



SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# MESSENGER

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## Steps in Faith . . . the Goodness of Unity

Researchers who study congregations without installed pastors point to a handful of approaches that prepare a church to welcome new ministerial leadership and dynamic new ministry. Two of the most important are: 1) *Assisting congregations in making peace with the story of their church community* and 2) *Helping congregations develop a new identity in Jesus Christ.*

Only last summer you celebrated your history, your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, by telling rich stories of the St. Andrew church, giving thanks to God for where you have been, making new ministry plans at the outset of your second 50 years and worshipping together.

Also during this time, after 22 years of faithful ministry, Senior Pastor Rev. Mark Martin announced his retirement; the church entered a contract with a developer that could lead to the eventual sale of the church's Melrose property; and the congregation pledged approximately \$1.7 million toward debt relief and the purchase of 40 acres of land on Camp Cardinal Road.

You added new chapters to your story as a people of God even as you celebrated the past half-century. I understand there was intentionality and excitement in the new efforts, with the question asked, "How is God calling us to ministry in the next 50 years?"

I am also aware that frustrations, some of them very deep, arose surrounding the processes and decisions and votes of the possible sale of the Melrose property and the possible future move to the Camp Cardinal property. Numerous people at St. Andrew have had conversations with me about these matters, expressing a variety of perspectives and emotions. Some of you said you did not have an adequate opportunity to ask questions and

receive answers. Others of you said – as you did not share the vision that St. Andrew ministry should relocate – that you perceived your faith was being called into question. Some of you who are church leaders, after you had been involved in these decisions, perceived that your motives were called into question. Others of you have shared disappointment in certain phases of the process and its pace. Now this particular story is not the only one we can tell about St. Andrew. With so many strong ministries, mission efforts, on-going discussions and ways of extending care in and beyond our church walls, St. Andrew is a vibrant community of faith with a wide collection of life-giving ministries and narratives of Good News.

But this story is distinctly intense at this time. And within it are people in need of the forgiveness and reconciliation of our Lord Jesus Christ.



It says in the first chapter of the Letter of James, *My dear friends, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for people's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.* Jesus reminds us in the Gospels what does bring about the life that God desires: the restoration of fissured relationships, stances of cold alienation giving way to the woven carpets of generous hospitality.

Psalms 133 says: *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!.....It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.* Even in the center eye of contentious issues, pursuing reconciliation is a sacred activity. And it is beautiful for God to behold.

A number of leaders and members of St. Andrew recognize that on these issues, there is a need for forgiveness and healing in this community of faith. And so at the August meeting, the Session approved the ministry and purpose statement of a Reconciliation Team at St. Andrew. (You can read the full Reconciliation Team ministry description document on the church website at [www.saintandrew-ic.org](http://www.saintandrew-ic.org)) Those on the Reconciliation Team have expressed a desire to build new bridges of accord and understanding across the St. Andrew community. They will offer listening and discussion opportunities. They will stand alongside the Expansion Timeline Team (ETT) to assist the sharing of information to the entire congregation about property and land issues before the church. And they will propose tangible steps this body of Christ can take to encourage an even deeper sense of Christian community.

These are important tasks during this time of transition. Through God's grace, such a process can lead us to a new, more jubilant identity in Jesus Christ. I give thanks for the leaders that have risen up with a desire to draw St. Andrew closer, and to welcome and encourage bridges of unity, so that God may use this faith community in even greater ways over the next 50 years.

And I pray for your consideration of how you might be led to participate to strengthen the unity and ministry of this Body of Christ.

Blessings and Peace,

Bob David  
Interim Senior Pastor

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**SERVING CHRIST AND THE COMMUNITY FOR 50 YEARS**

**Our Focus:** *Sharing the Community of Christ*  
**Our Mission:** *To follow Jesus Christ • Grow in commitment • Cultivate our gifts  
Reach out in mission • And bring others to Christ*

## Community News + Events

### Our Church Family

Please join us in wishing Pastor Kyle Otterbein a very Happy Birthday!! He is celebrating his 50th birthday on September 2.

### Take a break at Root River

Our annual Root River weekend adventure is Sept. 4-7 in southern Minnesota. Each year Saint Andrew members and friends join together for a weekend of camping, bicycling, canoeing, shopping, golfing, relaxing and enjoying God's creation. The trip is filled with campfires, an outdoor worship service, delicious food, laughter and great fellowship.

### Moderator Visit in September



The Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of PC(USA), will be coming to First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant on September 26-27. Highlights will be 3 Q & A sessions and dinner with the Moderator. All events are free and open to the public. To RSVP for dinner call the FPC church office by September 22 at 319.986.5851.

Prior to his visit, Rev. Reyes-Chow recom-

mends reading *A Generous Orthodoxy* by Brian D. McLaren and *Who's Afraid of Post-modernism* by James K.A. Smith. Partial funding from *Emerging Missions Grant* of Presbytery of East Iowa.

## The Art of the Bid

Have you ever struggled to make sense of a significant relationship you are a part of? I know I have. I have missed opportunities to share experiences with my children, I have frustrated my wife, I tend to distance myself when emotions run high—none of which lead to relational health! I probably lag in measurements of my EQ (the scale of "emotional" intelligence)! But I know that healthy relationships are key to the full and abundant life that Jesus offers. Jesus both extended and modeled the love, compassion, and connection that build life-giving relationships. But "trying harder" to be loving, compassionate, and connected has not worked well for me. I need practical suggestions and insights to make a difference in my care of others.

Recently I learned about the research and experience of John Gottman, a professor at the University of Washington (my alma mater!), who is well-known for running the "Love Lab" at the UW, where couples are studied closely to learn what makes for healthy marriages (and healthy relationships). I began to read a couple of his works and have found them very helpful in

learning how I can build better relationships. I want to share an experiment that I am about to attempt. Each month I am going to pick out one insight or idea from Gottman's books *The Relationship Cure* and *The Seven Principles for Making a Marriage Work* and then try to put that insight to work in my life. I'll share with you how it is going. Maybe you may want to try this as well if any of the ideas capture your imagination!

This month I will start with an idea that is basic to Gottman's work. Many people will say that "communication is the key to any good relationship". Gottman provocatively disagrees. He says that sometimes we communicate all too effectively! But what we communicate is anger, criticism, disdain, and complaining which do little to strengthen our relationships.

So Gottman begins by teaching that all people in relationships make "bids" for connection and regard. These "bids" may be verbal or non-verbal but they essentially are the most basic building block for communication. Gottman believes knowledge of "bidding" is necessary

as a first step in strengthening a marriage or friendship or work partnership. If we miss "bids" being sent our way, we miss opportunities to build relationships and send a message that dismisses or rejects others. So this month, I am trying to heighten my awareness of the "bids" others are sending my way and the ways I choose to respond (or not!). Call it an exploration of the *art of the bid!* Think of a bid as an invitation that one person extends to another to connect and interact. How do you respond when someone sends a bid your way? How about when you are tired? or discouraged? or angry? What kind of bids to you extend to others? I'll try to pay attention to the artistry of my bidding (and hope it doesn't resemble my first attempts with clay!) and tell you how it goes.

In Christ,

Pastor Kyle

## Small Groups

### New Small Group Opportunity continues

All women who are interested in spending Tuesday mornings with coffee + conversation with a focus on spiritual growth are invited to join us as we meet on Tuesdays at 8:30 am. Please contact Bev Witwer at 337.9154 or [witwers9@msn.com](mailto:witwers9@msn.com) or Dedi Walker at 351.1354 or [dedi.walker@gmail.com](mailto:dedi.walker@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining this St. Andrew small group experience. Copies of the book are available from Bev.

### Women's Book Club

The St. Andrew Women's Book Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Visitors/new members are always welcome. Sept. 9, *One Thousand White Women*, Jim Fergus.

## Music Ministry

### Fall Start-up Rehearsal Dates

Contact Matthew Penning, Director of Music, [matthewp@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:matthewp@saintandrew-ic.org), if you are interested in participating in one of the many music ensembles at St. Andrew!

### Logos Choir (adult vocal):

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

### Resound! (adult handbell):

Thursday, Sept. 10, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

### Matins Ringers (adult handbell):

Monday, Sept. 14, 11:00 am - noon

### Genesis Ringers (adult handbell):

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

### Brass Ensemble (youth - adult):

Mondays (continuing), 7:00 - 7:45 pm

### Woodwind Ensemble (youth - adult):

Mondays (continuing), 7:45 - 8:30 pm

### Agape Singers (grades 7-12 vocal):

Sunday, Sept. 13, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Retreat at the Robinsons' on

September 3, 5-8 pm

### kingsringers (grades 7-12 handbell):

Sunday, Sept. 13, 4:25 - 5:25 pm

### Cantate Choristers (grades 3-6 vocal):

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

### Alpha & Omega Ringers (grades 3-6 bells):

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 7:00 - 7:45 pm

### Joy Club (grades K-2):

Monday, Oct. 6, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

### Music in Worship Calendar:

Sunday, Sept. 13:

8:30 + 11: Jazz Band

Sunday, Sept. 20:

8:30: Cantate Choristers

11: Logos Choir

Sunday, Sept. 27:

8:30: Logos Choir, Matins Ringers

11: Brass Ensemble

### Sabbatical Journey, pt. 2

Greetings to you all! The summer and my sabbatical journey has passed by quickly, but not without leaving behind many wonderful experiences for rest and renewal. I write this second update only a few days after arriving home from a three week trek to the west coast and only a few days to returning to the office at St. Andrew.

Following a renewing week at Lake Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp with my family (including my mom, who joined us for the first time!), I set to work practicing daily for an organ lesson, delving into a stack of books I wanted to read, and preparing for our excursion to the west coast.

Our west coast trip was truly amazing – witnessing God's glorious creation across the country as we traveled via Amtrak to Oregon and Washington where majestic mountains, towering trees, and vast ocean waters and coastline stretch to what seems like infinity was only a part of our time there. Since a complete description of our experiences would literally fill more than a dozen pages, here are some highlights of our travels:

- Traveling on Amtrak - including keeping our balance while sleeping and eating and walking from car to car while in full motion
- Learning from west coast professionals including Nancy Hascall (handbells), Doug Cleveland (organ), Ellie Hodderer (handbells), Shosh Meyer (handbells), Scott Burnett (University Presbyterian Church director of worship and arts), Bev Ratajak (organist and friend of Tim Dyck!)

- Playing two grand pipe organs at Mt. Angel Abby (Mt. Angel, Oregon) and University Presbyterian Church (Seattle)
- Worship at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (our former congregation – they even had me play the prelude and opening hymn on the first Sunday there!), University Presbyterian Church (Seattle) and Mt. Angel Abby (Mt. Angel, Oregon)
- Experiencing God's amazing creation – Cannon Beach, Crater Lake and Mt. Hood to name a few
- Researching worship music (and even receiving some free music for our files!)
- Renewing friendships with many people from our previous congregation.

Thank you all for the opportunity of this sabbatical journey. A special thanks to Laura Kastens, Erin Moore, Lee Rabe, and Tim Dyck who kept the music end of worship running so smoothly while I was away! It was truly a wonderful gift that has renewed my passion for music and worship, deepened my relationship with God, strengthened my family and broadened my perspective on the amazing grace that God lavishly pours out on us.

Peace to you all,

Matthew

PS: Check out the church website for a few pictures of our trip!

## Stephen Ministry

### Feel a Desire or Call to Care for Others?



Perhaps you have been aided by a Stephen Minister or other care giver in your past. Perhaps you feel you may have a skill in or desire to care for others. Should you find yourself in one of these

categories, we would invite you to consider the upcoming Stephen Ministry course, which will start this fall. Stephen Ministers provide care to people facing transitions, grief, or other challenging events in their lives including job loss, divorce, emotional trauma, loneliness, medical problems, or other issues. More than 100 members of Saint Andrew have been trained as Stephen Ministers in the 20 year history of Stephen Ministry at Saint Andrew. The next

training class will begin September 14 and run through February with a graduation/commissioning date of March 7, 2010, and a commitment to serve until August 2011. Applications are now being accepted. Want more information? Brochures describing the Stephen Ministry Program are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex - and so are applications! If you have questions, any member of the program would be glad to talk, or you can ask leaders Bill Ford (319.354.1834), Gail Hockom (319.338.9220), Andy Smothers (319.594.1089), or Pastor Kyle Otterbein (319.338.7523). Former Stephen Ministers are also always invited to rejoin the program. Contact one of the leaders above for more information.

### Searching for Someone to Listen?

Stephen Ministers complete a fifty hour training program on many topics including a unit on active listening; further instruction is provided through monthly continuing education. If you think this support would be helpful to you or someone you know, please contact Gail Hockom (319.338.9220, [thockom@aol.com](mailto:thockom@aol.com)), Bill Ford (319.354.1834, [wdford@mchsi.com](mailto:wdford@mchsi.com)), or Pastor Kyle Otterbein (319.338.7523, [revkyle@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:revkyle@saintandrew-ic.org)). You may also pick up a brochure in the Narthex and learn more about the care Stephen Ministers offer.

# Children's Ministries

## Get Ready, Get Set...

Here are start dates for children's ministry programs at Saint Andrew. Registration forms are at the Welcome Table and on our website.

Sunday School

(2-year-olds through adults):

Sunday, Sept. 13, 9:45 am

Lighthouse (ministry for 3-6 grade):

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 6:30-8 pm

Joy Club

(ministry for Kindergarten-2 grade):

Monday, Oct. 5, 3:30 to 5 pm

Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called into leadership for one of these programs. We need more volunteers to make our programs run smoothly. For details, e-mail [heatherw@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:heatherw@saintandrew-ic.org) or [kristend@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:kristend@saintandrew-ic.org) or call the church office, 338.7523.

## Sunday School

Sunday School starts Sept. 13. It's a brand new year! Here's how things will look on Sunday mornings:

- Caterpillars (2- and 3-year-olds), Butterflies (4-year-olds) and Kindergartners will meet in the east wing, as always.
- 1-6 grade will meet in Fellowship Hall, just like last year.
- 7 and 8 grade will meet in the north wing. 8 grade Sunday School is our confirmation class. All eighth-graders are encouraged to attend weekly. Confirmation prepares students to decide if they want to become members of the church by making a public profession of faith.
- High School students will meet in the youth room.

We still have opportunities for Sunday School teachers to work with students in 7 or 8 grade and senior high. We also need project leaders for a 3-6 week commitment for 1-6 grade. Project leaders direct a specific activity (science, cooking, art, etc.). Contact Heather Woodin or Kristen DeGrazia.

## Confirmation

Eighth-grade students are invited and encouraged to participate in the confirmation Sunday School class. Confirmands will meet from 9:45 to 10:45 am each Sunday in the north hall, starting Sept. 13 and continuing through May. The confirmation process helps students think about when they will profess their Christian faith as a public act. Confirmation is an opportunity to prepare young people to stand alongside the adults of the church in a responsible, public commitment to Jesus Christ and to live out the Christian faith in their daily lives. For more details, talk to Heather Woodin or Pastor Kyle.

## Lighthouse

Where's the best place to be on Tuesday night? Lighthouse, of course! We have a crew of leaders who are ready to let their light shine and are eager to connect with kids. Our kick-off for students in 3-6 grade is 6:30-8 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 8, when we will celebrate our new year with "Sundaes on Tuesday!" Mark your calendars now: Late Night at the Lighthouse (our wildly popular overnight event) is Oct. 23-24.

## Joy Club

Joy Club, for children in kindergarten-2 grade, begins Monday, Oct. 5, from 3:30 to 5 pm. We start in October to give children time to get back into the school routine before we add this after-school program to their schedules.

The more leaders we have at Joy Club, the more attention we can give to each child. If your child is attending, please consider serving as a leader. No special training, experience or background is needed—just a desire to share Christ's love with our children. Childcare is provided for babies and preschoolers of Joy Club leaders.

## The Shoebox Project

Start saving your shoeboxes! Saint Andrew will again participate in Operation Christmas Child (The Shoebox Project) this fall. This international mission project, organized by Samaritan's Purse of Boone, North Carolina, allows individuals, families, churches and schools to participate in a hands-on project that reaches children around the world. Participants fill an empty shoebox with small gifts for a child, plus \$10 for shipping. Samaritan's Purse distributes the boxes and Christian literature to more than 2 million children in more than 55 countries. For many, the shoebox is their only gift.

Gift ideas include small toys (dolls, balls, stuffed animals, yo-yos), school supplies (pencils and sharpener, markers, coloring books, crayons, paper), hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, soap, washcloth), other items (hard candy, lollipops, sunglasses, socks, t-shirts, hairclips, caps). Brochures will be distributed in Sunday School and will be available at the Welcome Center this fall. This is your opportunity to send a box of Christian love and caring to children around the world.

## A Variety of Voices

Several members of our congregation and staff take turns presenting the Children's Messages during Sunday worship services. One of our goals is to teach children that we have many leaders and teachers in our congregation, all of whom have wonderful words and lessons to share. If you would like to present a Children's Message occasionally, contact Heather Woodin, [heatherw@saintandrew-ic.org](mailto:heatherw@saintandrew-ic.org)

# Prayer Ministry

You hear that "ping" as you are on the computer. Someone is on line at the same time you are and you Instant Message (IM) back and forth for 15 minutes or more or less! You laugh and enjoy your friend despite perhaps the distance of many miles that separate the two of you. Time seems to stand still while you communicate to each other.

Could this be like praying? God is on one end of the communication and you are on the other. Sometimes you don't connect, and the messages cease to flow. But God is always online, waiting for us to "boot up". We only need to make the connection.

Loving God, thank you for always being there for us. Help us to enjoy your presence. Amen.

## Adult Education

Beginning September 13, Saint Andrew will offer two Adult Christian Education classes that will challenge us to a greater depth of Christian reflection. Both classes focus on difficult questions Christians face here and around the world. The apostle Paul urges us to be "transformed by the renewing of [our] minds", and these classes will give us the opportunity to gather with other disciples at Saint Andrew to explore our faith and understanding. I hope you will take this opportunity to engage these important issues of our times. The eight-week first fall session of Adult Education will run from September 13 through November 1.

### **Israel, Zionism, and Justice**

*with Paul Meyer*

Growing in faith always leads to a greater involvement in healing the world's wounds—or so great mystics tell us. This course is designed to help us understand one of those "wounds", which is the ideology of Zionism (and its expression in the nation state of Israel)—to understand its history, politics, and sociology, and appreciate the impact Zionism has on Christians, Jews, Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and all Americans. What we do with that understanding is where growth is involved.

### **Human Sexuality and the Faith of Presbyterian Christians**

*with Jeff Charis-Carlson*

The national Presbyterian Church USA is in the middle of intense study and reflection concerning the denomination's stance on same-sex marriage and on the ordination of gay and lesbian Elders, Deacons and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. The real life implications of these theological discussions hit close to home in April, when the Iowa Supreme Court ruled that county recorders should issue marriage licenses to otherwise qualifying same-sex couples.

When St. Andrew members Michelle Wikner and Michelle Norman asked if they could hold their wedding ceremony in the sanctuary of what has been their spiritual home for the past 1½ decades, the Session was asked to make a determination affecting two church members who worship and pray beside us. During its June meeting, the request was turned down, citing the broader denominational question as one of the reasons.

The Session's decision has raised many difficult - and sometime painful - questions about the degree to which St. Andrew's gay and lesbian members can participate in the life of the church. When it comes to its gay and lesbian members, how "open and affirming" is St. Andrew? How "open and affirming" should it be? Last year, the General Assembly of the Presby-

terian Church USA appointed a Special Committee to Study Issues of Civil Union and Christian Marriage. The committee was given two years to study:

- How the theology and practice of marriage have developed in the Reformed tradition and
- The place of covenanted same-gender partnerships in the Christian community.

The course details are still being developed, but the class will:

- Read through samples of the contrasting Scriptural and Bible interpretation materials Session members consulted before the June vote (much of which are available at [www.presbycoalition.org/ordstandards.cfm](http://www.presbycoalition.org/ordstandards.cfm) or [www.presbycoalition.org/civilunionmarriage.cfm](http://www.presbycoalition.org/civilunionmarriage.cfm) and [www.covenantnetwork.org/home.htm](http://www.covenantnetwork.org/home.htm));
- Explore the Presbyterian Church USA's current positions on these issues.
- Watch and discuss the documentary, "For the Bible Tells Me So" ([www.forthebibletellsmeso.org](http://www.forthebibletellsmeso.org)); and
- Hear from speakers who know firsthand the struggle of trying to find a place for sexuality in the church.

If you have questions or suggestions for how this class should proceed, contact 319.330.3321 or [jcharisc@press-citizen.com](mailto:jcharisc@press-citizen.com).

## Presbyterian + United Campus Ministries

### **Water, Water Everywhere**

... at the Water Welcome for students, parents, grandparents, and friends on move-in weekend. On Friday we handed out water amidst sprinkles which became a shower. Help came from the Director (Nancy), campus ministry Peer Ministers, Shirley Leonard and Clayton and Helen Ringgenberg. Clayton, Helen and Nancy caught the brunt of the downpour that left us soaked through and through. Saturday

the weather was perfect for moving in and handing out water and over 175 people were grateful to receive a refreshing bottle of cold water.

As we distributed water, we made observations.

1) There was an average of one futon moved in for every fourth person. They will be comfortable. 2) Often multiple generations arrived with the incoming freshmen. The pride was obvious.

3) A Peer Minister noted that the parents seemed to be doing more of the carrying, toting, lifting and hefting than the students. That was most curious. 4) The fashion for young women is very short and tight skirts. Tugging down was constant. And 5) these are some of the most polite folks you will meet always appreciative of the water and even of the offer if they didn't need it. This is impressive!

## Session News

The Session approved on Aug. 20 the new ministry of the St. Andrew Reconciliation Team. This team seeks to be a bridge to facilitate a healing process at St. Andrew. As the decisions unfolded concerning the purchasing of new land and the possible sale of the Melrose Avenue property, some in the church perceived that they were being marginalized,

others perceived their motives were being questioned. It is important during this interim time to address these concerns. It is also important to value the diligent efforts of those who have helped lead the church through these decisions. The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians to the early church about the significance of being united in mind and in purpose to

accomplish the work of Christ. Therefore, this Reconciliation Team has been formed to pursue actions that build a deeper sense of Christian unity, trust and respect among the St. Andrew Community on these particular issues. Drs. Madgetta and Clai Dundy are leading the team. The next meeting is Sunday, August 30 at 12:15 pm.

## Blessed by Servants

### 2009 Elder/Deacon Officer Training

Thursday September 17, 7 pm  
First Session meeting for new Elders

### We Are Grateful for the Outstanding Service of Our Elders and Deacons

Sunday, August 23 we ordained and installed new elders and deacons for service at Saint Andrew. They follow in the footsteps of a wonderful group of elders and deacons who have been serving for 3 years on our Session and on our Board of Deacons. We give thanks for their gift of time and the dedication and sacrifice they offered.

### Thanks to our elders

Ken Arkema	Bill Hoeft
Paul Aus	Cindy Kasper
Tim Dyck	Jonathan Swearingen
Deb Fick	Nelda Wittig
Rick Graf	

### And to our deacons

Dan Ceynar	Peter Hatch
Kaye Eckhardt	Michelle Lamkins
Marty Goodwin	Ally Plunkett

### And we welcome

Elders:	
Kim Aus	James Hemsley
Elizabeth Ebot (youth)	Cheryl Johnson
Eric Goers	Allan Mebus
Bob Lamkins	Alissa Villhauer

### Deacons:

Frank Canady (youth)	Cate Koeppen
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## Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED) GENERAL FUND 01, July 2009

	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Annual Budget %	Budget Difference
<b>INCOME</b>					
PLEDGES & IDENTIFIED GIFT	\$65,823.72	\$513,845.74	\$990,400.00	51.88%	-\$476,554.26
CAMPUS MINISTRY GRANTS	2,416.67	20,416.69	37,000.00	55.18%	-16,583.31
FACILITIES/OFFICE INCOME	0.00	5,105.00	6,000.00	85.08%	-895.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	91.10	842.07	1,200.00	70.17%	-357.93
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	0.00	186.92	750.00	24.92%	-563.08
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>68,331.49</b>	<b>540,396.42</b>	<b>1,035,350.00</b>	<b>52.19%</b>	<b>-494,953.58</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>					
LAND	\$100.00	\$2,249.98	\$6,300.00	35.71%	-\$4,050.02
BUILDING	5,688.83	49,072.08	93,000.00	52.77%	-43,927.92
UTILITIES	1,815.58	15,754.38	30,800.00	51.15%	-15,045.62
EQUIPMENT, F & F	0.00	28.58	1,250.00	2.29%	-1,221.42
VEHICLES	0.00	1441.86	6,551.00	22.01%	-5,109.14
CAMPUS MINISTRY	0.00	1,669.76	5,000.00	33.40%	-3,330.24
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES	420.31	2,096.74	8,400.00	24.96%	-6,303.26
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	54.00	1,037.18	1,450.00	71.53%	-412.82
MINISTRIES - CARE/SUPPORT	0.00	308.97	1,500.00	20.60%	-1,191.03
MEMBERSHIP/EVANGELISM	179.60	1,313.27	6,475.00	20.28%	-5,161.73
MISSION	9,293.08	73,413.56	140,556.00	52.23%	-67,142.44
MUSIC	560.15	3,625.32	13,100.00	27.67%	-19,474.68
OFFICE EXPENSE	855.35	12,738.94	29,775.00	42.78%	-17,036.06
OPERATING EXPENSES	3,484.33	27,497.97	54,847.00	50.14%	-27,349.03
PERSONNEL	46,705.27	352,159.47	618,236.00	56.96%	-266,076.53
WORSHIP	0.00	3,041.45	6,225.00	48.86%	-3,183.55
YOUTH MINISTRIES	145.30	3,859.10	11,885.00	32.47%	-8,025.90
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>69,301.80</b>	<b>551,308.61</b>	<b>1,035,350.00</b>	<b>53.25%</b>	<b>-484,041.39</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$970.31</b>	<b>-\$10,912.19</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>-\$10,912.19</b>

## Our Place to Grow

### Update from the Expansion Timeline Team Maxwell Contract Extended 16 days

In 2007, the St. Andrew Session entered into a purchase agreement contract with Jeff Maxwell for the St. Andrew Melrose Avenue property. One of the contingencies of that contract stated that Mr. Maxwell would have to make a decision by August 15, 2009, if he wanted to move forward on the contract given the current zoning of our Melrose site. Earlier in August, the Session extended with Mr. Maxwell this contingency date 16 days, from August 15 to

August 31, 2009. This short-term extension will allow the St. Andrew Session more time to consider the status of the contract with Mr. Maxwell. As of the printing for this September Messenger, the discussions on this matter were continuing. Your prayers for the leadership of the congregation are especially encouraged during this period.

**As we approach** the one-year anniversary of the Our Place To Grow campaign we invite those who have not yet pledged to the campaign to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, September 10, 6:30-8 pm in the home of Brad and Janice Baldes: 235 East Dovetail Drive, Coralville. The meeting will provide fellowship, a brief informative presentation and time for questions/answers. Please RSVP to Janice at 358.2331 or [janice@bagolitas.com](mailto:janice@bagolitas.com)

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