

THIRD CHURCH NEWS

CONNECTING AND INFORMING THE THIRD CHURCH COMMUNITY

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Hanging In There

—Dave Vanderwel, Assistant Treasurer

We've reached the halfway point in our church financial year and the good news is that we are basically on track. Our income year-to-date of \$545,372 is \$19,000 better than we budgeted, and our expense totals of \$586,358 are \$2,000 less than budgeted. Thus as of June 30, even though we are running a deficit of \$41,000 for the year, we plan on a deficit at this point of the year and are \$21,000 better than our budget plan.

The caution lies in a broader picture of our financial trends. Though our income is better than we budgeted, income for the year is down \$17,000 (-3%) from a year ago and income for the month of June (\$67,000) was our lowest monthly total since May of 2020. Throughout this year, we've been running well ahead of budget, but this past month's deficit of \$44,000 has eaten into that optimism. Typically the months of May through August are our points of lowest income throughout the year and thus small changes now are not alarming, but we are keeping our eyes on the trends.

Bottom line, we're right on target in our financial plan for the year but we also are planning on our monthly deficits diminishing as we move into the fall and member giving to resume prior levels. For those of you who like the numbers, here is the picture as of June 30:

	Actual YTD	Last Yr YTD	Budget YTD
Income	\$545,372	\$562,319	\$526,800
Expense	<u>586,358</u>	<u>593,725</u>	<u>588,270</u>
Net Income	(\$40,985)	(\$31,406)	(\$61,470)

We're Launching a Mug Club!

Cutting down on waste and improving the coffee experience all in one move. Sound interesting? We thought so. Here's how it will work:

You email office@trcholland.org to say you would like to be in the Mug Club.

1. You include in that email how many mugs you're putting in the club. This helps us buy the right amount of racks for mugs.
2. You select a unique, dishwasher safe mug from your fine collection at home, one with a handle that can hang on a peg, and bring it in to church.
3. You hang your unique-looking mug on a peg.
4. Every Sunday you enjoy delicious coffee with your mug. When you're done, you empty the mug into the supplied bucket and place your mug upside down in a dishwasher rack. Repeat the following Sunday.



There are a few things to note:

- You may label your mug with nail polish on the bottom, or try a label maker - remember, it will be run through an industrial dishwasher and sanitized at high temperatures.
- We cannot be held responsible for lost, broken, or stolen mugs (so don't bring in great-grandma's favorite mug that she left you in her will).
- We cannot ensure someone else won't use your mug, but if that does happen, it is probably just an accident so have a little grace for one another.

If you want to make your own custom mug, [Vista Print](#) has affordable options.

Walk-In Choir



This summer the choir will sing on four Sundays, August 14 and August 21 at the 10am worship service. **YOU** are invited to join for one or all four Sundays. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 9:30am in the choir room in the lower level each of those weeks. **ALL** ages are invited to participate, including whole families or multi-generational family members. The choir offertory will be simple enough that anyone will be able to sing along. If you have always wanted to try out the choir this is your chance! Just show up, no need to let anyone know you are coming, there will be music for you, whoever you are! If you are nervous about coming by yourself, let Linda know (strouf@hope.edu) and she will find someone to be your "**choir buddy**" for the day.

Announcements

Galatians: Growing Up Together

As you know, we are spending the summer in Paul's letter to the Galatian churches. We hope you've found the study guide to be helpful.

In the next few weeks we will hear sermons from Pastor Janelle, Rev. Dr. Denise Grier, and Mr. Keith Reynolds. See you on Sunday!



GALATIANS:
GROWING UP TOGETHER
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Summer Youth Events

In the next month we will be continuing:

- Summer LIFT on Wednesdays! - Middle and High school students are welcome!
- More fly fishing lessons leading up to our fly fishing trip in August! - please sign up as space is limited!
- More exciting events: Bike ride to Captain Sundae, Beach Day, and more! Please stay tuned for more details!

Third Church Family News

Sympathy

To Carol Cox in the death of her sister, Marjorie Maas, on July 17.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Condolences to Carol Cox on the death of her sister, Marjorie Maas.
- Give thanks for the choir and musicians of TRC.
- Housing for El Encuentro members
- Pastors Angel and Janelle report they are feeling much better and thank God for their recovery.
- Those who have COVID.
- Bob Kuiper who is in rehab at Resthaven.
- Duane Booie and family on the death of P.J. last week.
- Bea Rozeboom who grieves the loss of her sister
- Charles Hunt's daughter who struggles with chemo treatments.

For those under Hospice care:

- Sue Pettinga
- Margaret Doorenbos

- Camp Geneva campers: Isaiah and Gabriel Lichtenwalner

Prayer Spotlight: Home-Bill Charlton, Don Maatman, Barb Mummert, Ruby Steketee.

Missionaries: Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Rowland Jr. & Jane VanEs (Kenya), Victor Kanyi (Kenya).

People to remember: Larry Loss, Elvira Garcia, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Reno Lamanian, Mary and Harry Boersen.