

# The Church Bell

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM

WORSHIP ~ 10:30 AM



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## from the desk of Pastor Lee

On Saturday Jan 28th, our cabinet held our first retreat in three years, post COVID. There were 18 in attendance, and we met for 3.5 hours. The purpose of this meeting was to talk about where we are, to examine the goals we set pre-pandemic and to set some new goals for the next year or two. Our goal moving forward will be to have another meeting next January and then we will have them every two years when we have a new board moderator. God gave me three words for us to focus on in all areas of our church: vision, growth, and accountability. In order to be accountable, I think it is important for you to know our goals, so we can all work towards making them a reality. I am going to summarize them for you, please understand that they are by no means replacing what the committees are already doing; they are just some things that will help us grow.

**Benevolence:** put cards in narthex for people to sign and send them out to members who are sick, away at college or in the military, consider different ways to assist the needy in our community. **Evangelism:** include youth in evangelism activities and provide them with training, train church members in evangelism and facilitate conversations with non-believers, follow-up with visitors and develop a process for this. **Worship:** investigate need for singing in nursing homes, be open to more contemporary music in worship, consider ways to enhance our spiritual time in worship. **Christian Education:** create more bible studies with curriculum and recruit leaders (facilitators), consider ways to encourage Bible study among members, advertise that Sunday School is for all ages. **Outreach:** clarify the duties of outreach, mobilize passions of members to serve, organize mission projects, organize quarterly service/mission projects for church members, continue to promote and grow Family Connections program. **Stewardship/Finance:** create posters/visuals of giving and goals, lead Bible lessons on giving, along with property discern the need for a capital campaign, educate members on permanent fund and planned giving. **Property:** along with stewardship create a long-range plan for property and discern the need for a capital campaign, perform a monthly walk through to determine maintenance needs and declutter areas. **Youth:** support youth in the extracurricular activities and encourage church members to do so as well, integrate youth into the life of the church, create a calendar for youth activities, find a curriculum for youth Bible Studies, put together a youth committee with chair. **Safety and Security:** determine the need for security cameras, develop a plan for parking lot greeters, recruit more members for the committee, develop a plan to ensure the church is locked after service and events, improve communication with committee on events, along with property work to insure proper lighting in the parking lot. **Communications:** provide training for people to help with livestreaming, post a verse of the week, use videos on social media and announcements, train/educate new members on social media and the bell. **Fellowship:** organize fellowship activities, organize a family game night/outing, market fellowship events. **Deacons:** provide training on roles and responsibilities, work with elders on a shepherding program, recruit more deacons, schedule regular meetings. **Elders:** develop a plan to provide communion to shut-ins along with a deacon, along with property develop a long-range plan for our facility, develop a plan to connect new members with an elder, develop a survey to assess what members want/need, develop a plan for visiting the sick/bereaved/shut-in and inactive.

As you can see, we have lots of plans and it is our prayer that you will join us as we seek to work toward our vision, toward inward and outward growth and being accountable to each other.

Blessings,  
Pastor Lee



# Children's Ministry

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## Coming Up:

**March 5<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday Practice begins  
during Sunday School  
(9:30)**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Palm Sunday Program**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter No Sunday School or  
Children's Church** (Nursery available)

Sunday was an amazing day, putting Bibles into the hands of 12 kiddos!! It will be exciting to be able to use them to help the kids grow in their relationship with God! We have challenged all the kids to bring them each week as well as open them at home with their parents! We are challenging all the adults to do the same as well!

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, we will begin practicing for the Palm Sunday program during Sunday School.

Lee will have a class at the same time for anyone that would like to attend!!

Looking a little further ahead, we have Vacation Bible School planned for July 17-21 from 6-8:30.

Blessings,  
Erica

## Deacons FEBRUARY

5th	12th	19th	26th
Kyle Quessenberry	Russ Allen	Bonnie Williams	Mady Giacin
Keith Glenn	Toni Allen	Glenn Hastings	Debbie Stocker
Lea Ann Quessenberry	Brad Henson, Sr.	Carol Hastings	Catherine Johnsen
Jaime Garbee	Janel Young	Brad Henson, Jr.	Heather Thompson
Karen Trusler	Ethan Meyer	Abby Fuhr	Ally Glenn
	Doug Tuter	Janet Thompson	Tess Hutter

If unable to serve on scheduled date, please get someone to replace you and call your team leader. (Team Leaders are first name on each list)

## thank you

Thank you to the church, the choir & every individual who remembered me at Christmas.

Your lovely gifts are treasured & appreciated.

Thank you choir, Jane, Kim, Jackie, Lisa & Brad for your hard work on all the holiday music.

As always, you did a great job.

I want to wish everyone at RFC a Happy, Healthy & Safe New Year!

*Kathy Johns*

As 2022 came to a close, so did the wonderful celebration of our church's birthday.

Many beloved church members have come & gone over the years & during this past holiday season, two of those members (Daphne Wells & Mildred Howard) were fondly remembered in the form of beautiful solos played by Kim Notz & Jane Pearson. Kim played "O Holy Night", a favorite of Daphne's & Jane played "Star of the East", one of Mildred's favorites.

Daphne & Mildred each served as our organist & pianist & it was my privilege to work with them for several years. I will always be grateful for their dedication to the music department of this church & for their many years of hard work & selfless giving of their time & musical talent.

As we continue to move forward in 2023 with new & exciting activities, challenges and changes, let us not forget the impact of many past church members like Daphne & Mildred. These two ladies not only played major roles in the music, they also made great efforts to set goals for the future of this church.

*Kathy Johns*

## Elders

FEB	
5	Kevin Notz & Linda Pullen
12	Randy Richesin & Dan Blumenstock
19	Greg Short & Kerri Corner
26	Kevin Corner & Lisa Blumenstock

Worship Attendance	
Jan 1	75
Jan 8	72
Jan 15	98
Jan 22	80
Jan 29	98

# Prayer Concerns

Eric Fuhr  
Willa Lakin  
Elaine Cox  
Randy Corner  
Les & Fran Richesin

Bob & Barbara Burks  
Glenn & Carol Hastings  
Brad & Rebecca Henson  
Pam Wells  
Sheral Kay Steere

Connie Stevens  
Megan Short  
Mark Stewart  
Cathy Bethurem  
Lee Ann Durbin

## Extended Family & Friends

Judith Frank (Becci Henson's sister)  
Cindy & her mother (Rita Osterhage's friend)  
Frank Weaver (Ginger Davis's brother-in-law)  
Keith Jones (MaKanzie Jones' father-in-law)  
family of Kerstie Hoffman Taylor  
Joey Phelps (Pat & Jerry Gavisks)  
Amy (Teila & Wyatt's step-mom)  
Cindi & Joe (Stan Osterhage)  
Betty Murphy (Roberta Reustle's mom)  
Megan Vaughn (Judith Frank)  
Cecil Smith & family (Bonnie Williams)

David Swafford (Suzann's cousin's husband)  
Jerry Williams (Lea Ann Quessenberry's dad)  
Violet Moss's friend's brother, Adam  
Julie Forbis & family (Erica Glenn)  
John (Roberta Reustle's brother)  
Lee Ann Quessenberry's brother  
Charles Mills (Suzann Routh)  
JW Bennett (Debbie Ray's cousin)  
Hattie (Christy Warren)  
David (Jerry Gavisk's son)

Mary Pullen (Linda Pullen)  
Woodson (Erica Glenn)  
Florence Ray (Ray, Glenn, Thompson families)  
Bryan Osterhage family  
Janet Osterhage  
Jared Green (Sandy Thompson)  
Lee Young's Nana  
Louise (Jimmy Johnsen's cousin)  
Louise & Jerry (Keith Glenn)  
Tom (Bob & Barbara Burks' son)

**Prayer Chain:** If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry, please call the office.

**Note:** If you or a loved one is on the list & no longer needs to be, please notify the office.



Cost of dinner is \$5. In addition to needing volunteers to bring desserts, we need volunteers help with meal prep and with clean up each week (see Debbie Ray to sign up!)

### February Menu

#### 1 Roast

Potatoes & Carrots  
Corn  
Hot Rolls

#### 8 Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy  
Breakfast Casserole  
Cinnamon Rolls

#### 15 Vegetable Beef Soup & Potato Soup

Cornbread  
Crackers

#### 22 Beef Stroganoff

Noodles  
Salad  
French Bread

## February Birthdays

4 Stan Osterhage	17 Kris Goodman
5 Brenda McPhail	20 Louann Giddens
6 Carol Elder	20 Jack Trogdon
11 Maclin Spence	23 Marie Elise Garbee
13 Madison Giacin	27 Tim Henson
14 Mary Pullen	

## Anniversaries

16 Jeff & Kathy Johns

## FINANCES FOR DECEMBER Income & Expenditures Comparison

December	2022 monthly budget	Dec 2021	Dec 2022	12 months ended Dec 2021	12 months ended Dec 2022	12 months ended Dec 2022 over/under
<b>Income</b>						
Regular Income	<u>14,166.67</u>	<u>50,402.88</u>	<u>64,694.88</u>	<u>179,410.03</u>	<u>215,224.46</u>	35,814.43
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,166.67</b>	<b>50,402.88</b>	<b>64,694.88</b>	<b>179,410.03</b>	<b>215,224.46</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Personnel	10,134.69	10,903.54	11,788.68	112,638.61	124,057.93	11,419.32
Administrative	908.33	1,199.53	810.91	12,246.94	12,082.57	(164.37)
Christian Education	616.67	0.00	520.85	4,997.69	5,101.99	104.30
Worship	197.92	50.00	24.53	2,210.49	2,390.96	180.47
Evangelism/ Membership	672.92	913.52	1,360.04	8,397.82	9,105.01	707.19
Outreach	1,416.67	5,040.29	6,469.49	17,941.00	21,522.45	3,581.44
Property	<u>3,583.33</u>	<u>2,217.55</u>	<u>2,774.70</u>	<u>31,209.65</u>	<u>43,764.08</u>	<u>12,554.43</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>17,530.52</b>	<b>20,324.43</b>	<b>23,749.20</b>	<b>189,642.20</b>	<b>218,024.99</b>	<b>28,382.78</b>



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## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ◆ 10 am - CWF ◆ 6:30 pm - Youth	2	3 <b>Offices closed</b>	4
5	6 ◆ 6:30 pm - Education	7	8 ◆ 6 pm - Fellowship Dinner ◆ 7 pm - Elders	9	10 <b>Offices closed</b>	11
12	13 ◆ 7 pm - CWF	14 ♥HAPPY Valentine's DAY♥	15 ◆ 6 pm - Fellowship Dinner ◆ 6:30 pm - Youth	16	17 <b>Offices closed</b>	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21	22 ◆ 6 pm - Fellowship Dinner ◆ 7 pm - Board ◆	23	24 <b>Offices closed</b>	25
26	27	28				