



The Holy Comforter Comment



June Newsletter

Worship with us Sundays at 10:30 am.

Each 10:30 am service is livestreamed on YouTube for those that are unable to join us in person.

[*Click Here to Find Our Worship Services*](#)

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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***Pastor
Micah Kearney***

I recently have been in conversation with a young adult, who isn't a member of the church but knows me as a pastor, about the prevalence of



fear and hatred that surrounds much of society's approach to faith and religion.....

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June Birthdays

We recognize and celebrate these birthdays! We are thankful for the Life and Spirit of those we celebrate. May the blessings of God flow in the life of each of you.

- June 3 Ginny Shoemaker
- June 3 Jimmy Holloway
- June 5 Asa Gross
- June 6 Katie Piscatelli
- June 11 Tonya Zander
- June 12 Martha Hogge
- June 19 John Koehler
- June 21 Gwen Nenninger
- June 23 Eric Scholler
- June 25 Will Carpenter
- June 27 Reid Passer
- June 28 Barbara Manson
- June 29 Gabriel Kearney
- June 30 Leah Koehler

June Monthly Gatherings:

- 2-5 Vacation Bible School
- 11 Small Group 2 @ 7pm
- 12-16 The Dwelling Mission Trip
- 13 Prime Timers Bible Study@10:30am
- 18 Christian Education @ 7pm
- 20 Outreach Meeting @ 7pm

Sundays:

- Church Choir - 10:10 am
- Worship - 10:30 am

2nd & 4th Tuesdays:

- Nar-Anon Meeting - 7 pm

Traveling Mercies

Loving God,
We pray that during this experience you would fill our youth with compassion, generosity, kindness and respect as they love, learn, and meet with your beloved. Keep us safe on the journey.
Amen.

Dwelling Mission Trip 2024

Music Notes

There is a very interesting article in the Journal of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians entitled "*The Value of Community.*" It speaks about music ministry being lonely; the organist trying to hold perhaps...

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Beka's Buzz

Preparing for a trip can be overwhelming and exciting. The eagerness to be on the trip, to be done with anticipation, and to be on the way to making memories. Not only are Holy C youth planning to be on one trip but some of them are planning to be on TWO!...

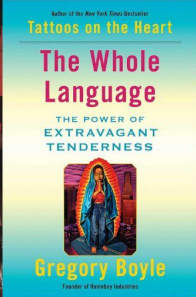
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For the last 5 months we have been raising money to send our youth on two mission trips. We are excited to share with you our total raised so far is \$9,968 and we only have \$4,032 to go! It's truly amazing seeing the ways that this congregation has seen the value in supporting our youth and giving them these faith milestones. Because of your support, 10 youth will be experiencing God in different ways. We couldn't do this without you. Thank you, from the very bottom of our hearts. We are so grateful. It's not too late to support us!

[Donate Here](#)

BOOK CLUB



Like to read? Enjoy talking about books? Curious about God? Join us for holy curiosity and conversation Monday @ 7pm in the Parlor

**Summer Book Club:
The Whole Language The
power of Extravagant
Tenderness**
Starting May 20th @ 7pm in
the Parlor,
order book below.

[Order Book Here](#)

VBS
REGISTRATION
OPEN

June 2nd-5th
Rising Kindergarten-5th Grade
6-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall



**Camp
Firelight**

[Click Here to Register](#)

Register Today!
Our VBS adventure will take place
**June 2nd-5th, for rising
Kindergarten - rising 6th grade.**
Program starts at 6 pm and will go till
8 pm. We adventure at Camp
Firelight! Our theme verse is Psalm
56:3. Our group will make new
friends, sing fun songs, learn
whenever we are afraid we can put
our trust in God, do art projects and
science explorations, have snack and
play games. Our young people will
have a summer camp experience
with God.

Mt. Zion Restoration Church
**Bountiful Blessings
Drive Thru
Food Pantry**

**An Outreach
Opportunity!**

A Outreach Opportunity! Join our Outreach committee every Thursday in June serving with Bountiful Blessings. Every Thursday Bountiful Blessings gives out food to those who living below the poverty line, who are unhoused, and those who are hungry. Bountiful Blessings gives out food from 7 am till the food runs out or there is no one left, which ever happens first. There is no requirement to stay for the whole morning. If all you have is an hour, this is an amazing way to spend an hour. If you would like to carpool to Mt. Zion Restoration Church (the host church for Bountiful Blessings) meet at the church at 7 am.



NURSERY UPDATE

Our beloved Mallory is on an amazing adventure! This summer Mallory will be working on summer staff for Spark'Dwell. What an incredible and faithful summer ahead of her! She will be back August 11! This means the nursery will be ran by volunteers this summer. Sign up below!

ATTENTION!

Summer Nursery Update

We are excited to share with you that Mallory is officially working for Spark'Dwell this summer. She will be a leader during our mission trip this summer and for other groups traveling to the Dwelling this summer. She will work with Dwelling Counselors, lead devotions, and be a project leader. One way you can support Mallory during her summer of faith formation is sitting in the nursery. She is able to be in the nursery 3 times this summer and will return to us August 11th! Support Mallory by signing up to be a nursery volunteer this summer!

[Sign Up Here](#)

2024



**SIGN UP TO BE A
WORSHIP VOLUNTEER**

Volunteers are needed!

Altar flowers are the flowers that are on the altar during worship. They can be given *in honor or memory* of someone and are a reminder of the resurrected Christ. Once worship is over, you are able to collect the flowers that you sponsored. The price per vase is \$22.50 or \$45 if you purchase both.

**2024 Altar
Flowers**

Being a Lector is an easy and important way to lead during worship. It would be most helpful for you to sign up for a month at a time, or as much of the month as you can. Readings will be sent to you the Monday before your Sunday.

2024 Lectors

Children's Church is available for pre-K - 5th graders every Sunday during the readings, the Gospel, and the Sermon. Children's church takes place in the fellowship hall making it available to parking lot worshippers and sanctuary worshippers. Materials for children's church are found in the binder in the fellowship hall marked "children's church binder" or at the website below. Caddies with tools, and a basket with construction paper are located in the fellowship hall for CC use. The supplies in the binder are meant to be photo copied.

Children's Church

Monthly Volunteers



Altar flowers are available to be sponsored. If you would like to do so in honor or memory of a loved one or to celebrate a milestone please click the button above.

June 2 - Rochelle Potter - Happy Birthday to our precious granddaughter Asa Gross

June 9 - -- *need volunteer* --

June 16 - Debbie Mendez - In memory of Alice & Mark Lyerly

June 23 - --- *need volunteer* ---

June 30 - --- *need volunteer* ---

[Sign Up Here](#)



Children's Church

June 2 - Beka Forst & Mason Morton

June 9 - Jennifer Kearney

June 16 - -- *need volunteer* --

June 23 - -- *need volunteer* --

June 30 - -- *need volunteer* --

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Lectors

June 2 - William Charnock

June 9 - William Charnock

June 16 - William Charnock

June 23 - William Charnock

June 30 - William Charnock

Summer Nursery Volunteers

June 9 - -- *need volunteer* --

June 16 - -- *need volunteer* --

June 30 - -- *need volunteer* --

July 14 - -- *need volunteer* --

July 28 - -- *need volunteer* --

August 4 - Stephanie Sage

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		<u>%</u> <u>Increase</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Increase</u>		
	2024	from	from	2023	2022
Financial Category	\$Amount	2023	2022	\$Amount	\$Amount
Offerings for the Month	23,867	-14.6	13.2	27,950	21,086
Offerings Year to Date (YTD)	109,826	16.4	14.4	94,384	96,034
Expenses for the Month	25,269	-17.9	-3.0	30,761	26,044
Expenses YTD	106,372	-7.4	10.8	114,878	96,034
Planned Expenses (Budget) for the Month	30,279	4.8	15.5	28,902	26,222
Budget, YTD	121,114			115,606	104,888
Annual Budget	363,342			346,819	314,664

Holy Comforter’s operating deficit (offering expenses in excess of income during April) was \$1,401.85. Total giving to support Holy Comforter’s routine expenses for the month was \$23,867.37. The budget estimate of the amount needed each month in 2024 is \$30,278.50. The year-to-date surplus, through April 30, was \$3,453.31. Year to date spending was \$14,741.79 below the amount planned in the 2024 budget. The foregoing table provides additional perspective and comparisons with offering income, expenses and budgets in prior years.

-Warren Heller, *Treasurer*

The church calendar is updated weekly and can always be found on the church website under the events tab. Take a look!

**Church
Calendar**

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