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April 2014

## Are Forgiveness and Reconciliation the Same?

This past week in confirmation we were all discussing times when we felt betrayed and hurt. Each of us shared something. I shared about a friend I once had and how much he had meant to me, we were the best of friends. He, more than anyone, had been my trusted buddy in a time when I went through an intensely painful loss. We laughed together, struggled together, and had more fun as friends than I can remember. The last time I saw him was when I moved to Chicago and he came to visit. I showed him the big city with many of its sights. We had a nice visit, and then he went home. I have not see him since that time. I called and wrote a letter, but never got a response. All this left me confused and hurt. I felt betrayed and wondered, “What happened? Had I done something wrong? I thought we were good, trusted friends.”

But time passes and you do what you have to do. You move on, you make other friends. Yet, I still wondered, “What happened?” Years passed and finally I decided to track him down by the miracle of the Internet. Like me, he had moved to a different part of the country. I found his email address so I wrote and asked if he wanted to reconnect. He wrote back: “I am doing fine now; a cancer almost killed me a few years ago. Glad you are well. I am not interested in reconnecting. Blessings.”

Yes, “ouch.” I learned from that experience that sometimes when you have a break in a relationship, if you are fortunate you have the opportunity to talk to one another, to come to an understanding and restore your friendship.

Other times you struggle to work something out. You come to an understanding of one another, you forgive the person, but you decide not to restore the relationship. And then there are the times that are most difficult of all: you never have the conversation, there is no chance of coming to any understanding, and certainly no opportunity to reconnect.

This last circumstance is the most difficult because you are left with so many unanswered questions. It’s like someone who wants to restore an old classic car: they jack the car up out in the backyard and start to look for all the parts, but then discover there are parts that are missing that can never be found. The car sits for a long time in the yard, the grass growing up around it. It becomes an eyesore, a reminder of disappointment, until one day the person has the old car towed away, unfinished, and counts their losses.

Jesus tells us we must always forgive, that we cannot expect to follow him but by forgiving. What he says is true: we cannot really be free and fully alive until we learn to forgive. Even when the parts are missing and cannot be replaced, we are still invited to forgive. That means dealing with the pain, getting beyond the blame, either of oneself or the other person, and learning to hold on to the blessing of the relationship. It is God’s grace working through time that makes this possible.

May we practice the path of forgiveness even when we will never fully understand.

*Christ’s peace,  
Pastor Allen*

## Director of Youth Ministries

On March 21st, 2014, Mark Restaino was dismissed as our Director of Youth Ministries. This action was taken by the Church Council on the recommendation of the Staff Relations Committee.

Confirmation and other current youth programs will be continued under the supervision of Pastor Allen as well as interested parents and members. A search will soon be started to find a new person to take over the position of Director of Youth Ministries.

March 24th, 2014

Rev. Allen Mothershed, Senior Pastor  
Dawn Schubert, Council President



## crazies Plant Sale

If you would like to order plants from the annual crazies plant sale, forms are available in the narthex as well as under the crazies bulletin board. In the hallway outside the office. Proceeds go into the students' youth accounts, which help pay for youth group activities and their upcoming mission trip to Blue Knob, PA with Team Effort. Please get your order forms in by Sunday, **April 27th**. Plant pickup will be on Friday, May 16th from 5-7 p.m. Thanks in advance for your support!

## crazies happen'ns

### Upcoming Events:

Sat 3/29 3:30-11pm Winter Jam Concert

We need to know who is planning on going and who needs a ride. Please contact Ann Marie Matthei at (630) 588-9332 or Deb Felsenthal at (630) 682-9650. Tickets are \$10 and are only available at the door.

Sun 3/30 -- NO crazies (Spring Break)

**crazies**

St. Matthew UCC

Mon 3/31 12:30-5pm Northern Illinois Food Bank (Geneva, IL)

If you are planning to go (adult or youth), please call or email Dawn Schubert at (630) 542-0160 or rural\_rococo@msn.com. We are signed up to bring 11 volunteers (over the age of 8), and we will be packing boxes in the warehouse. Closed-toe shoes are required. Consent forms will need to be filled out and are available at church or on the website at <http://solvehungertoday.org/GetInvolved/Volunteer/~media/ILStCharles112/Files/PDF/GetInvolved/ConsentForm2014.ashx>

Sun 4/6 - 5:00-8:00 pm **crazies**: Topic: "Loving Yourself As God Loves You" and we will be brainstorming future topics and activities with youth input and planning. Dinner will be provided.

As we move forward with our planning and search for a new Director of Youth Ministries, we want parents and youth to feel free to reach out with questions, concerns, ideas, and offers of help to Pastor Allen at the office (630) 665-1236 or his cell (630) 441-5962 or Dawn Schubert at (630) 542-0160.



## Notes from the Music Room.....

What inspires a great hymn? There are many things which can do this, but personal tragedy is not one that first comes to mind. However, we know that it does happen with hymns such as "Amazing Grace" and "It is Well with My Soul". Another such hymn is "Precious Lord" and the story is making the rounds on the Internet. The story is sad but true, and for those of you that haven't seen it, I am reprinting it here.

### THE BIRTH OF THE HYMN "*PRECIOUS LORD*"

Back in 1932, I was a fairly new husband. My wife, Nettie, and I were living in a little apartment on Chicago's South Side. One hot August afternoon I had to go to St. Louis where I was to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. I didn't want to go; Nettie was in the last month of pregnancy with our first child, but a lot of people were expecting me in St. Louis. I kissed Nettie goodbye, clattered downstairs to our Model A and, in a fresh Lake Michigan breeze, chugged out of Chicago on Route 66. However, outside the city, I discovered that in my anxiety at leaving, I had forgotten my music case. I wheeled around and headed back. I found Nettie sleeping peacefully. I hesitated by her bed; something was strongly telling me to stay, but eager to get on my way, and not wanting to disturb Nettie, I shrugged off the feeling and quietly slipped out of the room with my music.

The next night, in the steaming St. Louis heat, the crowd called on me to sing again and again. When I finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up with a Western Union telegram. I ripped open the envelope. Pasted on the yellow sheet were the words: 'YOUR WIFE JUST DIED.'

People were happily singing and clapping around me, but I could hardly keep from crying out. I rushed to a phone and called home. All I could hear on the other end was "Nettie is dead. Nettie is dead."

When I got back, I learned that Nettie had given birth to a boy. I swung between grief and joy. Yet that same night, the baby died. I buried Nettie and our little boy together, in the same casket. Then I fell apart. For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn't want to serve Him anymore or write gospel songs, I just wanted to go back to that jazz world I once knew so well. But then, as I hunched alone in that dark apartment those first sad days, I thought back to the afternoon I went to St. Louis. Something kept telling me to stay with Nettie. Was that something God? Oh, if I had paid more attention to Him that day, I would have stayed and been with Nettie when she died. From that moment on I vowed to listen more closely to Him. But still I was lost in grief. Everyone was kind to me, especially one friend. The following Saturday evening he took me up to Malone's Poro College, a neighborhood music school. It was quiet; the late evening sun crept through the curtained windows.

I sat down at the piano, and my hands began to browse over the keys. Something happened to me then. I felt at peace. I felt as though I could reach out and touch God. I found myself playing a melody. Once in my head they just seemed to fall into place: 'Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn, through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.'

The Lord gave me these words and melody, He also healed my spirit. I learned that when we are in our deepest grief, when we feel farthest from God, this is when He is closest, and when we are most open to His restoring power. And so I go on living for God willingly and joyfully, until that day comes when He will take me and gently lead me home. - - -Tommy Dorsey

A pretty powerful message. For those who may have seen this, the ending states that the author was Tommy Dorsey, who was a well-known band leader in the 1930s and '40s. What most people don't know is that there were two Tommy Dorsey's. The band leader is Tommy F. Dorsey; Thomas A. Dorsey, the great Gospel composer, wrote this song.

What a wonderful story of how God CAN heal the brokenhearted! Beautiful, isn't it?

Peace.... Jamie

*Lanni1@comcast.net*

**And now for something completely different: the poem for April,  
from Linda Leinweber**

Peace

By Henry Vaughan (1622-1695)

My soul, there is a country  
    Far beyond the stars,  
Where stands a winged sentry  
    All skillful in the wars.  
There, above noise and danger,  
    Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,  
And One born in a manger  
    Commands the beauteous files.  
He is thy gracious friend,  
    And (Oh, my Soul awake!)  
Did in pure love descend  
    To die here for thy sake.  
If thou canst get but thither,  
    There grows the flower of peace,  
The rose that cannot wither,  
    Thy fortress and thy ease;  
Leave then thy foolish ranges;  
    For none can thee secure  
But One who never changes,  
    Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

This poem seemed to fit nicely into the spirit of Lent, with its metaphysical tradition and tone and its beautiful evoking of a vision of peace, and, indeed, the heaven represented by that peace. This is an introspective poem where the soul is the poet, so we can all read ourselves into the lines and imagine this metaphysical place. Although widely anthologized, this version comes from *The Top 500 Poems, A Poetry Anthology*, edited for Columbia University Press by William Harmon. Enjoy!



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Tama Menini
- 2 Rosalie Bromann
- 3 Ed Domal  
Drew Luessenhop  
Kendall Thornton
- 4 Amy Gimre  
Cindy Leonard  
Bill Staton
- 6 Wes Curda
- 7 Uriel Ambrosia  
Mary Beth Breitfuss  
Laura McKean
- 8 Leo Mittman  
Julie Price
- 10 Don Macauley
- 11 Joe Leinweber
- 12 Leslie Ortman
- 13 Francine Alavi  
Carol Justice  
Megan Munzing
- 16 Hiram Baird  
Victoria Cetina  
Ann Marie Matthei  
Lanie Munzing
- 18 Nancy Franz
- 19 Diane Battistella  
Sarah Madsen
- 20 Ken Munzing
- 21 Elise Anderson  
Dawson Price
- 22 Dawn Schubert
- 23 Craig Schlenker
- 24 Gwen Johnson
- 25 Krista Anderson  
Keith Chrisman
- 28 Natalie Tomes
- 29 Kyle Papp

## Children's Ministry

April 2014

Thank you to the teachers and shepherds who are leading the children in the Lenten rotation: **Marla Mothershed, Deb Felsenthal, Judi Gonzalez, Kenna Anderson, Pam Vargo, Hi and Nancy Baird, Miegan Bresingham, Julie Barnshaw, Leslie Ortman and an additional set of hands, Summer Scalora.**

Thank you to those who helped with the Grand-Friends' Dance: **Kenna and Bruce Anderson, Rob, Susan and Anna Neufelder and Deb Felsenthal.**



### Easter Egg Hunt

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

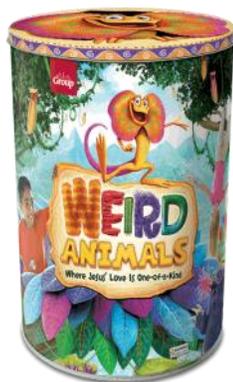
**Spread the word about this fun community event!** Following the Easter Egg Hunt we will enjoy donuts, juice and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Bring a basket for collecting eggs, and your camera!

### M&M

#### Annual Peeps Diorama

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30, following the Easter egg hunt

Partners will gather for lunch and making Easter peeps dioramas. Brainstorm ideas with your partner and bring items to create your special diorama, including a shoe box. Peeps and art supplies will be provided. Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> the creations will be on display after worship for the congregation to vote for their favorite. Google "peeps diorama" for ideas.



### Vacation Bible School

June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Weird Animals

**Please spread the word to neighbors and friends!**

God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you!

When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd – nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus.

Songs – Stories – Games – Science/Craft – Snacks

### April Birthdays

Kennedy Scalora 4/1, Chris Achammer 4/7,

Nicole Bute 4/12, Nick McGrath 4/22





*Pictures from the Grand-Friends' Dance on March 22nd*



**Lenten Study Series: Beginning to Pray**

At the very heart of living the way of Christ is prayer. Prayer is our conversation with God. In that conversation our relationship with God is formed and we are being shaped into a follower in the way of Jesus. Many Christians find prayer difficult, perhaps a waste of time, or they see prayer being for someone more spiritually knowledgeable than themselves. So many are intimidated by the thought of praying or feel guilty that it is not something they do very often. This Lenten Season we invite you to a series of conversations on prayer meant for the many who do not pray as a consistent part of their lives, as well as those with a lot of experience in prayer. Our conversations will be based on a short, accessible Christian classic called Beginning to Pray by Anthony Bloom. Each week we will have a short presentation, followed by discussion, and then time to experience the practice of prayer. ***You can join us on Wednesdays either from noon to 1 p.m. or from 7-8 p.m.*** We have copies of the book for \$9 in the church office for those who would like to read it (not required for the class).

<b>April 2nd</b>	<b>Spring Break-No Meeting</b>
<b>April 9th</b>	<b>"Managing Time"</b>
<b>April 16th</b>	<b>"Addressing God"</b>

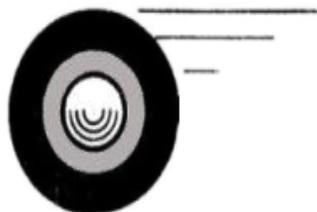
**Season of Lent Services Schedule**

*Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service:* April 13th at 9:30 a.m.

*Maundy Thursday Dinner:* April 17th at 6 p.m.

*Maundy Thursday Worship Service:* April 17th at 7 p.m.

*Easter Sunday Worship Services:* April 20th at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.



**Help Needed**

The St Matthew Meals on Wheels “team” (MOW) is looking for an additional driver or two. We deliver meals every Monday and Thursday through a program run by the DSCC (DuPage Senior Citizens Council), and usually drivers only deliver one time/month. The route is usually in central/south Wheaton and takes



about an hour. If you are at all interested, please contact Dawn Schubert at (630) 665-9860.

**Workers of the Word**



St. Matthew has a ministry that is unknown to many called “Workers of the Word.” We have a team of volunteers who take two months of the calendar year and send out greeting cards to members of our church who can’t make it on Sunday mornings to our worship service. These cards are sometimes hand-made, but it is not necessary and it only takes a few minutes each month. We are in need of a few people to help with this small but very important task! Please consider helping! You can contact Tina Ciner at 630.393.6543 if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

**Thanks for the food, please pick up your dishes**

The "left behind" dishes are starting to pile up in the kitchen once again. If you have brought food to an event at church recently, please check to see if one of your serving dishes is sitting on the counter in the kitchen and take it home. Thank you!



## EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower order forms are now in the Sunday bulletin. We are offering Easter Lilies, Tulips in red, pink, or yellow, Daffodils, and Hyacinths that will be used to decorate the Sanctuary. The cost is \$15 and order forms are due by Sunday, **April 6th**. If you have any questions regarding ordering flowers you can contact Lisa Curda at [lisacurda@gmail.com](mailto:lisacurda@gmail.com) or 630.567.8019 or the church office.



## MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER VOLUNTEERS

Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service will be on **April 17th**. We will be serving stew and need volunteers to make stew and brownies; the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. If you have any questions regarding Maundy Thursday, please contact Lisa Curda at [lisacurda@gmail.com](mailto:lisacurda@gmail.com) or 630.567.8019 or the church office.



World Relief has a current need for items because of an increased number of arrivals:

- Pots and Pans
- Alarm Clocks
- Shower Curtains with hooks
- Disposable diapers
- Garbage Cans and bags

If you would like to help please contact Maggie Boynton, (630) 462-7566 x1014 | [mboynton@wr.org](mailto:mboynton@wr.org)

### **Other Needs:**

- Dressers (**URGENT NEED**)
- Dining/kitchen tables and chairs (**URGENT NEED**)
- Sofas/love seats (**URGENT NEED**)
- End tables / coffee tables / TV stands
- Lamps

If you would like to help please contact:

### **Subaas Gurung**

Donations Coordinator, World Relief DuPage  
1825 College Avenue, Suite 230, Wheaton, IL 60187  
T: 630.462.7566 x1019, F: 630.462.8103  
E: [SGurung@wr.org](mailto:SGurung@wr.org)

## Pennies from Heaven

We have two fundraising opportunities that do not require our members to spend any extra money – St. Matthew receives “Pennies from Heaven” from your regular shopping. Through these programs, retailers have agreed to give a portion of your purchase to St. Matthew. Simply plan ahead and order pre-paid (gift) cards through the **Manna** program for your normal shopping – grocery, gas, movie theaters, department stores, restaurants, pharmacies, etc. Order forms are available every Sunday after church, and your cards will be ready the following Sunday. If you make online purchases, register with **iGive** on our page: [igive.com/stmatthewucc](http://igive.com/stmatthewucc). Then click on the **iGive** button in your browser and do your shopping. **iGive** will track your purchases and the retailers’ donations to our church. It’s that easy!



Tell your friends and family – they can participate, too! More information can be found on the Donate page of our website at [www.stmatthewucc.org](http://www.stmatthewucc.org)

*The Mittman and Summers families*

*invite you to join us on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for a Celebration of Life service for our mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother (Beamba), aunt, cousin, and dear friend, Lillian Summers.*

*Please join us in Dobstaff Hall for some Polish food, beer, wine, and music.*



**Congregational Life**

Thanks to all of those who provided Chili for our **Chili Cook-off** on February 9th. Pastor Allen's southern chili was the people's choice winner. (I know it is Chicago, but I can attest there were no shenanigans with the ballot basket!) All entries received votes and we all enjoyed an evening of fellowship.

In March, Congregational Life coordinated with the Christian Education Committee to host the first ever **Grand-Friends' Dance**. This was a wonderful event that engaged the hearts of the littlest people in our congregation and their grand-friends. With music, dancing, snacks, a photo booth and Mrs. Susan's dress-up clothes, a grand time was had by all. We all left the event with big smiles on our faces – except for that little one who was heard saying “I don't want to go home”!

Congregational Life will again partner with the CE committee for the upcoming **Easter Egg Hunt** to be held at the Church / More Property on Saturday morning, **April 12<sup>th</sup>**, currently scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Please watch the bulletins or call the office for further details.

And to continue the fun, Congregational Life will host our annual **Bags Tournament** on **April 27<sup>th</sup>** late afternoon/early evening. We will have food and drink, and a prize will be awarded to the winning team. More details will be available in upcoming bulletins and on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up to reserve your spot!

Finally, we are planning to hold the **All-Church Picnic** immediately after the service on Sunday, **June 1st**.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our normal picnic fare. This will also be new member Sunday and a great way to welcome our new members. A sign-up for that event will be forthcoming.

If you have any ideas of opportunities to promote fellowship at St. Matthew, we encourage you to let us know. The committee members include Annette English, Andrew Kouns, Linnea Karpenske, Judi Gonzalez, Roseanne King, Ellen Ribe, Rocio Chumas, and Rob Neufelder.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DAY OF FAITH AT THE CAPITAL** Please join us on Tuesday, **April 8th**, for a rally, prayer vigil, and face-to-face visits with legislators to help change laws to transform people's lives and reduce poverty and improve justice in our communities. Community Renewal Society (CRS) Churches will be coming together in Springfield to **FIGHT** against the barriers to employment for ex-offenders, **STAND UP** for those unjustly incarcerated, and **DEMAND** a fair tax for the people of Illinois. Buses will provide transportation to and from Springfield. Pick-up time will be at 6:30a.m. on April 8th at a church in the western suburbs. Please sign up on the opportunity table and call Alex Alavi (630-772-4449) for additional information.



**WWS SHOW CHOIRS CONCERT** The award-winning show choirs of Wheaton Warrenville South, Esprit and The Classics, along with the acclaimed Show Band, will present a variety of songs through the decades as well as their 2014 competition season shows. The shows include high-quality vocal and dance performances. Shows are Friday, **April 11th** at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, **April 12th** at 2:30 p.m. Ticket order forms and information are on the table in the narthex.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** **April 12th** at 10 a.m. Please join us at this fun, all-community event! Come and get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Enjoy donuts, games, and crafts after the hunt. Please bring your own basket.

**DUPAGEPADS 12TH ANNUAL GALAXY BOWL** Join DupagePads at Fox Bowl for the 12th Annual Galaxy Bowl on Saturday, **April 12th** from 12-3 p.m. This event is open to all, so gather your team and help **STRIKE BACK** against homelessness in DuPage County! The Galaxy Bowl is a fun, family event to raise funds for DupagePads to help provide housing and supportive services, including employment, for individuals and families who are homeless. Assemble your five-person team today! The goal is to generate at least \$500 per team (\$100 per team member.) Registration includes a t-shirt, pizza, soda, ice-cream, and more! Compete to win prizes while having a great time and supporting DupagePads! For more information or to set up your team please visit [www.dupagepads.org](http://www.dupagepads.org) or contact Sarah at 630.682.3846 ext.2420 or [sswiston@dupagepads.org](mailto:sswiston@dupagepads.org).

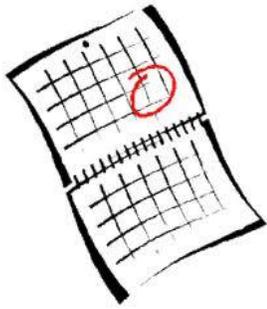
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**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** All adults and youth are invited to a meeting sponsored by the Men's Fellowship on **April 26th** from 8-10 a.m. (The meeting is not at our regular time, but is a week after Easter.) The meeting will feature a presentation by Ryan Wallace, congregational organizer for Community Renewal Society (CRS) about how CRS and its member churches are helping to transform lives by reducing poverty and improving social justice in our communities. Breakfast will be served by Bob Barnshaw at 8 a.m. Please sign up on the Opportunity Table if you can join us.

**2014 CROP Walk on May 4<sup>th</sup>** Members of St. Matthew UCC will join other churches in Glen Ellyn and Wheaton to walk in the 30 year anniversary of the CROP walk to fight against poverty and hunger in our communities and in over 80 countries around the world. You will receive a free t-shirt if you sign up by April 1<sup>st</sup> and provide your size. If you are unable to walk, please consider making a donation by writing a check to "CWS/ CROP Walk" or donate online at <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/stmatthewucc>. On May 4th, registration will start at 1pm and the walk will begin at 2pm. The starting and ending point is in downtown Wheaton at Gary United Methodist Church, 224 N. Main St. Please contact Alex Alavi ([alex.alavi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alex.alavi@sbcglobal.net)) if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!





### SAVE THE DATE!

On Monday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a presentation sponsored by the Wheaton Historical Society. It will feature a speaker who did his dissertation on the homes and churches of Edward Dart. Our original structure was one of those churches. The exact time will be determined (~ 7 pm), and a reception in Dobstaff will follow the hour-long presentation.

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### Mark your calendars for our Membership Class!

We will be having an informational session for new members on May 18th after the fellowship time following our Worship Service. We will use this time to discuss the United Church of Christ, St. Matthew, and what it means to become a member. Our New Member joining date is June 1st during Worship Service.

Please contact Pastor Allen at miltonallenmother-shed@gmail.com or 630.441.5962 if you cannot attend this class and would like to make other arrangements.

### St. Matthew Bags Tournament

**Sunday, April 27th starting at 2 p.m.**

Come join the fun at Congregational Life's 3rd Annual Bags Tournament. Come to watch, play for fun, or compete in the tournament. Teams of 2 can compete in the Novice or Experienced divisions with prizes awarded. To compete in the tournament, your team must be signed up by noon (after church) on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up board is in the narthex. Call Tracey Blake at 630-579-8432 with questions.

Drinks provided – bring snack or sweet to share



*Saturday*  
*April 12th*  
 St. Matthew U.C.C.  
**EASTER**  
**EGG**  
**HUNT**

**10 A.M.**  
 Get your picture taken  
 with the Easter Bunny!  
 Enjoy donuts, games, and crafts after the hunt  
 Please bring your own basket

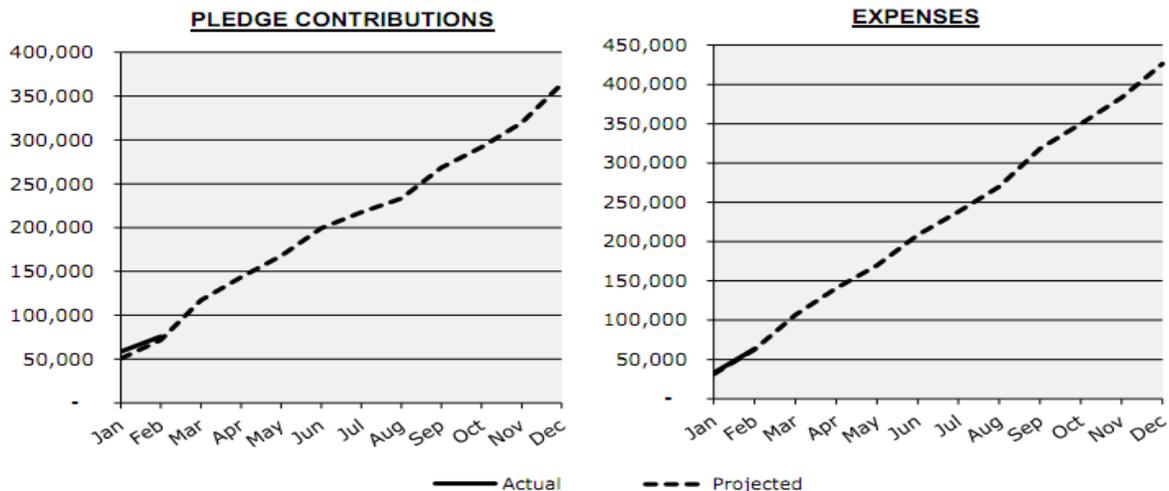
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**ST. MATTHEW UCC GENERAL OPERATING FUND  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**

For the Period Ended February 28, 2014

	<u>ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>ACTUAL YEAR-TO- DATE</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
Pledge Contributions	17,260	75,685	363,658
Loose Offerings	282	616	6,000
Rental Income	250	250	5,000
Fund Raising	315	315	10,000
Investment Income	(12)	(90)	-
More Property	-	-	41,500
More Property (special projects)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>18,095</u>	<u>76,776</u>	<u>426,158</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Ministry	18,450	35,368	224,348
Building	9,215	20,110	122,810
Mortgages & Notes	2,229	4,458	26,750
Mission / OCWM	-	200	29,000
Committees:			
Christian Education	678	1,793	9,600
Membership	-	276	2,750
Music	156	931	4,500
Worship	-	582	2,500
Endowment	-	-	1,000
Congregational Life	-	-	800
Memorial	-	-	100
Misc. & Contingency	-	-	2,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES (before Special Projects)</b>	<u>30,728</u>	<u>63,718</u>	<u>426,158</u>
Special Projects	-	-	-
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<u>\$ (12,633)</u>	<u>\$ 13,058</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**2014 Activity - Actual vs. Projected**



*Please contact John Adams if you have questions or need additional information.*

# April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <i>-No bells</i>	<b>2</b> <i>No Lenten Prayer Study (Spring Break)</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <i>2p "Celebration of Life" Service for Lillian Summers</i>
<b>6</b> <i>-9:30a Worship Service -Easter Flower orders due</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Fannie May Candy delivered this week</i>	<b>8</b> <i>6:30a Day of Faith at the Capital</i>	<b>9</b> <i>P.A.D.S</i>	<b>10</b> <i>7p Finance Committee</i>	<b>11</b> <i>7:30p Wheaton Warrenville South Show Choir Concert</i>	<b>12</b> <i>-10a Easter Egg Hunt -M&amp;M Peeps Diorama after Hunt -12-3p PADS Galaxy Bowl -2:30p WWS Show Choir Concert</i>
<b>13</b> <i><b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b> 9:30a Worship Service</i>	<b>14</b> <i>7p Worship Committee</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Maundy Thursday 6p Dinner 7p Worship Service 8p Council</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i>
<b>20</b> <i>Easter Sunday 9a &amp; 11a Worship Services: Bells Sunday</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Earth Day</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>8-10a Men's Fellowship</i>
<b>27</b> <i>-9:30a Worship Service -2p Bags Tournament -May Voice articles due</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		<i>Every Tuesday: 6p IntergeneR-ingers 7p Bells Potluck 7:30p Chancel Ringers</i>	<i>Every Wednesday: 1:30p Prayer Group 6:30p Praise Band 7:30p Choir</i>



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Become, Live, and Serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ.

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