good Sam sold 35 subs and Lake Harriet UMC sold 76 subs, for a grand total of 111 sandwiches! It was a great fundraiser for this summer's work team going to ASP.



# Missions

## Good Samaritan Game Day Homelessness Simulation Games



Do you like to play games? To learn things in a fun way? Stay after worship on March 12 to play a board game with the whole family or with others! While homelessness may be no laughing matter, this board game called "Home Sweet Homelessness" offers a fun way to approach the topic. It is an

entertaining way to gain insights into homelessness. What makes the game work so well and still be so much fun? You roll the dice to move your marker on your path to owning your own home. Sometimes you must draw a "Challenge" card which might set you back. Other times you get to draw an "Opportunity" card which helps you on your way. Answering the "Question" cards helps you step into the shoes of someone who fell into homelessness and you need to choose what to do next – lose a day's wages needed for food or stay home with the sick child? Created by social workers and those who have experienced homelessness themselves, "Home Sweet Homelessness" can be a great way to gain a greater understanding of the struggles faced by too many families today.

We will have four tables for the board games and other tables will have online games revolving around this same important topic where you discuss your choices of what you would do in many specific situations. These games really help people understand the difficulties of homelessness in day-to-day situations in very personal ways. You'll really enjoy these escape poverty simulation games, so plan to stay on our game day!

Here are some surprising statistics about homelessness found in a 2021 study from the University of Chicago:

- They estimate that 53% of people living in homeless shelters and 40% of unsheltered homeless people were employed, either full or part-time.
- One third of all homeless people in America are children under the age of 18. (15,196 K-12 students in Minnesota are homeless at any one day in a year.)
- Homeless People across the nation find themselves excluded from the workforce when the potential employer finds they do not have a permanent address.
- Above all, there is wide-spread prevalent belief in our society that homeless people have substance addiction, criminal backgrounds and lack a desire to make a living.
- On a global scale, the most significant root causes of homelessness are stagnant wages, unemployment, education, high childcare costs, and healthcare.

~ Pat Deckas Becerra

## March is FoodShare Month

The 2023 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, which runs from February 27 - April 9, brings together organizations and individuals to provide resources to 300 Minnesota food shelves and



food distribution programs to help keep them stocked throughout the year. Your donations of nonperishable grocery items and money are needed by our neighbors experiencing food insecurity and poverty. In 2022 alone, Good Samaritan donated 344 pounds of food and \$10,405 to the VEAP and Joyce food shelves. VEAP and Joyce also received matching funds for the monetary donations given during the food drive. Thank you for your generosity. And please, consider donating to the FoodShare Campaign in 2023. Look for the collection box in the Narthex.

~ Sue Ohman

# Missions

FMSC Service Opportunities at the Chanhassen site (18932 Lake Dr E):



Wednesday, March 8  
9:00-11:45am

Sign up with Jean Zivkovich at  
jzivkovich@comcast.net  
by March 6.

Friday, March 17 - 7:00-8:45pm  
(St. Patrick's Day - wear green!)

Sign up with Jane Heimerl at  
jane.heimerl@yahoo.com  
by March 15.

## Bring It Home Minnesota Legislation



Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, which Good Sam knows mainly because of their Families Moving Forward program, has been fighting for important

legislation called Bring It Home Minnesota, and it now has a real chance of passing!

Take five minutes to contact your Minnesota legislator about helping the housing crisis by passing Bring It Home Minnesota. Tell them to use part of our vast surplus to fund rent vouchers – vouchers are proven to be the most effective policy to help with housing instability. Today, 75% of the people who qualify for rent vouchers do not get one. Why? Because the voucher program is vastly underfunded. Rent vouchers help these people stay in their homes and landlords receive what they deserve. 550,000 Minnesotans - from every corner of the state - are at risk of losing their home every month because their rent is too high.

You can also show our legislators your support on March 20 from 9:00am - 1:00pm - the Big Beacon Lobby Day: at the State Capitol. Beacon will be holding in-person visits to legislative leaders throughout the day. This is a great chance to gather everyone to show our support for housing change in Minnesota. Join Beacon as we advocate for housing justice in Minnesota. Learn more and register at [www.BringItHomeMinnesota.org](http://www.BringItHomeMinnesota.org)

~ Pat Deckas Becerra

## Minnesota Reconciling Congregations

The Leadership Team for Minnesota Reconciling Congregations (MRC) met on January 21 to prepare for the next meeting of the MRC on March 9, 2023, 7:00pm, via Zoom and prepare for the year ahead. More information about MRC is available on its website located at: [www.mnrcumc.org](http://www.mnrcumc.org)



The March meeting is available by remote access for those interested in attending please contact: [minnesotareconciling@gmail.com](mailto:minnesotareconciling@gmail.com) to request participation. ~Brian Boysen

## MRC Spring Social Gathering

Mark your calendar! You are invited to the Minnesota Reconciling Congregations Spring Social Gathering on Saturday, April 29 from 11:30-2:30 at Spirit of Hope UMC in Golden Valley. We haven't been able to gather for a potluck lunch and program since 2019, so we want to let you know the date for this planned gathering. In addition to social time and a potluck lunch, author and theologian Austen Hartke (he, him) will share his experience coming out as a transgender Christian, from his childhood in non-affirming churches to his years in seminary, and now as an educator for faith communities worldwide. Please plan to attend! Watch for more information when the time is closer. Please contact Brian Boysen ([bteam@earthlink.net](mailto:bteam@earthlink.net) or 612-220-3795) if you have questions.

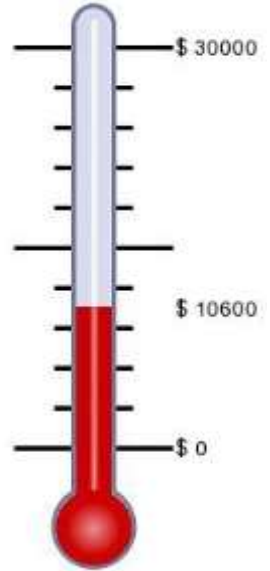
# Good Samaritan Foundation

## Update on The Foundation's Thirty-Year Celebration Challenge

In October of 2022, the board members of The Good Samaritan Foundation decided to celebrate the 1993 founding of what is now called The Good Samaritan Foundation. It began with \$30,000, and 30 years later the Board members have set a goal of raising \$30,000 in 2023.

We have had a great response. Having raised \$10,600, we are one third of the way there! You can help us reach that goal by making a donation to The Foundation by check or online at <https://good.org/give/give/the-foundation/>. You may designate the fund you would like to receive your donation or donate to the general fund and the Board of Directors will decide the fund in most need. For more information, call the church office or email Claudia at [claudialboysen@gmail.com](mailto:claudialboysen@gmail.com).

Thank you! Your gift will be the gift that keeps on giving.



## A Ride to Remember

*Editor's Note: Dan Green, our Building Engineer, just returned from the Black Woods Blizzard Tour, a snowmobile fundraising ride for ALS. The Good Samaritan Foundation provided a donation on behalf of our congregation to support this cause. Following is a thank you from Dan:*

I just got back Sunday morning from my three-day snowmobile ride fundraiser for ALS. 265 riders started in Carlton, MN. They put us in groups of 12-15 riders and each group left five minutes apart and took different routes. We rode the longest route out of the three different routes on the first day, which was just over 200 miles. That was Thursday morning and we rode to Tower. We got up Friday and rode all day, about 150 miles down to Grand Rapids, where we stayed the night. We left on Saturday morning and rode 140 miles back to Carlton. It was a super great, well-run event with hundreds of volunteers and sponsors.

With the help of everyone, including Good Samaritan UMC, the fundraising total for this year's ride alone has risen to over \$1.9 million to help find a cure for ALS. Another cool part of this is that Ron Gardenhire and Kent Hrbek are very big supporters for this and are also riders, so I took my picture with them. Terry Steinbach was also there, but I wasn't able to get a picture with him.

So from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for the Good Samaritan Foundation's donation to help me meet my fundraising goals.

~ Dan Green





# All Church Conference Summary

Our annual All Church Conference was held Sunday, January 29, 2023, after worship, for the purposes of receiving administrative reports, reviewing membership reports, and adopting the proposed 2023 budget. Following is a summary of what was shared at the meeting, with a copy of the approved 2023 budget shared on pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter.

**Pastor's Report** - Pastor Carol shared that she is midway through the Leadership for Social Justice Program at United Theological Seminary, which concludes in May of this year. Over the coming year, a priority will be to improve administrative recordkeeping systems that track membership, ministries and worship attendance.

A summary was shared that we average 72 people attending in-person worship, 56 people watching online at [good.org/watch](https://good.org/watch), and 176 watching on Facebook. We have experimented with boosting on Facebook (paid promotion of worship services or other events) and will analyze the effectiveness of this in the coming months. Initial review suggests that boosting a worship service can triple or quadruple our average number of views.

**Membership Report** - Pastor Carol reported that as of December 31, 2022, Good Samaritan UMC has 598 members on the rolls. The membership report was approved, which led to two inactive members being removed.

**SPRC Report** - Caroline Carlin reviewed new hires over the course of the year, highlighted efforts to foster a culture of appreciation by formally recognizing Dan Green for his work as Building Engineer throughout the pandemic and Pastor Carol for completing her MBA at Dakota Wesleyan, and acknowledged that Rev. Cindy Gregorson (Director of Ministries & Clergy Assistant to the Bishop) is providing supervisory support for Pastor Carol and Good Sam UMC. 2023 SPRC goals include finalizing policies and procedures, revitalizing annual

goal setting and performance, and working on building relations with the Minnesota Annual Conference.

**Trustee's Report** - Rick Evans made an appeal for new members to join in the work of this Board. He gave an update on the insurance claim due to hail damage that led to replacement of the steel roof on the Sanctuary, as well as upcoming work related to damaged air conditioning units installed on the roof. Upcoming projects include replacing windows, evaluating recent roof leaks in the gym, and tracking the wear and tear of church carpets. Support of these initiatives can be made with a contribution to the Good Samaritan Foundation - Cornerstone Fund.

**Finance Report** - Dave Redpath reported that 2022 ended with mixed results, with church expenses \$35k below budget and income \$102k below budget. These two factors resulted in \$67k drawn from the Reserve Fund to close the gap. The 2022 year end balance in the Reserve Fund is \$98k; and the Capital Fund is \$87k. The church mortgage is at \$830k, which is 12% of the value of our building and grounds.

The 2023 budget is \$748k, which is 3% smaller than 2022. Out of 120 pledging households, 48 increased their pledge by an average of 10%. For 2023, the budgeted draw on reserves is \$49k, so attention will be given this year to explore ways to increase the number of pledging households.

Good Samaritan UMC received an Employee Retention Credit, which is a COVID relief fund from the government calculated on some payroll expenses incurred during the pandemic.

The 2023 budget was adopted by motion. After a few questions were raised and answered, the meeting was adjourned. Thank you to all who attended and presented, and to Tony Branch for recording the official minutes. Please reach out to the applicable leader named above with any additional questions. Thank you.

# 2023 Budget

## Good Samaritan United Methodist Church

For fiscal year 2023

Description	2022 EOY	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
<b>001 - INCOME RECEIVED</b>			
Pledges-Current Yr-Rcvd This Year	\$437,014	\$509,124	\$560,000
Pledges-Current Yr-Ppd Last Year	\$80,876	\$80,876	
Allowance for Uncollectable Pledges	\$0	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
Pledges-Prior Yr- Rcvd This Year	\$3,800		
Unpledged Income	\$70,874	\$75,000	\$70,000
Loose Offering	\$1,767	\$14,000	\$2,000
Reserve Fund	\$67,423	\$41,692	\$48,911
Facility Usage Fees	\$27,548	\$15,000	\$25,000
Creekside Pre-School	\$37,169	\$37,168	\$39,026
Misc Revenues/Interest	\$1,320		
Evergreen Fund (5%)	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$13,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$736,791</b>	<b>\$771,860</b>	<b>\$747,937</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
<b>TOTAL APPORTIONMENTS &amp; MISSIONS</b>	<b>\$94,731</b>	<b>\$94,724</b>	<b>\$92,678</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$369,905</b>	<b>\$392,600</b>	<b>\$384,266</b>
<b>004 - PROGRAMS EXPENSE:</b>			
Total Children's Program	\$4,660	\$10,000	\$6,350
Total Youth Program	\$3,420	\$6,050	\$4,700
Total Adult Program	\$77	\$250	\$1,000
Total Confirmation		\$0	\$1,250
Total Congregational Life	\$199	\$1,200	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP</b>	<b>\$3,682</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$4,900</b>
<b>TOTAL FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>\$1,226</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>TOTAL MUSIC</b>	<b>\$6,056</b>	<b>\$10,700</b>	<b>\$10,700</b>
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS:</b>			
Library Expense	74	100	\$150
Marketing	1130	\$2,000	\$2,000
Stewardship	0	\$500	\$200
Membership Committee-Expenses	0	\$150	\$150
Reconciling Committee Expenses	800	\$800	\$800
Missions	1000	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$3,004</b>	<b>\$4,550</b>	<b>\$4,300</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$22,324</b>	<b>\$41,050</b>	<b>\$37,200</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$46,804</b>	<b>\$56,800</b>	<b>\$52,400</b>

# 2023 Budget

## Good Samaritan United Methodist Church For fiscal year 2023

Description	2022 EOY	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
<b>006 - PROPERTY EXPENSE:</b>			
Electricity	\$32,211	\$25,000	\$35,000
Gas	\$18,554	\$12,000	\$20,000
Telephone/Internet	\$3,445	\$7,000	\$4,000
Other Utilities	\$34,048	\$28,000	\$30,000
Snow Plowing	\$5,262	\$5,000	\$5,000
Grounds Maintenance	\$11,645	\$11,000	\$10,000
Insurance	\$22,414	\$21,000	\$24,000
Taxes/Assessments	\$9,066	\$10,000	\$10,000
Van Maintenance/Gas	\$111	\$200	\$200
Van Gas			
Non-Recurring Expenses	\$2,088	\$10,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$138,844</b>	<b>\$ 129,200</b>	<b>\$ 143,200</b>
<b>007 - BUILDING EXPENSE:</b>			
Equipment	\$ 754	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Supplies	\$ 7,450	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,200
Maintenance	\$ 28,134	\$ 24,000	\$ 17,000
Building Improvements	\$ 1,861	\$ 500	
Mortgage	\$ 25,986	\$ 25,986	\$ 12,993
<b>TOTAL BUILDING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$64,185</b>	<b>\$ 57,486</b>	<b>\$ 38,193</b>
<b>TOTAL Expense</b>	<b>\$736,793</b>	<b>\$771,860</b>	<b>\$747,937</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE</b>	<b>-\$2</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

### 2023 Pledge Analysis

Subttl Expicit pledge	\$	326,378
Sub Ttl Implied Pledge	\$	193,696
TTL Pledge	\$	520,074
2022 Pledge Amt	\$	504,110
2022 Contributed	\$	511,741
2023 Contributed	\$	58,477
#increased by >10%		34
subttl #increased		48
#same and contributed in 2022		61
#decreased		11

If no pledge, then assumption based on prior-year pledge.



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BUILDING  
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 Community

SERVING  
 Neighbors Near  
 and Far

SUNDAYS

Worship  
 10:00am (In-person and Online)

Nursery  
 9:45-11:30am, Infants - Age 3

Sunday School (Children & Youth)  
 Held during worship following  
 Children's Time. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAYS

(Nursery open from 5:45-9:00pm)

6:00pm

- Chancel Chimes Rehearsal
- Caregivers (2nd Wednesdays)

7:00pm

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Youth Activities

GOOD SAMARITAN OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm  
 Phone (952) 929-0049