

Scalp Level

Covenant Brethren Church

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9 am – noon

Sunday School – 9:15am

Morning Worship – 10:30am

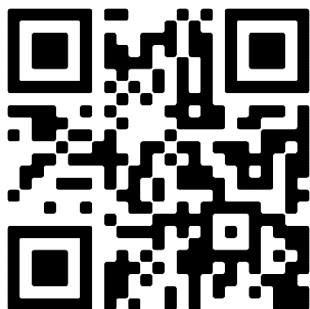
October Offerings

10-5-25	\$3,818.25
10-12-25	\$3,903.00
10-19-25	\$2,240.00
10-26-25	\$1,819.50

Total \$11,780.75

Amount needed
to meet the budget \$11,532.28

Difference \$248.47



PURPOSE STATEMENT

“Linking young and old together to share the gospel and transform the world one life at a time.”

VISION STATEMENT

“Relying on the Holy Spirit to develop mature disciples in a Christ centered environment that welcomes and encourages all people to actively participate and contribute to the life of the Church.”

CORE VALUES

1) Biblical Teaching

- “The Word of God from Genesis to Revelation is our foundation and authority.”
- Matthew 7:24-27; II Timothy 3:16-17

2) Fervent in Prayer

- “Prayer is not the last step but our first step.”
- I Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 5:16

3) Christlike Service

- “Following the example of Christ who washed His disciples’ feet, we embrace service as our lifestyle.”
- John 13:1-17, Luke 10:30-37, Mark 10:45

4) Authentic Discipleship

- “Maturing to be like Christ through committed relationships and the unity of the Spirit.”
- Luke 2:52, Hebrews 10:23-25

5) Radical Generosity

- “As God’s stewards, with excellence we give more than we take that Christ may be glorified.”
- Luke 6:38, I Corinthians 10:31, Romans 12:1-8

6) Faithful Witness

- “We love and live to show and tell the world the gospel of Jesus Christ.”
- Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 4:19-20

7) Genuine Fellowship

- “Value and pursue life together to worship, serve and encourage one another as the beloved family of God”
- Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 4:1-6

Upcoming Sermons:

Series: "Chasing after my Lord's heart", the life of David

11/2 -- The Gospel In Action -- II Samuel 9

11/9 -- Go to war! -- II Samuel 11-12

11/16 -- The Lord is My Shepherd

11/23 -- Matt Metzgar speaking

Advent Series: “Unwrapping the Names of Jesus”

11/30: -- “Messiah”

PRAYER CONCERNS SHORT TERM Adakin Adamczyk family Carol & Gary Caputo Blake Dowdell family Connie & daughter Barb Dax Gayle Gardner Pat Gardner Ruth Hindman family Jessica Jacobs and baby Joann Cheryl Kowalczyk Baby Noah Krug Jeanne Mantini family Nancy Marino Pam Mitch Parker family Ed Patsy Payton Evelyn Phillips Darlene Pritt Jason Reese Gary Rowles Alexis Roles family Kelley Roles	LONG TERM: Jocelynn Berkebile Pauline Blough Ryan Creager Gary Caputo Wesley Donelson Donna Greig Larry Hartman Donna Johnson Tyler Kalp Elizabeth Karalfa AJ Kniss Jean Krug Ardyth Laney Chester Mickey Mac Newman Tammy Plows Ansley Stigers Cherry Thomas Timothy Wade Pastor Erica Wellner MISSION WORK Ben & Jessi Bock & Family, Spain Andrew Metcalfe, Samaritan's Purse Rumbavu CBC, Rwanda, Africa	LONG TERM –CANCER: Bryan Custer Dale Teresa Freeboy Jack John – Amy Berkey's uncle Joni Jim Kormanik Donald Hoestine Mike Delene Pluta Diane Podolak Bev & Tom Pomroy Ryan Pritt Debbie Shoemaker Susan Simmonds Pastor Val Tina Yinkey <u>CBC Regional Church prayer partner</u> Within the region, our prayer partner church is Farmington Bethel CBC.
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SAVE THE DATE!

MARK your calendars NOW and plan to attend the CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING on SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2. A short business meeting will be held immediately after morning worship with a SOUP & SANDWICH luncheon to follow. A sign up sheet will be put out in October.

College Student of the Month

Our college student for the month of November Joe Denk. He is the son of Gayle and Scott Denk. Joe is currently working on a masters degree in computer engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. He is an active member of our church and has served on our church board. We ask you to lift him up in prayer and encourage him in some special way for the month of November. His address is 4221 Winterburn Ave, Apt B 103, Pittsburgh, PA 15207.



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

I wanted to take this space to say THANK YOU to all of you, my church family, for the tremendous outpouring of love, appreciation, encouragement, generosity and prayers for my family and I during the month of October! The leaf messages

you wrote for us were truly “tree-mendous”!! **All of you** have always been super generous, kind, gracious, and encouraging to us over the years and we cherish deeply our fellowship together in Christ! I am grateful that I serve a church who says thank you and that I never have had to wonder if you appreciate my family and I. You have always shown it not just in October but year-round and it is part of your spiritual DNA in Christ! THANK YOU!! YOU ARE AWESOME!

Permit me to take a moment to count some of my blessings for you! I am thankful:

For all the children of our church and their joy and energy! I loved the appreciation booklet you made for me! Thank you!! For all the Boomwhackers and their leaders Anne and Deanna! For Emily who leads the Children’s programs! All the youth and their desire to grow in Christ and live for Him! For our youth director Liam Mihalko and his humble faith in Christ!

For all our Sunday school teachers – Audrey, Eryn, Norma, Carol, Amy O., Amy B., Adele, Bobby & Brittany, Carol, Ashley – who point your students to Christ! For Jim & Chuck who weekly take care of the Sunday school books and Adele who serves as the superintendent!

For our musicians Norma, Marilyn, Chuck & the Bell Choir and their skill and discipline in leading us to worship Christ through music and “tune our hearts to sing Thy grace”. For Lori who makes the beautiful board decorations in the hallway which are a joy to see everyday as I come to the church! For the women’s fellowship who have faithfully served and made countless stuffed animals to share the love of Christ! For Dave & JoAn who lead the meal ministry! For all those that I have the honor of visiting and sharing communion with!

Special thanks to Chuck for serving as our Administrative Assistant and Custodian! Such a blessing to serve alongside you and have you as my friend and brother in Christ!

For all the present board members – Zach, Norma, Scott, Dave, Mary Lou, Katie, Lionel, Amy – those who just went off – Joe, Wanda, Audrey – and all those who have served before and those who will be serving in the coming years! For our church officers, Denny who serves as treasurer, Deanna as clerk, Gayle as assistant clerk & financial secretary and Nathan W. as assistant treasurer! For nominating committee members Bill, Suzy and Lori! For Kevin & Nathan who represent our church on the Berkey Cemetery Board. Thank you ALL for your commitment to Christ & His purpose for our church & all you do that is seen & unseen!

For our deacons who so faithfully serve, encourage and love all of us as Shepherds, who prepare Lovefeast and communion and who as true servants, deflect all glory to Christ. Thank you, Denny and Deanna, Jim and Suzy, Mary Lou and Lionel, Norma and Bill, Chuck and Adele, Be and Janet, Brett and Emily, Bob and Cherry, Donna Marva and Jim Hayes.

For all who faithfully pray for our church family, prayer list and those requests passed on the prayer chain. For Dolores (“Dee”) and her joy each week at the prayer request time during worship. Thank you all for praying and believing in the power and faithfulness and goodness of our Father who hears us and is working and moving among us for our greatest good in Christ!

To our Golden Gems who are the faithful witness of Christ in our midst that links young and old together in Christ to share the gospel!!

To all my church family who faithfully gather to worship Christ, who give generously, serve wholeheartedly and who go out into the world as worshippers who reveal Jesus Christ in your life and witness!! Lord knows all you do for Him! Let’s keep at it together for His glory!

In Christ’s love, Pastor Mark

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

This fall, as a church family we will be looking to fill as a goal 50 shoeboxes through Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Each shoebox we fill will be sent to a child somewhere in the world who would not normally receive a gift. With each shoebox goes the message of the gospel.

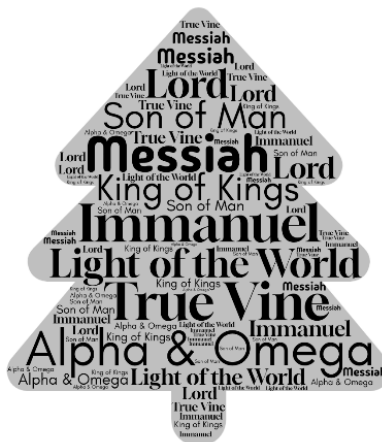
If you didn't get a box, you can always use your own shoebox or purchase a similar size plastic tub. REMEMBER that the shoeboxes need to be brought back to the church by Sunday November 9th and if you are able to cover the \$10 shipping fee for your box, please put that in the Samaritans Purse marked offering envelope and put it in the offering plate. If you chose to pay the fee online, let Pastor Mark know. We will pray over the boxes and children that receive them during worship on Sunday, November 16th. Thanks!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4—Brian Weaver
6—William Lehmann
7—Jaxyn Warshel
16—Cherry Thomas
17—Jeff Walker
18—Doug Warshel
19—Dick Stevens
23—Kelci Warshel
26—Nathan Hoffman

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

6—Terry & Joyce Phillips



During this year's ADVENT season we will be "Unwrapping the Names of Jesus" using a devotional by Asheritah Ciuciu. Suggested activities will be available to make your Advent preparation extra meaningful. This theme will be carried thru morning worship and during the Children's Sunday School class. The devotional will be available on November 2nd. Plan to join our church family as we spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior, the Prince of Peace, the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd, JESUS!

Bella Gift Cards

Bella gift cards are available to purchase as a United Churches fundraiser. Please contact Mary Lou Berkebile (814-467-5206) or Pastor Mark Murchie (814-467-8460) to purchase a gift card.



Bible Study on Thursday's

We are meeting on Thursday's from 6:00-7:20 in the library and we are going through the Gospel of Luke. All in the church are encouraged to join us. This is open for anyone in the community too. Bring a friend as we dig into God's word!

ACTS 29 Youth

We will be meeting at Rummel from 6:00-8:00 on Nov. 2nd. We will be at our church from 6:00-8:00 on Nov. 9th and 16th. Then we will be back at Rummel on Nov. 23rd from 6:00-8:00. Hope to see you there and friends are always welcome!

Men's Small Group Study meeting Tuesday Nights, 6:00-7:30

All men are invited to join our men's fall bible study which will be on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:30 in the library continuing through Nov. 18th. We are studying the Kings of the Old Testament and looking we will be looking at Kings Asa, Amaziah and Uzziah and "Finishing Well" on Nov. 4, King Hezekiah and "Faith in adversity, pride in prosperity" on Nov. 11 and King Josiah and "Faith in the face of failure" on Nov. 18th. All men are encouraged to attend!

Wilderness Warriors

Our next meeting will be on November 2nd and we are meeting at the church at 4:00 to go out on a service project. On November 16th we will meet at 4:00 to learn about knife safety. On November 30th we will be meeting to learn how to process deer meat. Contact Pastor Mark if you need more information and would like your son or grandson to be a part of this and/or if you would like to be an adult volunteer.

Bring a Friend

SUNDAY!

Nov 16th at 10am in the library
we will have donuts, juice,
coffee, and fellowship.



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FRIDAY
DECEMBER 5th
7:00 p.m.

SCALP LEVEL COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH PRESENTS:

Carols & Cookies

You are invited to join us for an evening of music featuring the church handbell choir, guest soloists and singing of Christmas hymns & carols. This special service to “ring in” the Christmas Season will be followed by a time of fellowship with cookies and coffee being served in the fellowship hall.



Invite your family & friends.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE EVENT!

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SCALP LEVEL COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

CHURCH BOARD

October 20, 2025

The Church Board met at 8:00 p.m. on October 20, 2025. The following members were present: Zach Denk, Norma Creager, Katie Walker, Mary Lou Berkebile, Amy O'Hara, Dave Oatman, Scott Denk, Lionel Berkebile, Denny Hoffman and Pastor Mark.

Zach Denk called the meeting to order and Pastor Mark led us in prayer.

Minutes from the September 15, 2025 meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received the September Summary Report by Month and the 2025 Budget Report to date.

NURTURE COMMISSION: Norma Creager

1. Reviewed Gifts Discernment Surveys and tallied responses. Will make copies and give to each Commission.
2. Finalized plans for the Soup & Sandwich Luncheon on November 2nd.
3. Advent theme will be "Unwrapping the Names of Jesus". There will be a sign-up sheet for devotional booklets and children's books that have been donated. There will also be activities available for use in Sunday School classes and families at home.
4. Looking for volunteers for various Christmas/Advent projects-programs.
5. The Bell Choir is planning Carols & Cookies on Friday evening, December 5th, to start the Advent season.
6. Encourage everyone to consider the October Kindness Challenge.
7. Would like to remind the church family to pray for and encourage our college student of the month, Tyson O'Hara.
8. November will be the last Kindness Challenge. It is titled "A Legacy of Kindness".
9. **THANK YOU:**
 - Mary Lou Berkebile for updating our church families birthday information
 - Everyone that completed the Gifts Discernment Survey – 48 were received
 - Golden Gems for sharing your favorite church memories – Denny & Deanna Hoffman family for cooking/preparing food for the luncheon - Emily Hoffman for taking pictures and putting together the memory book – everyone that set up, attended, cleaned up on this special day – the cost of the luncheon was \$395.54 in addition to the cost of the photo book
 - Lori Kiser for her creative touches in helping to honor Pastor Mark during Pastor Appreciation Month – Pastor Mark and Ashely for being such a blessing to our church family – children for your contributions to the booklet for Pastor Mark – Piper Hoffman for reading the poem when the book was presented – would like to remind people to "leaf" a message of appreciation, etc for Pastor Mark

WITNESS COMMISSION: Dave Oatman

1. Received a letter from Windber Elementary PTO requesting donations for their Fall Fun Day. Will send \$25.00.
2. Bring A Friend Sunday will be in November. Invitation cards will be put in the bulletin this Sunday and additional cards will be available at the back of the church.
3. Treat or Treat candy collection has been good.
4. Looking to change Treat or Treat to a fall family event.
5. In November, Amy O'Hara will meet with Kim at the high school to see if we could help a needy family during the Christmas season.
6. Someone from St. Thomas Church contacted the church about going together with Praise In The Park and/or their event.
7. Our church raised \$840.00 for Windber Faith Walk. We had 1 walker.
8. Received a thank you card in March from New Day for the donation made.
9. Received enough items to complete 23 hygiene kits with some items left over.
10. Amy O'Hara will work on guidelines for a Social Media Coordinator. Katie Walker has agreed to be the Coordinator.

STEWARDS COMMISSION: Scott Denk

1. The handheld microphone needs replaced. Denny Hoffman will contact Damian to purchase a new one.
2. Working on revising the rental agreement for the fellowship hall – hopefully ready for next month.
3. Denny Hoffman replaced the light in the church office.

DEACON REPORT: Denny Hoffman

1. Helped Pastor Mark with Worldwide Communion on October 5th. There were 34 in attendance with an offering of \$339.00 which was deposited in the Deacon Fund.
2. The Deacons donated \$300.00 to the Windber Food Pantry from the Deacon Fund.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Mark

1. Started Men's Bible Study in October and held a Men's Breakfast.
2. Attended the CBC Region Three Annual Meeting on October 4th at Moxham CBC.
3. Thank you to the Nurture Commission, Lori Kiser and everyone for their kind words and expressions of appreciation for Pastor Appreciation Month.

September Statistics:	26	Visits (home, or hospital etc.)
	2	Communion
	5	Bible Studies (taught or attended)
	4	Taught Sunday School
	4	Youth Group Meeting/Event
	5	Church meetings/event
	1	CBC Region Three Board Meeting
	4	FCA
	1	Ministerium
	1	Wilderness Warriors
	1	Ministry Meeting
		Numerous calls, text messages, and emails

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the reports

Viewed a RightNowMedia video Habitudes Session 8 – “The Small Sprocket” with a brief discussion to follow.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Congregational Business Meeting will be held on November 2nd. Thank you to Commission Chairpersons for getting reports in on time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bobby Chippie will be Moderator for the Business Meeting on November 2nd.
2. Everyday Christian Men will be hosting their Christmas Eve breakfast in our fellowship hall. They receive donations that are given to a needy family.
3. The Executive Committee brought a motion to the Church Board to approve the 2026 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded and carried. The Budget will be forwarded to Congregational Business Meeting for approval.
4. A motion was made, seconded and carried to forward the Slate/Ballot prepared by the Nominating Committee to the Congregational Business Meeting for approval.

NOVEMBER MEETING will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025.

Closing prayer by Denny Hoffman.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: Deanna Hoffman, Church Clerk

09/01/25

Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church Budget

January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income	0.00		
Expense			
100 Outreach			
101 COVENANT BRETHERN CHURCH	2,250.00	3,000.00	-750.00
102 REGION 3 CBC	1,500.00	2,000.00	-500.00
103 CAMP HARMONY	2,581.17	3,000.00	-418.83
104 BERKEY CEMETERY	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
105 UNITED CHURCHES	250.00	250.00	0.00
106 SCALP LEVEL FIRE CO.	300.00	300.00	0.00
107 NEW DAY INC / WINDBER	1,700.00	1,600.00	100.00
108 UPJ CAMPUS MINISTRIES	300.00	300.00	0.00
115AA SUPPORT FOR ERICA WELLNER	1,055.00		
115G LENTEN SERVICE	469.00		
115GG PRECIOUS LIFE	500.00		
115J COMPASSION HOUSE	600.00		
115K WINDBER FOOD PANTRY	600.00		
115PT PASTOR MARK SUPPORT	2,749.00		
115Q FCA	200.00		
115R WINDBER PANTRY PACKS	1,300.00		
Total 100 Outreach	17,354.17	11,450.00	5,904.17
200 Executive			
201A SALARY	27,333.28	41,000.00	-13,666.72
201B RETIREMENT HOUSING	480.00	480.00	0.00
201C PENSION	3,778.50	5,040.00	-1,261.50
201D DISCRETIONARY FUND	213.76	2,500.00	-2,286.24
201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,600.00	2,400.00	-800.00
201F - CBC ANNUAL MEETING	125.00	600.00	-475.00
201G CONTINUING EDUCATION	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
202 MODERATOR	0.00	40.00	-40.00
203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	7,728.00	11,600.00	-3,872.00
204 OFFICE SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	290.11	1,000.00	-709.89
205 POSTAGE	438.00	1,100.00	-662.00
206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES	3,864.00	6,360.00	-2,496.00
207 PAYROLL TAXES	3,331.43	3,000.00	331.43
208 PULPIT SUPPLY	225.00	450.00	-225.00
209 MUSIC MINISTRIES	121.73	1,000.00	-878.27
210 YOUTH DIRECTOR/YOUTH MSTY	0.00	14,000.00	-14,000.00
211 CBC DELEGATES	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
212 MISC.	125.00	400.00	-275.00
212 MISC.PT RESTRICTED ACCOUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00
213 PAYROLL PREPARATION	928.00	1,200.00	-272.00
Total 200 Executive	50,581.81	94,170.00	-43,588.19
300 Nurture			
301 MUSIC	0.00	25.00	-25.00
302 FLOWERS/DEATHS & BIRTHS	116.91	100.00	16.91
303 WORSHIP SUPPLIES	935.57	800.00	135.57
304 CHILDREN'S CHURCH	0.00	25.00	-25.00
305 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	317.79	900.00	-582.21
306 CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	110.00	600.00	-490.00
307 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	0.00	500.00	-500.00
307PT - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	1,056.24		
308 SPECIAL OCCASIONS GIFTS	169.87	300.00	-130.13
309 SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY	0.00	200.00	-200.00
310 PROGRAMING	827.20	1,300.00	-472.80
311 MISC.	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 300 Nurture	3,533.58	4,850.00	-1,316.42
400 Witness			
401 PROGRAMING	0.00	300.00	-300.00
402 RIGHT NOW MEDIA	879.89	1,000.00	-120.11
403 MISC	0.00	100.00	-100.00
403PT MISC	3,361.73		
Total 400 Witness	4,241.62	1,400.00	2,841.62

	Jan - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget
500 Stewards			
501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	13,979.18	4,000.00	9,979.18
501PT	39,946.81		
502 CLEANING SUPPLIES	250.73	700.00	-449.27
503 INSURANCE	8,392.75	10,100.00	-1,707.25
504 PROPERTY TAXES	2,617.62	2,600.00	17.62
505 FUEL OIL	7,766.44	11,400.00	-3,633.56
506 ELECTRICITY	2,422.46	3,200.00	-777.54
507 TELEPHONE	2,705.74	3,400.00	-694.26
508 WATER AND GARBAGE	991.28	2,000.00	-1,008.72
509 OFFERING ENVELOPES	328.00	200.00	128.00
510 MEMORIAL FUND	170.00	0.00	170.00
511 MISC.	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 500 Stewards	79,571.01	37,700.00	41,871.01
600 Deacon Bd			
601 COMMUNION SUPPLIES	72.21	250.00	-177.79
602 DEACON FUND	326.00	0.00	326.00
602pt	50.00		
603 MISC.	59.95	100.00	-40.05
Total 600 Deacon Bd	508.16	350.00	158.16
Uncategorized Expense	5,397.47		
Total Expense	161,187.82	149,920.00	11,267.82
Net Income	-161,187.82	-149,920.00	-11,267.82

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Summary Report by Month
September 2025

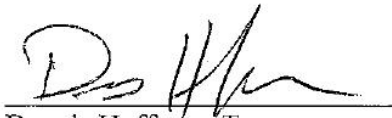
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Income	
Deposit	
Envelopes	11,508.19
Interest	1.33
Memorial Fund	100.00
Misc.	
Initial Offerin	1.00
Meal Ministry	25.00
Total Misc.	26.00
Sunday School	154.00
Total Deposit	11,789.52
Transfer	
General Fund MM	2,814.73
Total Transfer	2,814.73
Total Income	14,604.25
Expense	
200 Executive	
201A SALARY	3,416.66
201D DISCRETIONARY FUND	26.72
201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	200.00
203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	966.00
206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES	483.00
207 PAYROLL TAXES	397.01
210 YOUTH DIRECTOR/YOUTH MSTY	600.00
211 CBC DELEGATES	100.00
Total 200 Executive	6,189.39
300 Nurture	
305 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	69.40
310 PROGRAMING	331.54
Total 300 Nurture	400.94
500 Stewards	
501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	42.00
505 FUEL OIL	1,323.00
506 ELECTRICITY	305.44
507 TELEPHONE	290.92
508 WATER AND GARBAGE	123.91
Total 500 Stewards	2,085.27
Total Expense	8,675.60
Net Income	5,928.65

CHECKING BALANCE

\$ 32,787.80

SAVING ACCOUNTS

Deacon Fund	1,948.55
General Fund MM	32,020.38
Memorial Fund MM	6,647.25
Model Wealth Portfolios	39,649.85
Raymond James	28,437.12
Maintenance Fund	28,793.98
Jim & Denise Hayes Youth Fund	11,944.72



Dennis Hoffman, Treasurer