



October 2013

Breaking Bread in Unexpected Places

“When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:30-32

The strangest thing happened last January when I attended the United Church of Christ Senior Pastors’ conference in Florida. Just so unexpected. It is late at night at the conference and two of the pastors and I are sitting around in the hospitality room that is just on the edge of the beach with the doors wide open. We are enjoying ourselves drinking wine and shooting the breeze when an attractive young adult woman comes off the beach into the room. She says, “Hey, what’s up? You got a party going on here?” Somewhat amused at the situation, we all say, “Sure, why don’t you join us.” She says, “I’m with a bunch of my friends and we have been out on the beach, what are you here for?” We explain that we are pastors at a conference. She laughs and says, “Well, that is not what I expected. But it’s funny that I walked in here and find three pastor, because I was just doing something I never do. I was reading a Bible. Something about someone walking on water or something like that. It’s a really weird book.” One of us says something about the story being the way God comes to us when we are going through a stormy time.

Then she tells us about her life and how she dropped out of completing training as an addiction counselor because she became so discouraged by all the people who do not really want to help.

I could hear in her story someone really searching. One of the other ministers says, “You know, you are really gifted; you are smart, you listen well, you care for people enough to let them affect you, you are going to be really great when you figure out what you want to do.”

This was such a strange interaction in an unexpected place. We are breaking bread and sharing wine, and the communion table was just made larger. I will never know what happened to her and what came of our having crossed the same paths. But I have the sense that bread was broken and a cup was shared and Jesus, just as He promised us, made Himself present.

One of the reasons we break bread and share the cup in worship during holy communion is to be reminded that the ordinary bread we break and the cup we share in our daily lives is also a time when Christ comes to be with us. In the ordinary conversations, Christ is present and at work through us. The real issue is whether we will be present to Jesus in the ordinary moments of our lives. Will we have a sense that the moment we share with others can become a moment in which we make a difference in someone’s life and they in our lives? May we seek out such moments, invite others to Jesus’ table, whether it be the one in our sanctuary or the one out and about town.

-Pastor Allen



A fun, safe family Halloween event

Sunday, October 27th, 3-5 p.m.

Children are invited to Trick or Treat from trunk to trunk, collecting candy from church volunteers who have decorated their cars to serve as a backdrop for this fun event.

A hotdog meal, music and games will be indoors following trick or treating.

There is no charge for this event, which provides a fun and safe activity for families within our community.

We are looking for members willing to decorate their trunk and pass out candy.

Also, we are accepting candy donations.

Sign up to decorate your trunk or parking space is in the Narthex.





Notes from the Music Room.....

It's Time! We start rehearsing for the Christmas Cantata on Wednesday, October 2nd from 7:30 to 8:30pm. This is a wonderful new composition from one of our favorite composers, Joseph Martin. It is titled "Appalachian Winter" and it has a delightful almost folksy feel to it. Please come and join us for the fun and fellowship of rehearsals and then the joy as we share it with the congregation. If you can carry a tune, we will work out the rest.

Children's choir has also been rehearsing and we will hear from them on October 20th. Under Wendee Passini's tutelage, they will also sing in November. Then on December 15th they will present a Children's Christmas Musical! Parents, please do everything possible to ensure that the children are in Sunday School to rehearse and can make the Sundays when they will sing.

Our bell choirs are ringing away each week. We will hear them for the first time this year on October 6th, which is World Communion Sunday. There are a couple of new ringers involved and they are very excited, as are those who are returning.

Our Sanctuary Choir and praise band are energized and back in full swing. We need your help. Just like everyone else, those that are in these groups have other obligations that take them away on some Sundays. Unlike everyone else, there is still a responsibility to provide thoughtful music each week for our worship services. We need some additional members in both groups to help fill in the gaps. We need individuals to sing. As long as you can listen and carry a tune, we work far enough ahead that by the time we sing a song, you will know it well. This goes for both praise band and choir. The praise band also needs some more musicians. This not only includes guitar, bass and percussion, but other instruments, as well, as we would love to incorporate other instruments with the band. Anyone from eighth grade and up is welcome. Please see me, Brian, or ask any member of these groups for more information. Please come join us.

Yours in Christ through Song,

Jamie Craig
Director of Music
630-202-6788
Lanni1@comcast.net

And now for something completely different...
The poem for October, from Linda Leinweber in Kazakhstan

The Beautiful Changes ***By Richard Wilbur***

One wading a Fall meadow finds on all sides
The Queen Anne's Lace lying like lilies
On water, it glides
So from the walker, it turns
Dry grass to a lake, as the slightest shade of you
Valleys my mind in fabulous blue Lucernes.

The beautiful changes as a forest is changed
By a chameleon's tuning his skin to it;
As a mantis, arranged
On a green leaf, grows
Into it, makes the leaf leafier, and proves
Any greenness is deeper than anyone knows.

Your hands hold roses always in a way that says
They are not only yours; the beautiful changes
In such kind ways
Wishing ever to sunder
Things and things' selves for a second finding, to lose
For a moment all that it touches back to wonder.

I have returned to this poem, not having looked at it for a while, and find that I still take great joy in the multiple meanings of the title...is beautiful a noun or an adjective...or both? I also love the images, the idea of a chameleon tuning its skin to a forest, for example. And I delight in contemplation of the last few lines. Enjoy!

M&M

Moments Together & Memories Forever



M&M partners will be paired at 11:00am on Sunday, October 6th. Following the pairing we will gather for lunch and a fun activity. This fun event will be an opportunity to get to know your partner and the other participants. Please RSVP to Krista Caprini at caprini2323@gmail.com.

St. Matthew Fundraiser featuring Kym Frankovelgia

Saturday October 26th
Doors open at 6:00pm
Silent Auction and Refreshments 6:00-7:15pm in Dobstaff
Performance by Kym 7:30-8:30pm in Sanctuary

Kym is a cabaret-style singer with years of experience. She has performed all over the country, including many years on cruise ships, but she currently resides in the western suburbs. Kym performs the best of the Big Bands and Broadway, and she has a wonderful reputation in the area for "singing the standards with style and personality". We feel fortunate to have this vibrant and dynamic performer help us with this important fund-raising event.

Tickets are \$30 each, and they are available in the office. Although tickets will be available at the door that evening, we hope that you will buy your tickets ahead of time, so we can appropriately plan the food and drink.

Donated items are still being accepted until October 10th. We then hope to have a printed list of all of the Silent Auction items prior to the event, so you can come prepared to bid! If you are NOT able to attend, but wish to bid on an item(s), stay tuned for how you can make that happen. We are working out those details as of press time!

We strongly encourage you to attend and to invite your friends for a fun night of entertainment. This fundraiser is an effort to offset the budget deficit we are facing, and we need your help!

Please direct any questions to the office, and Mary Lee can put you in contact with the appropriate person.

Visit Kym's website to listen to some of her songs: www.kymsong.com

“Stained Glass Crosses”

The Worship Committee has made available the beautiful stained glass St. Matthew crosses, similar to the one presented to Pastor Allen on his one-year anniversary with our church.

#1 design (will hang only) \$32.00

Color #1...Brownish red cross with blue circle

#2 design (will hang and stand) \$35.00

Color #2....Dark brown cross with green circle

#3 design (will stand only) \$40.00

Color #3.....Blue cross with blue circle



Shown in color on our web site.

If you have any questions about these crosses or if you would like to order one please contact Marge Hall by phone at [630.668.5549](tel:630.668.5549) or by e-mail margehallart@gmail.com. Please indicate the design number and color number, and add your phone number to an e-mail so I can contact you if needed.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Kevin Bute
5	Doug Miller
9	Torie Spitzer
11	Jimmy McKean
13	Jackie Keuck
14	Bill Beaton
	Megan Ogorzalek
15	Kerin Heck Sanken
16	Kristen Henrickson
	Lynn Thornton
17	Rocio Chumas
	Lou Holland
18	Cameron Rosenthal
	Tom Thomas
19	Sadie Roberts
20	Leah Hendrickson
21	Julie Mategrano
	Melanie Milling
22	Cheryl Heck
23	Sarah Muntz
25	John Umbeck
26	Amy Barnshaw
	Abby Ortman Jung
28	John Kouns
	Mark Restaino
	Monte Schroer
30	Carol Young
31	Mark Roberts

17th Annual ESSE Pancake Breakfast

A Salute to our Veterans
Special Guest Mayor Michael Gresk of Wheaton

Saturday, November 9th
7:30-11:00am
St. Paul Lutheran Church
515 S. Wheaton Ave, Wheaton

Food Sponsors
Brighton Gardens of Wheaton
Butterfield's Pancake House of Wheaton
Starbucks of Glen Ellyn
Arden Courts of Glen Ellyn

Raffle and Silent Auction!
Tickets can be purchased at the door
or from Dawn Schubert.
Call Dawn for information (630-665-9860)
\$5.00 Donation

Heartfelt Thanks

I just wanted to thank the following individuals for their help at ESSE during the month of September-- some brought treats, some helped serve lunch, and several just came to share some time (and a pet, too)!

These kind folks are: Lee Anderson, Tracey Blake, Wendy Fanning, Barb Giordano, Betty Greer, Leah Kulczewski, Diane Mook, Kathy Oswalt, Cathy Soo-Hoo, Monnie Stoller, and Patti Woods. Please contact Dawn Schubert for other opportunities to serve our ESSE friends.

**New “Faith in Action Committee”
and Community Renewal Society**

Mission Committee has voted for St. Matthew to become a member of the Community Renewal Society (CRS). A “Faith in Action committee” of 5+ members will be formed to lead this ministry for St. Matthew. The primary goal of this committee is to work with CRS and its member churches to help reduce poverty and improve social justice in our communities. This committee will interview all members of our church to identify key issues that are important to St. Matthew and our community. Those issues will be presented to CRS which will, using like input from other churches, choose a few for immediate action at a larger scale. Some of the key benefits of this program include:

1. It will connect us to the community and provide a basis for conversation and action with other concerned citizens.
2. The entire congregation will be involved. We all will benefit greatly from the input and participation of our youth, as an example.
3. It will help to strengthen our congregation in our continued evolution and renewal as we move forward together to identify and act on issues that matter most to our congregation and community.

We are looking for 5-10 volunteers, and we invite those who are interested in joining this ministry to attend the CRS Annual Membership Assembly on Saturday, October 5th to celebrate our membership in CRS, worship with other CRS churches, and learn more about this program. The meeting will take place at Glenview Community Church (1000 Elm Street, Glenview) from 9am-12pm, with registration and breakfast beginning at 8:30am. Please sign up on the Opportunity Table if you can attend this meeting.

We have also invited Ryan Wallace, the Congregational Organizer for the CRS, to make an introductory presentation to our members about CRS, discuss the issues that CRS churches have agreed to work on together this year, and answer your questions about this program. The meeting will be held on October 20th in the Parlor after church service from 11am to 12pm. Please sign up on the Opportunity Table if you would like to attend this meeting. For any questions regarding CRS, please contact Bob Barnshaw or Alex Alavi.



St. Matthew UCC

crazies Shout Out

With school in full gear, crazies have been adjusting to the new school year. With the return of regular weekly Sunday night lessons and the beginning of confirmation, we've been learning lots. This month's lessons included "Crazy Stuff in the Bible," "The Greatest Song Ever," and "Any Last Words?" We also helped with the Knights of Columbus's Tootsie Roll fundraiser and the Neighborhood Fun Fair. We saw a drive-in movie and held our Pasta Dinner fundraiser for the winter retreat. Next month, we plan to go to Fright Fest at Six Flags.

By Jennifer Buhmann

New Member Class

There will be a new member class on **Sunday, October 20th** for those persons wishing to join St. Matthew United Church of Christ. The class will be held at 11:00am after morning worship. If interested, please call Mary Lee in the church office (630-665-1236).

Are We Having Fun Yet?

I recently had a brief conversation with one of our members who had been away for parts of the summer. She attended worship just before the start of the new program year and commented that she sensed there was an aliveness and a positive energy she had not felt for some time. I, too, have sensed a fresh Fall breeze blowing in a new season in the life of our church. The church has come through a number of challenging years and now seems to be breathing in the fresh air of God's spirit forever making us new.

Thank each of you for your contributions to this time of renewal. St. Matthew's strengths continue to be our outward focus on being in mission work and reaching and welcoming others into the life and work of Christ in our fellowship. There is also a remarkable strength to be found in committed lay leadership that has a joyful time in giving themselves to the well-being of our fellowship.

I remember going on a biking trip once with a group of friends, and our legs were burning, as were our lungs, as we climbed a steep hill. As we were doing so one of our group yelled out, "Are we having fun yet?" to which we all laughed so hard we had to stop before starting up again. I want you to know that in all the hard work we are doing together, I am having fun and glad to see that the staff and so many of you also seem to be laughing with me, as well.

-Pastor Allen

Girls' Night Out

Women of all ages are invited to join together and have some fun. We will be meeting on the first Thursdays of the month and enjoy various activities. The first one is **Thursday, October 3rd at 7:00pm**. To get started we will meet at the church and then we can plan outings in the area. Come out and enjoy getting to know the women of St. Matthew. Any questions contact Julie Schubert -tjjr7@att.net.



Coffee Team

We are looking for a few people (five or six) who are committed to our coffee ministry and would be willing to help once a month to once every six weeks with the after-church coffee time. This would mean setting up the coffee before church and cleaning up afterward. If you feel this is a way you could serve and would like more information, please talk to Diane Mook 630-690-7562.

POT-LUCK COFFEES TO CONTINUE

Our pot-luck coffees were successful during the summer and we will continue them through the end of the year. Remember, anyone can bring a sweet, fruit, cheese and crackers on any Sunday. Our alphabet designation is just a suggestion. **If any individual or committee would like to host a coffee on any specific date , please let Membership know a few weeks ahead of time and we will announce it.** After-church coffees are great ways to celebrate a birthday, a baptism, a special event.

Just a reminder of our suggested schedule:

Those with last name beginning with A, B, C - 1st Sunday of the month
D,E,F,G - 2nd Sunday
H, I ,J,K - 3rd Sunday
L - Z - 4th Sunday
Anyone - 5th Sunday

NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY

The Membership Committee, working with Mary Lee, is creating a new picture directory for St. Matthew UCC.

You are welcome to submit a digital Jpeg picture either by emailing Mary Lee at office@stmatthewucc.org or dropping off a USB drive (please mark with your name) in the office. Otherwise, we will be taking family pictures each Sunday after the service. We will be taking pictures through the first Sunday of October. For those members that are home-bound, we will be scheduling appointments to take pictures at a convenient time.

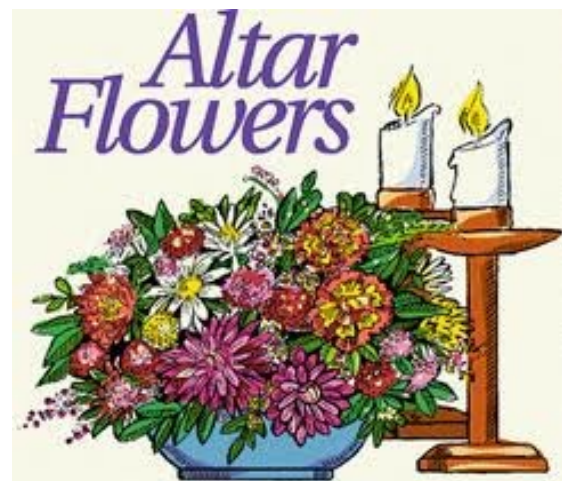
This effort will not have any pictures for sale and will result in both a printed directory and an online version of that directory.

Our regular visitor are encouraged to submit a photo and information for the directory. We'd like to get to know you!

Thank you all for your help with this project!

Altar Flower Orders

Please notice that we are now ordering flowers from Phillips Flowers in Wheaton. The arrangements are much more beautiful and reasonably priced at \$22.00 per arrangement. Please place your flower order on the poster located just outside the church office and remember a special someone or celebrate a special occasion.



Rally Day 2013





..and service of remembrance

All pets welcome!

St. Matthew UCC
Sunday, October 13th
2:00pm

Pet can't come? Bring a picture!
Special remembrance for pets who
are no longer with you.

Short worship service
Blessing for pets and caregivers
Snacks for both pets and people
Fellowship time
If weather permits we will gather
outdoors

Memorial Committee Plans Service

In response to a request from the Hultgren Funeral Home, the Memorial Committee has agreed to accept the cremains of six homeless individuals for burial in the Memorial Garden. A service conducted by Pastor Allen Mother-shed is scheduled for **2pm on Tuesday, October 22nd**. The congregation is welcome to attend in respect and memory of the deceased.

As stated in Matthew 25:40, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Why Do We Do Pet Blessings?

On Sunday, October 13, at 2:00 p.m., you will notice something a bit odd if you come by the church. You will see a procession of people coming into the church with pets in hand or on leash or in a cage making their way to the church fellowship hall for a pet blessing. This tradition is done in remembrance of St. Francis and his love for all creatures, great and small. October is the month we usually share in this ritual because it comes near St. Francis' feast day, October 4. St. Francis is famous for his being one to whom the animals would gather around to hear his preaching and receive his blessing.

He is also the one who wrote a Cantic of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." His love of creation was not sentimentality, but a deep felt recognition that we are knitted together as a creation and that each member of creation blesses their creator for the gift of life.

In a time when we have so much bad news, the beauty of creation is a constant reminder of the underlying goodness of life. We only need to slow down and take a walk on a beautiful Fall day to be reminded of the grandeur of the creation that reflects the mystery of our creator.

When we bless the animals who have become a part of our families, church becomes the place where we celebrate our bond with the creation. Our church also becomes a place where we reaffirm how in Christ the whole of creation is held together and sustained by his gracious love. We then are reminded that from the beginning we were created to be God's partners in caring for the creation.

Join us on October 13, with or without an animal, to hear the blessing of all God's creation: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless these pets. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."



We are off to a great start in Nazareth Neighborhood. The children are learning about Noah's Ark through art, puppets, video, drama and game workshops. Thank you to our teachers and shepherds: **Kenna Anderson, Elise Anderson, Deb Felsenthal, Judi and Kelly Gonzalez, Hi and Nancy Baird, Miegan Bresingham, Leslie Ortman and Julie Barnshaw.**

On September 22nd, during the worship service, five fourth graders received their Bible: Ben Achammer, Emma Beres, Luke Buhmann, Kylie Caprini and Katie Mitchell. Please keep them in your prayers asking God to help them discern and be blessed by the word of God. Thank you to **Jackie Tobin** for personalizing the Bibles with her beautiful calligraphy.

October is going to be a fun month with something fun going on every Sunday. Mark your calendar for these fun events:

October 6th - M&M pairing and get-together – After Sunday school the M&M participants will gather to learn who their partner is for the upcoming year. Immediately following they will have lunch and take part in a fun activity making dog treats, to be sold the following week at our *Blessing of the Animals* worship service. The money raised will benefit a local animal shelter. If you have any questions about this activity please contact Krista Caprini.

October 13th - Blessing of the Animals, 2:00pm – Bring your pet, (or a picture of your pet), for this outdoor service. After a short time of worship Pastor Allen will bless each pet and their caretaker. Following the service we will enjoy fellowship time with snacks provided for both pets and people. Also, we will be selling dog treats made by the M&M partners. All proceeds will benefit a local animal shelter.

October 20th - Children's Choir – During the worship service the children will sing the song they have been learning with Children's Choir Director Wendee Passini.

Sunday School Open House – At 10:30am, after the worship service, all parents are invited upstairs to Nazareth Neighborhood. The children are excited to show you how they have been learning about Noah's Ark. This is also a great opportunity to understand how Workshop Rotation works. We will close our time with snacks and fellowship.

Pumpkin carving and pizza with the youth group, 5:30pm – The youth group has invited us for another fun year of pumpkin painting/carving and pizza. All pumpkins and supplies are provided for this wonderful opportunity where the children and youth of St. Matthew join together. Parents are welcome to join us, but it is not mandatory. Please let me know if your children can attend so we have an idea of how many pizzas and pumpkins to purchase.

October 27th - Trunk or Treat, 3:00 to 5:00pm – You don't want to miss this wonderful event! Members of St. Matthew will decorate their car trunks, and children trick or treat from trunk to trunk. Inside we will have a hot-dog meal, games and music. Last year our parking lot was filled with members' cars for this community out-reach event. If you would like to decorate your car, or donate candy, please sign up in the narthex.

EXCITED ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD!



FUN AT THE RALLY DAY FUN FAIR!



NOVEL APPROACHES

The novel to be approached in October is “**And the Mountains Echoed**” by Khaled Hosseini.
“An emotional, provocative, and unforgettable novel about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations.”

The date is **Friday, October 25, 2013 at 7:30 pm**
The place is **Boyd's**, 510 South Aurora Way, Wheaton

Everyone is welcome. Please join us for lively discussion, food and fellowship.

LOOKING AHEAD: “Zealot: The Life & Times of Jesus of Nazareth” by Reza Aslan

Why Should Our Church Make Use of Video in Worship?

For several years the leadership of St. Matthew has considered adding the necessary equipment for the use of video in our worship services. We have received bids and are working to present to Church Council and the congregation the most affordable and adequate system (possibly along with new lighting and audio). I believe it is important for me to share with you why I believe it is time for our church to take these steps in new technology.

Video is one way we can show hospitality to guests of our church, many of whom are used to such technology in other churches with which they have been associated, and it is one way to help our guests more easily follow along with the flow of our worship experience.

Video greatly aids congregational singing, as it encourages worshippers to look up while they are singing. Hymn books will still be available, especially for those who find them more comfortable and who read music. New hymns/songs can also be added to the bulletin for those who like to hold the music.

Video provides a way to incorporate art and beauty into our worship and to establish the theme as a part of the sermon and allows us to heighten the congregation’s use of their senses of sight and hearing.

Video is one way our youth and children can more regularly be a part of our worship, as they can contribute art or produce video skits that can greatly enhance the service or the sermon.

Video can be used to make announcements more efficiently.

Video is a way we can blend our service to include a more contemporary style while maintaining the best aspects of traditional worship.

Video can be used to celebrate church experiences (mission trips, etc.) and enhance congregational meetings.

It is my belief that technology should not take over worship but should be an additional resource that enhances the experience of worshippers. This will be an essential guideline in our use of video. We are also doing our very best to consider how we can incorporate this technology in a way that does not negatively affect the beauty of our sanctuary. Joe Hall and his team (Hi Baird, Jamie Craig, Al Franz, Marge Hall, Rick Jungk, Andrew Kouns, Dave Mook, Dawn Schubert, Al Skwara, and Jerry Stoller) have been spending many hours of thoughtful work in order to present to you the best alternatives we can find to effectively add video capability to our worship space. Please thank them when you see them and share any questions or concerns that you have.

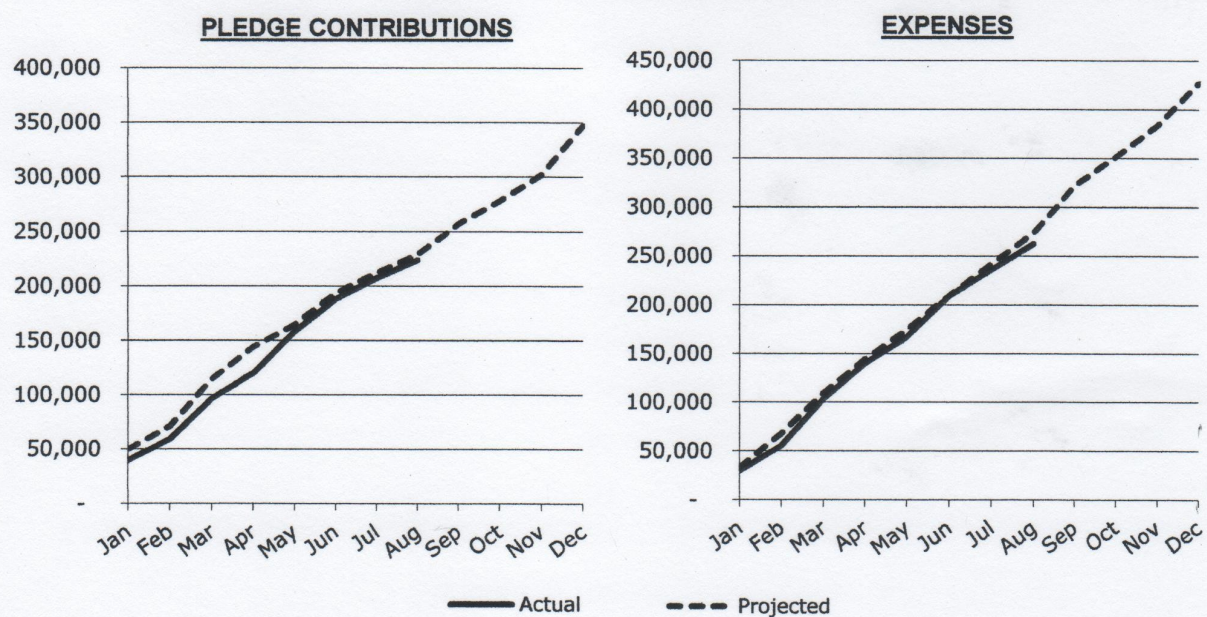
-Pastor Allen

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

For the Period Ended August 31, 2013

	ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH	ACTUAL YEAR-TO- DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET
RECEIPTS:			
Pledge Contributions	16,211	223,698	347,136
Loose Offerings	304	3,757	8,000
Rental Income	100	2,790	6,000
Fund Raising	-	200	10,000
Investment Income	(30)	(79)	500
More Property	-	19,929	54,500
Miscellaneous Income	-	100	500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	16,585	250,395	426,636
EXPENDITURES:			
Ministry	14,089	138,964	224,061
Building	3,338	84,455	121,775
Mortgages & Notes	2,229	17,833	26,750
Mission / OCWM	4,750	11,676	29,000
Committees:			
Christian Education	1,680	6,739	10,150
Membership	-	663	3,900
Music	-	966	4,200
Worship	36	652	3,500
Congregational Life	69	246	800
Misc. & Contingency	-	363	2,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (before Special Projects)	26,191	262,557	426,636
Special Projects	3,429	3,429	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$ (13,035)	\$ (15,591)	\$ -

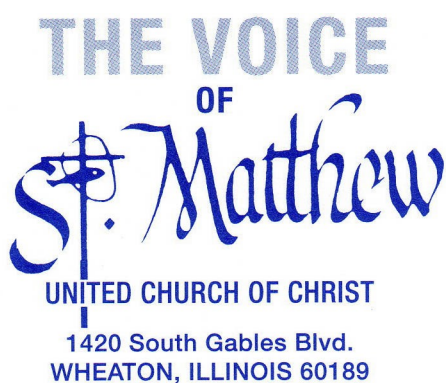
2013 Activity - Actual vs. Projected



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

October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Every Sunday: 5p crazies Free Time 6p crazies</i>		<i>1</i> <i>7:30p Mission Committee</i>	<i>2</i> <i>7p Islam To- day Part 3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6 9:30a Wor- ship Service, World Com- munion Sunday</i>	<i>7</i> <i>7p Christian Education Committee</i>	<i>8</i> <i>7p Membership Committee</i>	<i>9</i> <i>PADS</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13 9:30a Worship Ser- vice 2p Blessing of the Animals</i>	<i>14</i> <i>7p Finance Committee 7p Worship Committee</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>6p Staff Relations Committee 7p Church Council</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>8am Men's Fellowship</i>
<i>20 9:30a Worship Ser- vice, Sunday School Parent Open House</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>6p Fundraiser Event!</i>
<i>27 9:30a Worship Ser- vice 3p-5p Trunk or Treat Nov. Voice Articles DUE</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Every Tuesday: 6p IntergeneR- ingers 7p Bells Potluck 7:30p Chancel Ringers</i>	<i>Every Wednesday: 6:30p Praise Band 7:30p Choir</i>



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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Church School: 10:00 a.m.

Our Purpose:

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

Our Identity:

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome and accepted here at St. Matthew United Church of Christ.

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