



Day of Pentecost—May 19, 2024

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service LIVE—9:00 a.m.

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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

SERVING TODAY

Minister.....Pastor Phil Beck
Lector.....Trish Valcarcel
Organist.....Jeff Gentry
Ushers.....Marcia Gupta & Patty Rimel
Acolyte.....Camden Plog & Annabelle Bush

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Patty Rimel
Vice-President—Sheila Kahler
Treasurer—Bill Cartwright
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**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

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***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN..... Come Down, O Love DivineELW 804*

1 Come down, O Love divine;
seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 Oh, let it freely burn,
till worldly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing--
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

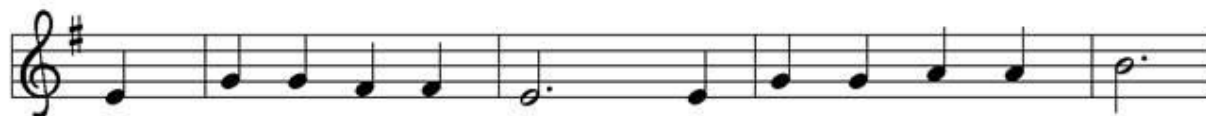
4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
no soul can guess Love's grace
till it become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

***GREETING (ELW, p. 147)**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***KYRIE (ELW, p. 147) (Sung)**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW Pg. 204)



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.

2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anthem.....*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God...*(Getty/arr Larson).....Choir

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth
is full of your creatures.**

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms
too many to number,

living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,

**and Leviathan, which you made for the sport
of it.**

²⁷All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;

**you open your hand, and they are filled with
good things.**

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;

**when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 151)**



The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th chapter, **John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** *(Sung)*

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Sung)*

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY**.....**Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading**.....ELW 401

1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,
 fashion us all anew.
 It's your leading that we're needing,
 help us to follow you.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

Refrain
 Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
 Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness;
 unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

2 Come to teach us, come to nourish
 those who believe in Christ.
 Bless the faithful, may they flourish,
 strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain*

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***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: ... Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

***The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (ELW Pg. 186)

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

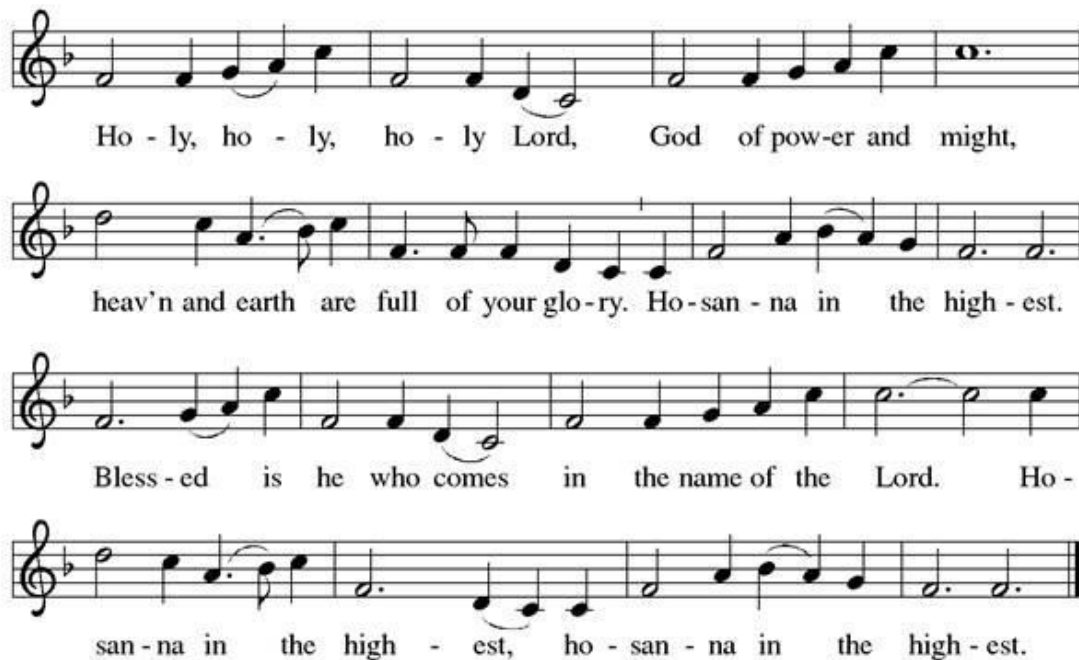
***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (ELW, p.152)

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***THE PREFACE:**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW Pg. 207)



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Amen.



***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION:

P: All are welcome at Christ's Table, come as you are. The feast is prepared, the table is set, come and eat.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW P. 208)

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN..... *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*ELW 400**

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|---|---|
| 1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross! | 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,
shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord! |
| 2 God of blazing, God of burning,
all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth! | 4 God of passion, God unsleeping,
stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work! |

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***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE RISEN ONE!
THANKS BE TO GOD.

***POSTLUDE**

Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:

St. Paul's intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording and broadcast through St. Paul's social media platforms. Your comfort and privacy are of utmost importance, if you prefer not to have your image broadcast please contact the office by phone or email or inform the usher as you arrive. The office will keep a list of those wishing NOT to appear in the recording and convey that information to the Media and Technology Ministry.



PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Hank Holiday, *Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Marion Lawrence, *Cousin of Kate Stottlemeyer*
The Jones Family, *Close family friends of Joann Valainis*
Gil Eiker, *Husband of Rebecca Eiker*
Doug Ashbrook, *Family Friend of Pastor Phil*
Roger Stottlemeyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Family of Sharon Kahler, *mother of Sheila and Rodney Kahler, members*
Lin Snider, *Member*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Shannon Smith, *Friend of the Mildenstein Family*
Bob Schmidt, *brother of Dottie Titmas*
Marea Palmer, *Niece of Marcia Gupta*
Parker Bazarewski, *extended family of Ed Chaney*
Joseph Matthew Moschella, *dear friends of the Plowman Family*
Lillian Foucart, *Member*
Jan and Sam Urick, *Cousins of Candy Foucart*
Eileen Trihoulis, *Sister of Merle Anderson*
Gary Wachter, *Member*
The Family of Ursula Wandel, *Sister of Regina Baker*
Doug Burkholder, *Friend of Betsy Galliher*
Heather Anderson, *Member*
Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Dottie Titmas, *Member*
Florence Schell, *Member*
Jim Decker, *Friend of Pastor Phil*
Donald Lupyan, *Extended family of Hope Donati*
Dick Murphy, *Friend of Ed Chaney*

How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator (officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org). When a prayer list request is added, the request will stay on the list for three consecutive weeks. First week it will be noted in **Super Bold**, the second week it will be noted in **Bold**, and then the third week it will be noted in regular text. Then the request will be removed from the prayer list unless you specifically ask for your request to remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted by you. The power of prayer is amazing!

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." **Matthew 18:20**

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

†Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,
niece to Linwood Snider
†Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce,
grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
†U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik,
grandson of Sam Purswell
†Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of
Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
†Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law
of Marcia & Raj Gupta
†Eric Fong Sam, U.S. Army, friend of
Mary Ann Ferguson
†Leo Tanja, U.S. Airforce, nephew of
Mary Ann Ferguson's sister in
law

*Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.*

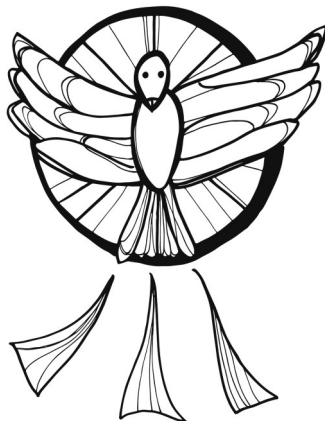
*****Please remember all the names on our prayer
list, and especially those that are **bold**.
They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.***

Comments for the Cloud of Witnesses

Faith is looking at a valley of dry bones and hearing the wind of the Spirit calling them to live. It is looking at our death-bound world and hearing God tell us to prophesy to a despairing land. It is looking at conflict-ridden families and war-torn cities, and hearing the voice of one who can call not only individuals but whole communities out of death into life. It is looking at a world condemned to nuclear death, and deciding, even when hope seems lost, to wait through the night in love. It is looking into our own arid hearts and finding a river of living water, flowing from the heart of one who faces the night of death and despair with us and never lets us go. That living water is the Spirit, who speaks the promise of God in your hearts, and speaks it from your heart to all the world. You know it is the Spirit, for it enables you to speak to other people in their own language, in the language of their own unique experience of struggle and hope and despair. In all those millions of language, in the private language of each human heart, the Spirit over and over speaks the same word: "Live!"

—Elaine J. Ramshaw

[Elaine J. Ramshaw, in *Homilies for the Christian People*, 287-288.]



OFFERINGS

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We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times.
It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday
activities of the church and our work in the community.
Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website,
there is an online giving option as well.

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,145.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

Electronic/Mail ins Income *May 5, 2024*

Weekly Contributions:	\$ 889.59
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 270.00
Total:	\$1,159.59

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$1,340.00
Property Loan Fund:	\$ 460.00
Total:	\$1,800.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, May 12, 2023

In person: 45
Virtual: 24

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Pentecost	

Monday, May 20th

Cub Scouts	7:15pm
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Tuesday, May 21st

Google Training	6:30pm
Council	7:00pm

Sunday, May 26th

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
First Sunday after Pentecost	



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*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eliI97PUkys> May 5, 2024

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7 -Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7-Q)

*Flowers are given to
the Glory of God
and in honor of*



The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project



*The month of May
has sprung upon us!*

We are half way there to Stocking Stuffing Time! This month we need ***Lip Gloss, Bath Sponges, socks for infants to 2 year olds as well as for boys and girls from 3 years old to teenagers.*** You always have the option for a financial donation also. Please see Kay for more details

The Red Cross and St. Paul's continue to partner in 2024 to bring a blood drive into our community. This will be our first drive of the year! **May 31st!** Please consider making your appointment today, your donation is very much needed!

See the Weekly email for the link to sign up or call the Parish Office for assistance.



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
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We're here for you.



988 Is Here to Help

Need immediate emotional support, or know someone who does? Call 988 to connect to a counselor who can help. Their specialists provide confidential care 24/7. Because we all need help sometimes.

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***Would you like to schedule a date to sponsor Altar flowers?
Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.***



Donations for ***Glade Valley Food Bank*** are always accepted!

****UPDATED ITEMS OF NEED ARE:****

cereal, boxed crackers, tuna, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter.

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall, or you can put them in the basket by the side door and we will get them to the food bank for you!

Staff

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Flower Coordinator.....	Patty Rimel
Administration/Purchasing	Ed Chaney
Sexton	Larry Beard
Stephen Ministry.....	Linda Yopp
Property Coordinator.....	Tom Waters
Financial Secretary.....	Troy Keeney

Treasurer's Report
INCOME & EXPENSES FOR MARCH 2024

CURRENT FUND		PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND	
Total Offerings	\$ 16,199.60	Total Offerings	\$ 2,925.00
Expenses	\$ (15,620.53)	Loan Payment	\$ (1,525.00)
Subtotal	\$ 579.07	Surplus for 3/31/24	\$ 1,400.00
Other Income:			
Lent	\$ 252.00		
Easter	\$ 115.00		
Misc	\$ 1,003.82		
Rental Income	\$ 2,700.00		
Surplus for 3/31/24	\$ 4,649.89		

YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION FROM 01/01/24 TO 03/31/24

CURRENT FUND		PROPERTY RENOVATION LOAN FUND	
Weekly Offerings	\$ 34,725.15	Offerings	\$ 6,185.34
Lent	\$ 362.00	Principle Reduction	\$ -
Easter	\$ 115.00	Interest	\$ 0.34
Interest/Dividend	\$ 596.75	Total Income	\$ 6,185.68
Rental	\$ 8,250.00		
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 231.00		
Shared Ministry	\$ 666.66		
Misc	\$ 1,200.82	Loan Payments	\$ (4,575.00)
Total Income	\$ 46,147.38		
Less Operating Expenses	\$ (46,510.03)		
Current Fund		Property Renov Loan Fund	
Deficit thru 3/31/24	\$ (362.65)	Surplus thru 3/31/24	\$ 1,610.68
		Balances owed on:	
		Mortgage as of 3/2024	\$ 128,498.54

2024 Strawberry Festival Feedback



We need your honest feedback

1. What did you enjoy about the event?

2. What went well?

3. What didn't go so well and why?

4. What would you recommend for improvement for next year's event?

5. What wouldn't you change?

6. What might you do differently?

7. Will you be willing to help out again next year? Why or Why not?

Name (Optional): _____