



# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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MARCH 2021

## *Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God*

Dear Friends,

As we enter the third month of the new year, we need to be aware that we have lived through a historic year. As we continue into this year with the concerns and difficulties of the past year, let us be clear that we will continue to get by, that we will continue to overcome, only with the grace of the Almighty God.

In the twelfth month of the pandemic, it is fair to say that many have reacted in a manner that has been difficult. The pandemic and the election have fractured many relationships and hurt many people.

When we began the lock downs and faced the unknown of the COVID crisis, the focus was on doing this together, of facing the current crisis as a United States. However, now we have forgotten what it means to love one another. We are called to a higher way of living. Jesus put it this way, “You have heard it said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy’ but I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you so that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven.”

We are called to radical love. So often we fall short, but this is our standard by which we are to be striving. Never are we to use the tools of the world in order to bring about the ways of the kingdom. Revenge and hate and division are not our ways. We are to combat such actions with forgiveness and understanding. We need to remember that all of us are a work in progress so we need to show grace.

Mother Teresa put it this way, “People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.”

Is this easy? By no means! But it is well worth it. When we practice the ways of Jesus, we benefit greatly. If you are wondering where you find such great methods of living, Jesus outlined them in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7.

May we realize that we are responsible for our own actions and that we are to speak life into another. We do so with prayer and calls and cards and with deep affection. When we do this, we demonstrate that we are grounded in grace, living in love and growing for God here at St. Andrew.

Your faithful servant,

*Pastor Mark*



## Youth Group

March is here, and that means it is time for our Spring Retreat. Our retreat is scheduled for March 12—14, and it will be a great time as always. Our theme this year is “Keeping Your Faith in a Chaotic World”. As with every retreat, we have a verse that ties into it. This year’s verse is Romans 8:38-39, “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither present nor future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The past year has been tough for many, and the struggle has continued into this new year. It can be hard to keep focused when the troubles come from every direction, but this verse so clearly reminds us of the one constant we can trust to be there, unchanged. No matter how crazy the world gets, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is there for us. The cost for the retreat is \$65 per person.

Youth Group will meet in March on the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.

Remember, Youth Group is open to youth in grades 6-12, and their friends in the same age group. If you have any questions, send me an email at [rcjyayamc@gmail.com](mailto:rcjyayamc@gmail.com) or text me at 301-992-7426.

## Presbyterian Women

### Coordinating Team

The Coordinating Team will meet at 9:00 a.m. on March 9. We will meet in the Friendship Hall. Don’t forget to wear your masks as we will be practicing appropriate social distancing.

### Bible Study

Please join us Tuesday, March 9, as we continue our women’s Bible Study, “Into the Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of La-

ment”. Pastor Mark will lead both the morning and evening Bible studies. The daytime study meets from 10:00—11:15 a.m. The evening group (yes, the evening study is back!) meets from 7:00—8:15 p.m., with childcare provided as needed. Please let Shirley Fox, 301-785-5010, know if you require childcare. Don’t forget to wear your mask! We will be practicing social distancing and adhere to the Governor’s mandates.

We will also be recording on Facebook Live, so those who wish can follow along at home or watch it at another time. We still have five study books available. They are in the closet in the copier room. We pay \$10 each, but will take any donation. If you are unable to pay for a book, you may have one for free. If you need a booklet, but won’t be attending in person, please call Shirley Fox, 301-785-5010, so she can drop one off at your home.

### Holly Place

The Presbyterian Women continue to collect: boxes of tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, adult Depends (or other brands) size L or XL, (NO diapers), and laundry detergent. Put donated items in the tub marked Holly Place, located under the counter in the parlor. Thank you for your support.

### News from the PW

We are selling See’s candy for Easter. Brochures are available in the church parlor. Delivery of the candy will be in time for Easter. We will not be making buckeyes this year due to COVID concerns, but See’s has many chocolate/peanut butter options.

We would love to have new Coordinating Team members. A Nominating Committee has been formed to fill a few positions for next year. If you are interested, please contact either Rebecca Collinson, Shirley Fox, Fran Quinn, Barb Smith, or Pastor Mark.

### Church Women United

Church Women United has cancelled all



**Pray for our  
Christian  
Family**

**Recuperating at Home**

Carol' Ann Alphin  
Bob Clise  
Barbara Nally  
Nevin Nally



**In the Nursing Home**

**Brookdale Senior Living**

Audrey Enders

**Glade Valley**

Donna Guessford

**Greenfield**

Helen Gerberich

**Julia Manor**

Larry Roth

**Martinsburg VA**

Bob Knepper

**Menno Haven**

Yvonne Thomson

**Williamsport**

Helen Krouse

John Thomson

**Military**

Michael Biza

Great Nephew of Janet Bulow

Bradley Harris

Son of Mike & Leigh Ann Stotelmyer

Andrew Layton

Son of David & Norma Layton

Grant Long

Son of Dave & Karen Sue Long

Jay Pike

Son of Mary Pike

Justin Ramsburg

Grandson of John & Barbara Cassell

Matt Stemper

Son of Doug & June Stemper

Gage Thompson

Grandson of Ken & Bonnie Eckstine

**Missionaries**

Rev. Jed & Jenny Koball

Pakistani Church

**Scriptures**

Each year, we have sought to give you a means by which you can go deeper in your faith. This year, we will be reading the Bible in a year. We are going to do so in a chronological fashion. Ponder on it. Meditate on it. Allow it to speak to you. Here are the Scriptures for this season of Lent:

**March**

1	Numbers 14-15, Psalm 90	17	Deuteronomy 17-20
2	Numbers 16-17	18	Deuteronomy 21-23
3	Numbers 18-20	19	Deuteronomy 24-27
4	Numbers 21-22	20	Deuteronomy 28-29
5	Numbers 23-25	21	Deuteronomy 30-31
6	Numbers 26-27	22	Deuteronomy 32-34, Psalm 91
7	Numbers 28-30		
8	Numbers 31-32	23	Joshua 1-4
9	Numbers 33-34	24	Joshua 5-8
10	Numbers 35-36	25	Joshua 9-11
11	Deuteronomy 1-2	26	Joshua 12-15
12	Deuteronomy 3-4	27	Joshua 16-18
13	Deuteronomy 5-7	28	Joshua 19-21
14	Deuteronomy 8-10	29	Joshua 22-24
15	Deuteronomy 11-13	30	Judges 1-2
16	Deuteronomy 14-16	31	Judges 3-5

**Easter Events**

Maundy Thursday service and communion will begin at 7:00 p.m., on April 1.

There will be an Easter concert on Good Friday, at 11:00 a.m.

The cross walk will be held on Good Friday, April 2, beginning at noon. Please meet at the church.



**Wednesday Talks**

Each Wednesday, during Pastor Mark's Facebook Live Wednesday talks, he has been discussing how a Christian grows in their faith. Pastor Mark has been focusing on spiritual disciplines, and how these tools can help you grow spiritually, and how to effectively live in the times



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## Biblical Word Search

Congratulations to those who completed February's word search. As you do this month's word search, think of the great sacrifice Jesus did on the cross on our behalf. During this time of Lent, may we be reminded of the suffering Christ endured for us. Please turn your paper in to the office, with your name on it, by March 15. A large print copy of the word search is available in the parlor.

Brooke Beckley  
Melanie Beckley  
Marcia Davis  
Mike Dorwart  
Shirley Fox  
Jean Harr  
Janet Hiatt

Debbie Kinzer  
Chris Lunsford  
Debbie McCauley  
Jen Metz  
Margie Reed  
Phyllis Schleigh  
Tom Young

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## Kids' Corner

### Sunday School Report

Congratulations to the students and to their parents/grandparents who bring them to Sunday School, making Sunday School a top priority! We are so proud of you, especially coming out even when the weather has been a little exciting during these winter months.

#### **Congratulations to those with great attendance in January**

Pre-K: Addi and Elsie Majeski, Mason Jamison  
2nd/3rd Grade: Natalie Knepper, Colton McKinley  
6th-8th Grade: Will McKinley

#### **Congratulations to those with perfect attendance in January**

4th/5th Grade: Abby Boppe, Natalie Farioli, Brody Hemphill  
6th-8th Grade: Logan Farioli, Jeremy Hemphill, Skylar Lange  
9th-12th Grade: Matthew Mosley

#### **Here's what's happening in Sunday School:**

**Pre-K Class:** Congratulations to **Addi** and **Elsie Majeski** and **Mason Jamison** for memorizing their Bible verse, "The Lord is God. It is He who has made us." Psalm 100:3. **Elsie** and **Mason** continue to say our blessing over the snack. The students all enjoy singing "The Carpenter's Hammer" and "Jesus Loves Me". The class has been learning about Adam and Eve and their sons, Cain and Abel. We have also been learning about how God gave us five senses to enjoy His beautiful world.

**2nd/3rd Grade:** The class has been studying about serving and giving to others. The lessons have focused on "We give to others because we love God". The Bible memory verse is "Blessed is the one who is kind to the needy." God has given all of us special gifts and talents. We need to use our gifts and talents to do God's work here on earth.

**4th/5th Grade:** The students have been studying the later years of Paul's life. He has been put on trial for defending his faith in Jesus Christ. Paul wanted a fair trial. Since he was a Roman citizen, he wanted to go to Rome to have his case heard in defending the Gospel. On the way to Rome, his ship encountered a big storm and he was shipwrecked on the Island of Malta. It is here that Paul had the opportunity to witness to the people by praying with them and healing many of the sick. The key memory verse for these lessons is "Cast your care on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken." Psalm 55:22.

**6th-8th Grade:** The topics the students have been learning this past month are: The importance of faith in our lives, The transforming work of Jesus using Saul's transformation to Paul as an example, We are all God's children and what that means in our lives, The virtue of having patience and How we are waiting for the return of Jesus.

**9th-12th Grade:** The high school class has a memory verse challenge. For every five verses they have memorized, they will receive a \$5 gift card of their choice. Here are some of the verses for their challenge: I John 4:4, Philippians 4:13, John 3:16, Matthew 5:7, Isaiah 26:3, I Peter 5:7, Romans 8:6, Joshua 1:9, Psalm 4:8, and Matthew 5:8.

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What great verses to memorize! The Season of Lent is a great time for scripture memorization. Perhaps you would like to try memorizing some of these verses. You may not get a \$5 gift card, but you will receive the joy of knowing you have God's Word hidden in your heart.

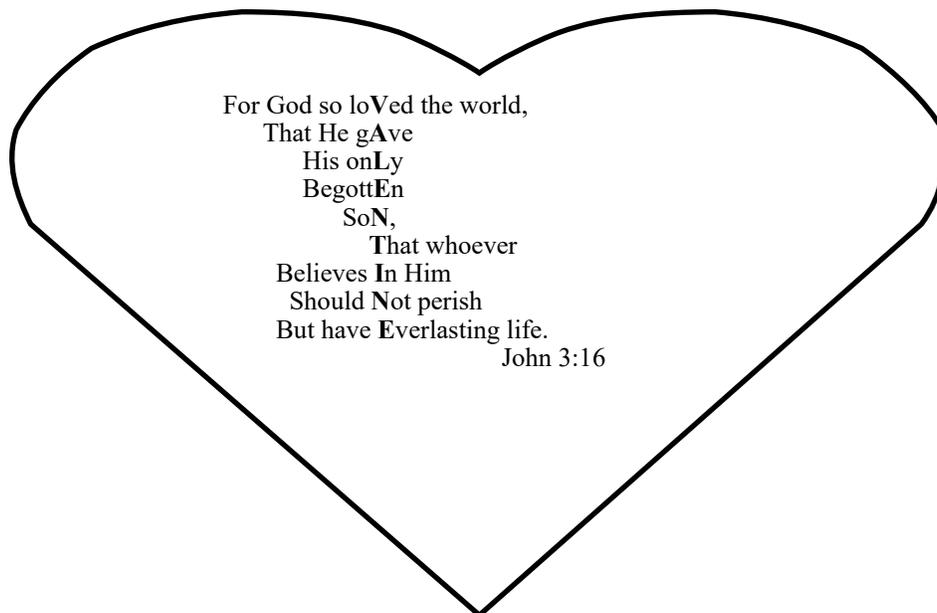
We are so blessed to have such faithful Sunday School students, teachers, and parents and grandparents who come to Sunday School each week. Thank you for your support of our Sunday School program. If you are not able to come to Sunday School, but would like to receive your lessons, we will gladly send your lessons to your house. Please call the church office to let us know. Thank you. "Instruct a child on how he should live, and when he is grown he shall not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

### Kids of the Kingdom

We have had a fun time in the month of February talking about the great love that God and Jesus have for us, and how we can share that love with others. We had lots of fun making crafts and valentines that reinforced this concept of love. On Valentine's Day, we played God Is Love Bingo. As we played Bingo, we talked about some of the great attributes of God's love. **God's Love is: Everlasting, Given For Us, Hope, Humble, Victorious, Joy, Forgiveness, Kind, Peace, The Foundation, Good, Unfailing, Truthful, Above All Things, Inspiring, Will Conquer Sin, Bears All Things, Patient, Trustworthy, Full of Grace.**

After we played Bingo, all the children received prizes. At the end of Kids of the Kingdom, we had a time for the children to pass out their valentines to the other students. The best valentine we could ever receive is the one given to us when He sent Jesus.

There will be no Kids of the Kingdom on March 21. Activity bags will be available in the sanctuary.



In March, we will be learning about St. Patrick, and will tie that in with learning about the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—1 God with 3 different aspects. We will also be



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## Parish Nurse Nook

*By Kelly Llewellyn*

Happy March! I am hopeful, as you are reading this, that we are getting closer to being able to enjoy more comfortable, warmer weather. For some of you, you might enjoy the snow and colder days. I know I like it when the sun is shining and warm on my skin.

Did you know that March is National Nutrition Month? One of the things I have enjoyed about the Parish Nurse Nook is sharing information with you about different awareness months. During March, I challenge you to include healthy foods from all food groups daily, hydrate daily, and to avoid distractions while eating.

**Foods:** I challenge you to try incorporating a few new foods in your meals each week. Lately, I have discovered black beans. I have been eating them with everything, and they have quickly become a favorite each day. Make sure to eat a rainbow of colors each day. If you look at your plate and it is all of the same colors, try adding a “pop” of color in the form of a fruit or vegetable.

**Hydrate:** Did you know most people should be drinking half of their body weight in ounces? If you have questions, check with your family physician about this. Oftentimes, someone may feel hungry when in fact they are just a bit dehydrated. Before you start to snack, try drinking a glass of water and waiting a few minutes before going after something to eat. Another way to monitor your hydration is to watch the color of your urine. The lighter pale yellow the better. If your urine is dark yellow, brown, or concentrated, you need to drink up. If you, like me, have trouble drinking enough water during the day, try getting a fun cup or water bottle to drink from, set a timer on your phone, or keep a log of how much you drank for the day.

**Avoid distractions:** Often times, we eat fast and while doing other things. Take time to sit down, eat slowly, and enjoy your food. This is also a good time to regroup with your family at the end of the day, or even a good way to start your day. By taking your time to eat, it allows your body to register when it is full, and to send those signals to your brain.

Challenge yourself, your family, and your friends to improving their nutrition during this month. If you feel that you are an “expert” at doing these three things, share with family and friends some tips for how to be successful with this.

Wishing you all a month of good health and wellness!

Kelly

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## From the Organist - About the Organ Music

Dear Friends,

When you look at the list of organ music for this month, you will notice that the name of Johann Sebastian Bach predominates. He was born on March 21, 1685, in Eisenach, Germany, where Martin Luther translated the New Testament.

He was, in my estimation, the greatest composer of all time. His church music, written for virtually every celebration in the church year, is filled with a depth and passion that can only be explained as infusion of the Holy Spirit. There are times, when playing Bach's music, that I have imagined that God said to Bach: "Take up your quill and write what I tell you", and Bach did!

Included in the music list is a work of Johann Ludwig Krebs, one of Bach's students, whom he highly regarded, describing him as "The best Krebs in the Bach (crab in the Brook)!"

With a song and a prayer

*Elizabeth*

### March Music List

#### March 7

Prelude: Meditation on Kelvin's Grove ("Will you come and follow me?")  
 Postlude: Prelude in B Minor, by J. S. Bach

#### March 14

Prelude: Warum sollt' ich mich den gramen (Why Should I Myself Be Grieving),  
 by J. L. Krebs  
 Postlude: Fugue in D, by J. S. Bach

#### March 21

Prelude: Lift High the Cross, by David Cherwien  
 Postlude: Prelude in A Minor, by J. S. Bach

#### March 28

Prelude: Valet Wird ich dir geben (Tune: All Glory, Laud and Honor),  
 by Elizabeth Krouse  
 Postlude: Victimae Paschali, by Denis Bedard



## Book Club

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing Coffeeland, by Augustine Sedgewick. This book tells of the rise of the coffee culture in El Salvador, and the impact it had on its economy.

On April 6, we will be discussing Founding Feuds, by Paul Aron. This book tells of the conflicts, clashes, and rivalries that forged a nation.

## Bible Study

Pastor Mark's Bible Study for the new year is the study of prayer. We will learn about Biblical prayers, the nature of prayer, and different ways to pray. The Bible Study will continue in March on Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. It will be on Facebook Live on the church's Facebook page. There will not be a study on March 18.

## College Students

Away college students received a Valentine care package along with a homemade valentine.

Local college students received care packages that were left in the office for them. If you have not received your college care bag, please pick it up today. Thanks.

## Pop Top Tab Collection

One ministry you don't often hear about, but is ongoing, is our support of the Ronald McDonald House. The tabs from a variety of cans are collected and taken to a Ronald McDonald's House where they are recycled. The money from this provides support for the House and the families of patients who stay there. Please support this ministry by saving your can tabs and putting them in our Tab Collection Jar in the parlor. Thank you.

## Do You Want to Fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



## Membership Support

One of the responsibilities of the Membership Support Committee is to promote stewardship, which is not limited to a specific calendar time, but rather is on-going throughout the year.

Stewardship is composed of two equally important components: financial support and acts of service. We are always grateful for those who provide pledges, offerings, or donations in support of our ministry. Your financial commitment allows St. Andrew to move forward with our vision of God's ministry to our congregation and our community.

We also greatly appreciate the many volunteers who support our ministry through their acts of service. They give their time and use their talents for the benefit of others. Whether providing music or technology from the balcony, or teaching in a classroom, they are helping to fulfill our ministry goals. Some may serve by organizing closets, maintaining our building, preparing meals, or delivering supplies to those in our church family or in our community. Whether you provide financial support or acts of service, St. Andrew's ministry is blessed by your stewardship.

Another responsibility of this committee is to encourage those who regularly attend to officially become a member of St. Andrew. It is an easy three-step process, the first being to contact Pastor Mark to let him know of your intention to join.

Although some of the pandemic restrictions are still with us, St. Andrew's ministry has continued. With many safety measures in place, we now have in-person worship, Bible Studies, Sunday School, and committee meetings. We are blessed to be able to expand our ministry through Facebook, our website, and Zoom. Please contact Pastor Mark if you have a need, or if you want to be more involved in our min-

## Library

"In like a lion and out like a lamb" describes March's weather, but it also describes this month's featured books.

- ◇ Fly high in the sky while reading Yeager, written by Chuck Yeager. His secret to success? "I've always managed to live to fly another day."
- ◇ Winter Winds, the fourth novel in the Seaside Seasons series by Gayle Roper, involves relationships, crime, faith, and hope. It's a great mid-winter book.
- ◇ Lent is often a time of looking at our own lives and the directions we are taking. Rick Warren's The Purpose Driven Life offers suggestions for transforming lives into those that are more purposeful for God to use.
- ◇ Since March is also the time we prepare for upcoming Easter events, reading Max Lucado's And the Angels were Silent: The Final Week of Jesus allows readers to walk with Jesus the Lamb to the cross.

You can find other books with similar topics and themes in our library, located in Friendship Hall. Just sign out the books you want in the notebook on top of the shelf.

## Blanket Sunday

On Sunday, March 7, 2021, the Presbyterian Women will be collecting for Blanket Sunday. The collection goes to Church World Service for blankets needed for temporary shelter.

Please pin your donation to the blanket on the easel in the foyer, or send your donation market "Blanket Sunday".

Thank you for your support.

## Study Leave

Pastor Mark will be on Study Leave from March 15-21. Brian Bearesse will be the



# Happy Anniversary!



*Bill & Kathy McKinley  
March 2*

*Dave & Karen Sue Long  
March 8*

*David & Bridget Herbert  
March 29*

## BIRTHDAYS

1	Blair Sandell
1	Alan Weaver
2	Audrey Enders
2	Pam Woolman
3	Kathy Kountz
4	Janet Hiett
5	John Corbin
5	Ellen Gavin
5	Chuck Mongan
7	Michael Banner
9	Tonya Andrews
11	Sue Clise
11	Tiffany Sagal
12	Shaloski Brown
13	Marchyne Clement

13	Fred Sweigert
17	Jared Keplinger
17	Wendy LaTorre
18	Brian Garland
18	Jean Harr
18	Chris Johnson
20	Carol Erck
21	Jack Chadwell
22	Corrin Line
23	Shirley Fox
23	Rhonda Weicht
25	Betty Sue Faith
26	Jessie Chadwell
26	Dwayne Jamison
29	Carl Piper

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

## March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Book Club	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <i>Blanket Sunday</i> 6:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Power of Jesus' Names Class	<b>8</b> 9:30am Ministerium 7:00pm Committees	<b>9</b> 9:00am Coordinating Team 10:00am & 7:00pm PW Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Daylight Savings Time begins 6:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Power of Jesus' Names Class Youth Retreat	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Admin. Committee 7:00pm Deacons	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Youth	<b>20</b> Retreat
<b>21</b> Guest Preacher Brian Bearese 6:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Power of Jesus' Names Class <b>Mark's Study Leave</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Session	<b>23</b> Pastor Mark on	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>26</b> Leave	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 6:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Power of Jesus' Names Class	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



<b><u>General Fund</u></b>		<b><u>Capital Improvements</u></b>	
Jan. Income	33,028.64	Received Jan .	2,097.00
Jan. Expenses	32,258.68	Received YTD	2,097.00
Operating Income	769.96		
YTD Income	33,028.64	<b><u>Restricted Funds</u></b>	
YTD Expenses	32,258.68	Received Jan.	5,848.46
YTD Operating Income	769.96	Disbursed Jan.	557.56
		Received YTD	5,848.46
		Disbursed YTD	557.56



**Remember to “Spring Forward” on Saturday night, March 13, before going to bed.**



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