

# HERE'S THE MARCH NEWS

**March 2018**






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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>March 2018</div>			<b>St. John's UCC</b> 101 S Clark St. (PO Box 264) Black Creek, Wisconsin 920-984-3845	1	2	3 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class— Session 5
4 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S. & Bible Study 10:15 a.m. <b>Worship</b> <i>(New Member Sunday) (Children's Choir sings)</i> 11:15 a.m. Soup lunch— Youth Group Annual Fundraiser <i>(everyone is welcome)</i>	5       Men's Dartball Captains' meeting	6      6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee meeting	7    1:30 p.m. Women's Guild meeting   6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00 p.m. <b>Worship</b> 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	8	9	10       Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed so you're on time tomorrow!
11 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins 9:00 a.m. S.S. & Bible Study <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday</i> 10:15 a.m. <b>Worship</b> <i>(Rev Moira Finley pulpit exchange) Senior Choir sings</i>	12    Men's Dartball Tournament @ Seymour Lutheran	13   6:30 p.m. Council meeting 	14   6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00 p.m. <b>Worship</b> 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	15	16	17      <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</i>
18 9:00 a.m. S.S. Youth Group, & Bible Study 10:15 a.m. <b>Worship</b> <i>(Senior Choir sings) Fellowship hall is reserved for today</i>	19    Men's Dartball Banquet @ Doxbee's Seymour	20    <i>First day of spring</i> 	21   6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper 7:00 p.m. <b>Worship</b> 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	22	23	24
25 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. S.S. & Bible Study 10:15 a.m. <b>Worship</b> <i>(Children's Choir sings)</i>	26	27	28	29 <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  7:00 p.m. <b>Worship</b> <i>(Senior Choir sings)</i>	30 <b>Good Friday</b> 	31

## *Time for the Time Change*



It is nearly time to change our clocks again. Daylight Saving Time begins, at 2:00 a.m., **Sunday, March 11, 2018**. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 10, before going to bed, so you will not miss all the wonderful things we do Sunday morning! See you in church!

### *Pastor's Message...*

#### *What's It Worth?*

How many times in our lives do we ask that question? In the grocery store, we pick up items, look at the price, and then determine if the item is worth it. At the auto dealer, we pick out a model, then ask for a price and do the same thing. Sometimes the price is set by the seller, as in the grocery store and at the auto dealer. At other times, the price is set by the buyers, as in an auction. There are times that we can negotiate a different price and times when we cannot. No matter what the system, no matter where we are shopping, we ask ourselves "What is it worth?" thousands of times in our lifetime.

The worth of things can be a fickle matter. There are times in life when we learn that something we have purchased has increased in value—its worth has gone up. At such times we often feel a sense of pride in our shopping skills. At other times, we find that what we have paid for has lost significant value, and we may rue that fact for some time. The trouble is that when we decide to buy something,

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## ***March 2018 Schedule***

### **Sunday, March 4, 2018 @ 10:15 a.m. - Communion Sunday**

Reader	Jim Rucci
Greeter/Usher	Jim Rucci & Steve Hanson
Greeter/Usher	Duane & Carol Henke

### **Sunday, March 11, 2018 @ 10:15 a.m.**

Reader	Carla Menning
Greeter/Usher	Bob & Carla Menning
Greeter/Usher	Gary & Carla Lathrop

### **Sunday, March 18, 2018 @ 10:15 a.m.**

Reader	Trudy Koon
Greeter/Usher	Trudy Koon & Morgan VanderLinden
Greeter/Usher	Ryan & Stephanie Julius

### **Sunday, March 25, 2018 @ 10:15 a.m. - Palm Sunday**

Reader	Sue Biese
Greeter/Usher	Joe & Sue Biese
Greeter/Usher	Dallas & Lisa Waterstradt

## ***Church Council Minutes***

*January 9, 2018, Meeting*

### **Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Menning with Aron Rasmussen, Gary Vander Linden, Judy Samson, Connie Wheeler, Lisa Waterstradt, and Pastor Tom Fritz present.



The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Tom Fritz.

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## **Council January Minutes** *continued from page 2*

A motion was made, by Gary Vander Linden and seconded by Aron Rasmussen, to accept the minutes from last month. Motion passed.

A motion was made, by Connie Wheeler and seconded by Judy Samson, to accept the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Motion passed.

### **Pastors Report (December)**

- Conducted 5 Worship Services and 1 Funeral Service
- Attended 1 church meeting, 2 administrative meetings, and 5 group meetings
- Made 1 home visit, 2 hospital visits, and 3 other visiting times

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership:** We will have a gathering after church, on February 11, to get to know the new members, and we will celebrate their membership, on March 4, 2018, during the worship service.

**Christian Ed:** No meeting in January. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

**Worship:** *Nothing at this time.*

**Music:** There will be a meeting after church, on Sunday, January 14, 2018. If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Bonnie Vander Linden.

**House:** The urinal has been fixed, the gas meter and safety valve were changed. Need to keep the thermostats at 60 degrees during the week or when not in use. We are checking with Ralph's Flooring for remnant tiles for in the elevator for now and will be looking

## **Council January Minutes** *continued from page 3*

into the possibility of replacing the tiles throughout the entrance.

**Campital Campaign/Mission Projects:** For the month of December 2017, we collected \$840.00; 2017 YTD total is \$4,604.85. Our goal for 2017 was \$3,500.00, and we made it! Thank you all for your support!

### **Old Business**

- *Nothing at this time*

### **New Business**

- **Annual Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 28, 2018, after the service along with a potluck lunch after the meeting. Gary Vander Linden and Bob Menning each have a 1<sup>st</sup> term in and will be up for reelection. Judy Samson has her 2<sup>nd</sup> term completed; her position will be open for election. Thank you, Judy, for your wonderful six years of service on the council!
- There will be a pulpit exchange on Sunday, February 4, 2018. Rev. Moirah Finley will be here, and Pastor Tom will be at Trinity UCC.
- The month prior to a Mission Minute, we will highlight and educate about where the money is allocated and used.
- Judy Samson would like to donate a clock to be displayed in the sanctuary, since there is no clock in there at the present time.

### **Prayers and Thanks**

Prayers for the Samson family

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**Council January Minutes** *continued from page 4*

A **motion** was made, by Lisa Waterstradt and seconded by Gary Vander Linden, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

**Next Council Meeting** will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

*Connie Wheeler, Council Secretary*

## ***Church Council "Preliminary" Minutes***

***Tuesday, February 13, 2018, Meeting***

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Menning with Aron Rasmussen, Gary Vander Linden, Connie Wheeler, Lisa Waterstradt, and Pastor Tom Fritz present.



The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Tom Fritz.

A motion was made, by Lisa Waterstradt and seconded by Aron Rasmussen, to accept the minutes from last month. Motion passed.

A motion was made, by Aron Rasmussen and seconded by Connie Wheeler, to accept the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Motion passed.

### **Pastors Report** (January 2018)

- Conducted 4 Worship Services
- Attended 3 church meetings, 3 administrative meetings, and 3 group meetings
- Made 1 home visit, 1 hospital visit, 3 counseling visits and 4 other visiting times

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**Council Preliminary...** *continued from page 5*

## **Committee Reports**

**Membership:** We will have a gathering, after church on February 18, to get to know the new members and celebrate their membership on March 4, 2018, during the worship service.

**Christian Ed:** The February meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be Tuesday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. There is space on the wall by the new name tag display board, and the Youth Group would like to display a bulletin board to share information for the congregation.

**Worship:** *Nothing at this time.*

**Music:** *Nothing at this time.*

**House:** The fire equipment inspection was done, and there was only 1 extinguisher that needed to be taken care of. Ralph's Hardwood Flooring will be coming to replace/fix the broken tiles in the elevator. Aron (fire department) has access to the key for the alarm system, because it is in the Knox box on the front of the church.

**Campital Campaign/Mission Projects** - For the month of January, we collected \$510.00; our 2018 goal is \$3,500.00.

**Old Business:** *None at this time*

## **New Business:**

- Bob Menning will be asking the congregation on Sunday, February 18, for feedback on Pastor Moira Finley. The feedback that the council has heard, as of now, has been positive. We are looking into another date to have her back as a meet and greet.

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## **Council Preliminary...continued from page 6**

- Council Officers for 2018 were approved. We will have the installation of the officers on Sunday, February 18, during the worship service.
- Connie Wheeler has volunteered to update the name tags of the congregation members but will wait until the 2018 directory is done for the current member list.
- Copier in the office was acting up, so there were additional copies made; we received a bill for the overages but will be taking that up with the company, since it was a part that needed to be replaced.

## **Prayers and Thanks:**

- Prayers for the Audrey Hooyman-Blake family for the loss of her nephew, Paul.
- Prayers for the Bob Hoffman family (*he died recently*).

A motion was made, by Aron Rasmussen and seconded by Lisa Waterstradt, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

*Connie Wheeler, Council Secretary*

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we cannot know with certainty whether its value will go up or down—and therein lies the challenge of shopping.

Jesus once told a story about shopping. In the thirteenth chapter of his gospel, Matthew tells us a story that Jesus told His followers—a story of shopping: “*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had*

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## Women's Guild



WOMENS GUILD

The Women's Guild met on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. Eight members were present.

Our devotional leader was Ila Mae Jens, who shared a silent prayer. She shared a story from *Guide Post* entitled, "12 Mountain Tops," from the *Book of Psalm 125:2*. "Just as Jerusalem is protected by mountains on every side, the Lord protects His people by holding them in His arms for now and forever." We are always searching. She also shared being a Grandma, which most of us are. Grandchildren are blessings, bring joy, are forgiving, listen, are angry sometimes, are hopeful, are precious, and are deeply loved in our eyes and our lives. Some grandchildren have problems, as we know the world is not perfect.

The business portion of our meeting was called to order by President Roberta Lorenz. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved. The balance in the general fund is \$6,834.11, and \$472.98 in the memorial fund.

A special thank you was shared from the George Samson Family. A thank you, from Raphi Jochman, who received a monetary gift as she received many high honors, was also shared. Great job! A thank you from Marian Goodwin, who is now home and recuperating. Get well soon, Marian!

A beautiful snow highlight, from Jan Boman, of her son, Mike, who did a scene of 16,000 steps in the snow in 3½ hours. Great job!

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## ***Youth Soup Lunch Fundraiser***



We, the Youth Group, will be holding our annual fundraiser Sunday, March 4, following worship. Please join us for lunch, and help us raise some funds.



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It is planned to have a Bake Sale with the Black Creek Rummage Sale on April 28, 2018. Please start planning your menu of delectable baked goods for our sale.

Our Annual Church Rummage Sale is planned for June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30, 2018. Plan to bring your treasures—it always takes longer to sort through our closets, kitchens, and attics than we think! IF you are able, please plan to help us with this sale.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 1:30. Vi Brown Luebke will lead us in devotions and be our March hostess.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer prayed in unison. Then, we sang the *Doxology* and enjoyed a delicious pistachio dessert served by Roberta Lorenz.

Come, and join us.

*Guild Secretary Audrey Hooyman Blake*

## ***Lenten Worship Series--2018***

Join us, as we continue our midweek Lenten series--*From Despair to Hope—From Fear to Confidence*, Wednesday evenings, worship is at 7:00. Before we worship, come for our soup and sandwich supper, at 6:30. See you in our lower level!

<b>March 7</b>	Luke 12:22-31	<i>Waylaid By Worry</i>
<b>March 14</b>	Romans 5:1-5	<i>The Power of Hope</i>
<b>March 21</b>	Psalm 23	<i>Confidence Rooted in</i>
	Romans 8:24-28	<i>God's Love</i>

## ***Deaths and Funerals***

Robert Hoffman, a beloved member of St. John's, went to be with his Lord, Thursday, February 1, 2018. Robert's memorial service, followed by full military honors, was held at Valley Funeral Home in Appleton, on Thursday, February 8, 2018, with Pastor Tom officiating. ✠ May God bless the memory of Robert Hoffman ✠

May God comfort those who grieve the loss of this beloved friend.

## ***April 1, 2018 Schedule***

### **Sunday, April 1, 2018 @ 7:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday**

Reader	Kent Abel	<i>Christ is risen!</i>
Greet/Usher	Kent & Val Abel	<i>Hallelujah!</i>
Greeter/Usher	Connie Wheeler & Cailey Wheeler	

### **Sunday, April 1, 2018 @ 10:15 a.m. - Easter Sunday**

Reader	Robin Schmidt
Greeter/Usher	Robin Schmidt & Bev Kruse
Greeter/Usher	Mark Hooyman & Kelcie Hooyman

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*and bought it."* The merchant discovered a pearl that was worth everything he had, so he bought it. He knew the value and was willing to take the risk necessary to make the pearl his own.

As we move through this Lenten season, we are challenged to wrestle with questions of worth. What is life worth? What was Christ's life worth? What is my life worth? Is the Christian lifestyle worth it? The questions abound, and the answers we find will have life-long implications.

We humans are always wrestling with matters of self-worth. Sometimes we value our lives; sometimes we do not. We also wrestle with matters of worth in others. We value those whom we love, those with whom we share common interests, those who see life the same way we do. We tend to de-value those whom we do not love, those with whom we disagree, those who live lifestyles that challenge or confront us. But who really sets the worth of another? Who determines if one life is valuable—worth risking everything? Who determines when a life has no value?

*God  
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While we may think that we set the value—much like an auction, there is only One Who sets the value of a human life—the One Who created it. Just as the manufacturer sets the price of the product made, so our Creator God sets the price of each human life. This Lenten season is a reminder to all of us that God sets the price of each life very high—high on Calvary's cross. God sets our value on a par with God's own value—for Jesus is God Incarnate, come to pay the price

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for us all—because God loves us that much. God spent God's all to restore our value and to save us from ourselves and our penchant to devalue ourselves and others.

What is even more astounding, God sets the price for each human life at the same level. There is never a glut in the market place that lowers our value. There is never scarcity that makes one of us more valuable than another. Each of us is always worth everything to God—and that is the great good news of Easter!!

Our problem is that we have trouble understanding God's value system. We continue to do things that diminish the value of others, and sometimes we even diminish the value of ourselves. We find things wrong. We give greater value to youth and beauty than we do to old and ugly. We value athletes more than nerds—except when our computer has a problem. We value the famous more than the unknown. We can find countless things that we think affect the value of a person, and we tend to apply those things with total disregard to the value system put in place by our Creator.

As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, all of us would do well to remember its real meaning. The cross reminds us of how much God loves us, how much God values each and every one of us. Your life, my life, the life of everyone who has ever been born or ever will be born is like that pearl of great value that Jesus spoke about. God values us so much, that God chooses to die—setting our worth once and for all. We are all valued children of God—each of us worth the life of Christ—no more and no less.

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If we can lay hold of this great truth of Good Friday and Easter, perhaps we can restore the value of each and every life on the planet. Perhaps we can put aside our violent, selfish, destructive ways, and rejoice in the scandalous truth of the gospel. Perhaps we can learn to appreciate each person as a gift from God, and then do everything in our power to help each child experience the unconditional love that God offers to all of us in Jesus Christ.

What is all of this worth to you?

*Peace, Joy, Love, Pastor Tom*



## ***Directory Updates***

St. John's  
United Church of Christ  
**Directory**  
February 2018



Thank you for your patience with the issuing of our newest directory. With Kim needing to be with her husband to care for him around the clock, the updated directory is still in progress. Please continue to watch the bulletins for your opportunity to look through a draft copy for your household entry

and edit your entry if need be. If you have a change in contact information since the last publication (February 2017), please contact the office via email, [stjcreek@gmail.com](mailto:stjcreek@gmail.com), phone, 920-984-3845, or via legible note.

**Thank you.**

# Treasurer's Report—January 2018

<b>Building Fund</b>	Deposits	\$ 205.00
	Interest	\$ 1.04
	Disbursements	\$ .00

<b>Memorial Fund</b>	Deposits	\$ 20.00
	Disbursements	\$ .00

<b>Organ Fund</b>	Deposits	\$ .00
	Disbursements	\$ .00

<b>General</b>	Deposits	\$ 10,134.60
	Disbursements	\$ (12,337.27)

<b><i>Campital Campaign</i></b>	Deposits	\$ 510.00
	Total YTD	\$ 510.00
	Goal for 2018	\$3,500.00



<b>Total</b>	Beginning Balance	\$ 38,177.15
	Deposits	\$ 10,359.60
	Interest	\$ 1.04
	Disbursements	\$ (12,337.27)
	Ending Balance	\$ 36,200.52

<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 21,319.60
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<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 5,026.92
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<b>Memorial Fund</b>	\$ 4,857.00
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<b>Organ Fund</b>	<u>\$ 4,997.00</u>	<u>\$36,200.52</u>
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<b>YTD Membership Giving</b>	\$ 8,429.60
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<b>YTD Expenses **</b>	\$ (10,426.23)
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<b>Net Amount</b>	<u>\$ (1,996.63)</u>
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\*\* excludes endowment contribution towards *Campital Campaign*



## Best Choice Save-A-Label

Let's see how many UPC labels from Best Choice products St. John's can collect this year! The more the better. Would you please include the quantity of UPC labels with your bundles, when you give them to the office? Thank you!



*Here are some guidelines from Best Choice:*

1. Save only the UPC symbol from Best Choice products. Cut the UPC symbol from labels or cartons. *For glass items with a glued label, the labels can be removed by first soaking in warm water. Please dry the label afterwards.*
2. Products excluded from the Best Choice Save-A-Label Program: aluminum soda cans, aerosol cans, and cigarettes. *(UPCs from 12-pk. & 24-pk. soda cardboard cartons **are acceptable**),*
3. Any questions or inquiries: please contact BEST CHOICE SAVE-A-LABEL, at 913-288-1165 or [www.awgbrands.com](http://www.awgbrands.com).



## A Riddle – Just for Fun

Question: How far can a fox run into a grove?

*Come to church on March 11, 2018, and you'll find the answer in our bulletin!*

## Psalm 100

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation (verses 4-5 NLT)!*

## *One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday*

One Great Hour of Sharing® (OGHS) is the United Church of Christ's Lenten Offering, which supports disaster, refugee, and development actions. Sundays in March, we will accept special offerings for OGHS. You may make your gift, **in addition to your regular tithes and offerings to St. John's**, by enclosing your OGHS gift, in an envelope found in our entrances. Please mark your donation "OGHS" if given in any other envelope, otherwise we will record as a gift to St. John's. Please remember, this special offering, as with all special offerings, is not for St. John's, so it is crucial that your OGHS gifts be in addition to, not in the place of, regular donations made to St. John's. **Thank you!**

### *Easter is April 1, this year!*

Be sure to make plans to join us, as we celebrate the resurrection of our awesome Lord! We will have services with communion at 7:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Watch the bulletin for further announcements. **See you in church!**

# ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Jan-18

DATE	01/07/2018	01/14/2018	01/21/2018	01/28/2018	DIRECT DEPOSIT	TOTAL
CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$1,554.00	\$4,558.50	\$1,546.10	\$2,401.00	\$300.00	\$10,359.60
GENERAL FUND	\$1,484.00	\$2,643.50	\$1,496.10	\$1,991.00	\$100.00	\$7,714.60
BUILDING FUND		\$5.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$205.00
CAMPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$50.00			\$360.00	\$100.00	\$510.00
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING						\$0.00
NEIGHBORS IN NEED						\$0.00
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH						\$0.00
CHRISTMAS FUND						\$0.00
FUEL FUND						\$0.00
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TOTAL MEMB. CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,534.00	\$2,648.50	\$1,546.10	\$2,401.00	\$300.00	
OTHER INCOME						
George Samson Memorial	\$20.00					\$20.00
Endowment Campital Campaign		\$1,910.00				\$1,910.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$20.00	\$1,910.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$1,554.00	\$4,558.50	\$1,546.10	\$2,401.00	\$300.00	

# ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Feb-18

DATE	02/04/2018	02/11/2018	02/18/2018	02/25/2018	DIRECT DEPOSIT	TOTAL
CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$1,989.50	\$2,971.00	\$1,999.50	\$1,109.00	\$300.00	\$8,369.00
GENERAL FUND	\$1,839.00	\$2,295.00	\$1,649.00	\$818.00	\$100.00	\$6,701.00
BUILDING FUND	\$10.50	\$81.00	\$0.50	\$101.00	\$100.00	\$293.00
CAMPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$140.00	\$60.00	\$350.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$710.00
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING					\$0.00	\$0.00
NEIGHBORS IN NEED					\$0.00	\$0.00
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH					\$0.00	\$0.00
CHRISTMAS FUND					\$0.00	\$0.00
FUEL FUND					\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL MEMB. CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,989.50	\$2,436.00	\$1,999.50	\$979.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
OTHER INCOME						TOTAL
BOB HOFFMAN MEMORIAL		\$535.00		\$130.00		\$665.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$0.00	\$535.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$1,989.50	\$2,971.00	\$1,999.50	\$1,109.00	\$300.00	

## *Thank You!*

*Thank  
you*

Ron and I don't know where to begin with our gratitude toward and for you. You're thoughtful. You're loving. You're generous. You're wonderful examples of Christ. Thank you for continuing to pray for Ron and for me and for being understanding and generous in your gifts. The "Koins for Kim and Ron" campaign really really helped us. **Thank you!** The thoughtful and caring cards you send to us really mean a great deal to us. As you are likely aware, times are very difficult for us right now. It seems we are almost always in one state of "urgency" or another. Ron has faced and is facing overwhelming situations during his illness, surgeries, and medical care. In February, he spent 18 or more days in one hospital or another. Even as I compose this note, in fact, he is on an antibiotic for a newly developed infection in soft tissue. Thankfully, I noticed it, in what we believe is an early stage, Friday, March 2, in his leg. Thank you for continuing to hold him in your prayers. We both need God's help in many ways right now.

May God bless you a hundredfold for all you pray and do for us. I am truly blessed beyond words to be a part of this loving and God-glorifying body of believers in our precious Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35 NKJV). Your generosity and love are proof to the world that you are Christ's disciples!

Thank you for your continued faith-filled prayers for complete healing, for better days and nights for my dear husband, and for your continued care and understanding.

*With much gratitude and love, Kim and Ron H.*