



Pilgrimage: The Work of the Body & Soul



Trails and roads all over the world cross the land that the pilgrim might cross not only with body but with soul. Markers and hostels and fellow travelers greet one another along the way, forming a community of encouragement and reminder that to be a pilgrim requires interdependence. A pilgrimage is the journey in the external world and the internal world; as Martin Sheen, star of *The Way*, says “a pilgrimage invites us to unite the will of the spirit and the work of the flesh so we’re balanced.”

The season of Lent is a perfect time for such a pilgrimage. This is a time to enter the desert, wander, be tested, and emerge; a time to make your way toward reconciliation and restoration with others; a time to examine habits or unconscious choices in order to decide what you really want to carry in your pack; a time to follow Jesus toward the cross.

Such a pilgrimage need not happen in a foreign land or over 800 miles. Many intentional journeys, long or short, can embody this way of going. As Phil Cousineau wrote in his beautiful book *The Art of Pilgrimage*, “The pilgrim will risk everything to get back in touch with life,” and so we find that way. And along that way, we also discover what we become and what we let go of. Cousineau continues, “In order to have a sacred journey, you have to give up something.”

You’re invited to register your pilgrimage on the SteviUMC Facebook page to be encouraged, reminded, and resolved in this journey. You can add pictures, reflections, quotes, poems, or songs that accompany you.

Ideas for a Pilgrimage

- ♦ **A Pilgrimage of Blessings:** Participate in a Wednesday 10am or Sunday 9am study with *The Lives We Actually Live* by Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie facilitated by Pastor Sarah.
- ♦ **A Pilgrimage of Minimizing:** For the 40 days of Lent, collect something each day to donate, recycle or throw away to restore your space and free you for what matters.
- ♦ **A Pilgrimage of Walking:** Walk each day in prayer and awareness of your surroundings
- ♦ **A Pilgrimage of Giving:** Exchange a habitual coffee-stand drink or dinner out to eat for a donation or unsubscribe to one streaming platform, giving the cost to the Open Doors Campaign of Generational Blessing.
- ♦ **A Pilgrimage of Tech Sabbath-** Choose a 24-hour period each week to go without digital items (phone, computer, TV) and reconnect with yourself, others and something analogue you love.

Margaret Mead said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” A pilgrimage can be the very way such change, brilliance and restoration occurs for one and all.

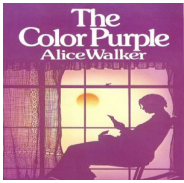




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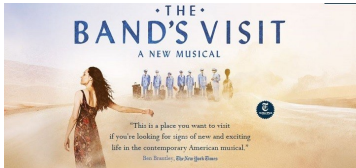


MARCH BOOK CLUB

“The Color Purple” by Alice Walker

We will meet on March 12th at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall at SUMC.

The Band’s Visit for Cinema Group March 18 at 5:30pm



In our Lenten Pilgrimage this season, the Cinema Group invites you to watch a film about a detour. An unexpected journey elsewhere that is unremarkable, un-newsworthy, and yet...

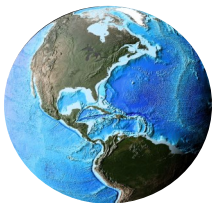
The Band’s Visit tells the story of an Egyptian band ending up in a small town of Israel for a night with nothing but their instruments, a small café, and a roller-skating rink for entertainment, and yet...

This film was adapted to a Broadway musical which won 10 Tony Awards in 2018. I highly recommend checking out [this Tony performance](#) and listening to the full album. While the film does not include these songs, the soundtrack and the atmosphere will captivate you and perhaps give a bit of extra fuel in this pilgrimage with the band and their hosts.

The Band’s Visit, the movie, runs 87 minutes so you can watch before Cinema Group. The gathering for dinner and discussion begins at 5:30pm on March 18 at Lenny & Karen Johnson’s house at 1508 Creekside Drive, off Logan Lane which connects Middle Burnt Fork and Eastside Highway. It’s 9th house on the right.

Food for the night is a favorite appetizer or finger food. The setting for the movie is the Middle East, so get creative if you please and go beyond chips and salsa. Hosts will provide a dinner salad to keep our meal somewhat balanced. Please contact Karen Johnson by text at 208-301-8183 to share what you plan to bring.

UMWF NEWS



UMWF meetings will be:

March 18th, May 20th, July 15th (picnic),
September 16th,
December 16th (Christmas party)



Our March meeting will focus on the environment with Molly Hackett as our guest speaker. Let us all work on slowing down global warming.

Please mark your calendars for our next Vendors Sale/Bazaar to be held on October 14th. We will continue to have a craft table and bake sale. Carol Goffe is the chairperson for the event. Please let her know anyway you can help. God Bless you all. Bev.

Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp Important Dates

Annual Work Weekend: May 5-7, Tween Camp (grades 4-6) June 25-28, 2023

Middler Camp (grades 7-9) July 16-21, 2023

Senior Camp (grades 10-13) July 23-28, 2023

Elementary Family Camp (focus on grades 1-3) July 6-9, 2023

4th of July Family Camp June 29-July, 2023

Registration for these programs will be available at flatheadcamp.org



A Pilgrimage of the Learning & Letting Go Pastor Sarah's Continuing Education Plan & Renewal Leave

During 2023 and 2024, I am diving deep into the discernment around my call and ways I can be in ministry using my geniuses both within the church institution and beyond.

I have always known I would be in ministry, a long time thinking about just the expressions that already existed. However, I've also had an entrepreneur streak running through me that bubbles up and energizes me to explore.



I have also had a similar knowing and long gestation period concerning experiences of retreat and conversations that invite and explore one's inner world. For over ten years, I have been a practitioner of these experiences in different iterations. I so value this work, the intentional space offered to myself and others, and how we become community in the midst of the work. I want to uncover the ways I can continue to practice this work while becoming trained and competent at gathering and facilitating such experiences.

Finally, I need some rest. I did not realize how much energy and focus would expend with the building project and SELC. Plus when SELC got really shaky due to the director leaving, I overcompensated way too far. With all of this, plus life outside of church, weariness from COVID and ebbing and flowing support systems, I experienced burnout. I am still healing and recovering which I can see in my body's strength/weakness, waning creative juices and my emotional health in relationships and myself.

Vacation and spiritual retreat time over the last year has been so vital and restoring for a time, but I'm recognizing that a week away at a time doesn't stick long enough. Likewise, vacation doesn't always afford the opportunity to remove myself from all responsibilities despite the respite needed.

In conversation with Lynn Miller Jackson, my District Superintendent, we agreed that a spiritual renewal is appropriate. According to the Book of Discipline, a pastor may take a 2-3 month renewal after 6 years of service in the conference without loss of appointment or salary. This is part of the contract so to speak, similar to teachers getting summer breaks each school year. Spiritual Renewal does not replace vacation time (4 weeks/year) or spiritual retreat (1 week/year) but comes in addition to these.

My plan is to take 10 weeks for renewal from August 1- October 15, 2023. I have an understanding that I will be reappointed to SteviUMC on July 1, 2023, so this window of time for renewal allows all of us a chance to live into this break without any other major changes (at least that I can foresee.) Within this time, I will engage in some continuing education, travel with my family, writing, resting, and a pilgrimage to Ireland at the beginning of October. Over the next 6 months I will be working intentionally on developing and preparing practices and spaces to "just be" for resetting, healing, and restoring my body, mind and soul. I don't have all the plans settled but it may include a week or more in silent retreat or simple travel like mini-pilgrimages. Renewal is not void of my family, of course, but hopefully at a different rhythm.

In order to live fully into this renewal, I will work with the Unified Board to find substitutes for preaching/leading worship for 10 Sundays. Likewise, we will work out together who can be good people and ways of arranging and tending to pastoral care needs and other aspects of being the church. Finally, I will help the *Open Doors Campaign* team to prepare for the stewardship season that would likely happen right as I return. Once I'm on renewal, however, I will not be engaging with the congregation or church work, at least not in my role as pastor. My family members may worship at SUMC during that time, or together we may explore other worship experiences.



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The other pieces that coordinate with my renewal leave are continuing education efforts. In January I took an intensive class called Spiritual Entrepreneur. I can see it applying to my work in the church and also future efforts of retreat facilitation or spiritual direction. I'm also doing several classes through the Center for Courage, a renewal that is infused with work with Parker Palmer and the Circles of Trust practice. These include classes in Jan-Feb. two weekend online retreats in April & May, and, if selected, an 18-month long facilitator apprenticeship program from Aug. 2023- 2024 (TBD). Not only is this continuing education and training, but I also consider these opportunities as spaces of discernment and listening to my soul.

I see all these pieces coming together as a **kairos moment** (a God-infused and inspired time) that matches my prayers and goals with the needs and next steps that I perceive for the church. Following all of the great visioning and major changes/celebrations in our midst (building and COVID), I recognize the importance of cultivating and bolstering a more interdependent ministry of laity with clergy. I know this community of faith possesses the joy and energy along with vision and engagement to live as a faithful and connected body of Christ together and in the larger community/world. So I want the laity with the help/leadership of the Unified Board to claim these qualities together. I will be with you and work alongside, collaborating in vision and coaching to bring forth the wisdom of the group. This spring and summer can be a great time to evaluate what's working and what needs bolstering and/or reimagining. My renewal leave can be a good time to put into practice the strength of lay leadership. And my return in October will allow us to continue to grow together with a clergy partner who has renewed energy and strength to really invest.

Please feel very welcome to ask questions or share concerns with the Unified Board members or me. I pray you experience the care I seek to impart and trust I hold in each one of you as partners in ministry.

Peace, Pastor Sarah



Anchoring Growth of Time by sjm

EASTER FLOWERS AND LILIES



Each year we ask the congregation to assist in decorating the sanctuary for Easter by purchasing flowers which will be arranged and on display in the front of the sanctuary. The flowers can be dedicated to the memory of or to honor a loved one. You may take your flowers home after the service or they will be distributed to the nursing home or shut ins. Lilies will be \$18.00 each and a bouquet of flowers will be \$24.00 each. The order needs to be to the SUMC office by April 3, 2023 with payment and a note that states in memory of..... or in honor of.....



The Way: A Lent of Pilgrimage Worship Series

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. — Isaiah 43:19

“The Way: You Don’t Choose a Life, You Live a Life.” Lent is a time of reflection and there’s nothing like a pilgrimage to conjure that up. Inspired by passages in the scriptures that talk about the journeys, roads and pathways of life, we will make our “way” together through this poignant season. The movie *The Way* accompanies us as our modern-day inspiration to live the life we’ve been given to the fullest.



Consider these different ways to go on the path and become a pilgrim.

- ~Share a story of times you were lost on our journey.
- ~Participate in a Wednesday or Sunday morning study led by Pastor Sarah.
- ~Consider the a “letting go” pilgrimage by donating or getting rid of an item for every day of Lent. (Look for the bags in the Library by Feb. 22 to assist.)
- ~Make a walking stick together one Sunday.
- ~Examine what you pack for each day of work, school or grocery shopping.
- ~Share a meal and check on your companions’ feet.
- ~Lay our burdens down at the cross, maybe even let something die.
- ~Pilgrimage to a special sunrise service on Easter.

March 5: The High Way

“Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. . . . For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” — Isaiah 55: 1-9

We are taught that everything costs. But our ways are not God’s ways. There are higher ways. We are all invited, without price, to the table of God’s grace. This is the high way that we are invited to embody to others. Hospitality is the way...even though we do not agree on everything, we are still one family at one table.





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March 12: The Way Around

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem. ‘Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!’”
— Luke 13: 31-34

We are not always understood Jesus found this out, just like so many others whose closest family, friends and neighbors have created an idea of who we are and cannot imagine the possibilities God has called us to. Sometimes we must go ahead and do what we dream, claiming who we know we are, taking the way around what others think we ought to do and be.

March 19: The Way Home

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
— 2 Corinthians 5: 16-17

No matter what we call “home” in this physical world, we yearn for a spiritual home within that offers serenity, acceptance, belonging. The extravagant acceptance of the father for the son in Jesus’ parable of the wandering son is difficult for us to believe sometimes...that no matter what we have done, who we are, how far we are from what we want to become, we are welcomed home by the Loving Parent.



March 26: The Free Way

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. - Isaiah 43: 16-19

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. — Philemon 3: 13-14

New paths are possible through freedom in Christ. And these ways are made plain before us if we have eyes to see. Yes, we will strain against adversity — such is life. But new life is always possible. New horizons are ours through relationship with God and with each other. We will offer symbols of our efforts this day in the form of rocks (which can be both stumbling blocks and stepping stones along the way) and affirm that God, our rock and our redeemer is with us every step.



**A Blessing from Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie's
Book, *The Lives we Actually Live***

for this ordinary day

Lord, here I am.

How strange it is,
that some days feel like hurricanes
and others like glassy seas
and others like nothing much at all.

Today is a cosmic shrug.

My day planner says,
rather conveniently,
that I will not need you,
cry for you, reach for you.

Ordinarily, I might not think of you at all.

Except, if you don't mind,
let me notice you.

Show up in the small necessities
and everyday graces.

God, be bread.
Be water.
Be laundry.

Be the coffee cup in my
hands
and the reason to calm
down in traffic.

Be the gentler tone in
my insistence today
that people pick up after
themselves for once.

Be the reason I feel loved
when I catch my own reflection
or feel my own self-loathing
fluttering in my stomach.

Calm my mind,
lift my spirit,
make this dumb, ordinary day
my prayer of thanks.

**"Earth is so thick with divine possibility that it is a
wonder we can walk anywhere without cracking our
shins on altars." ~ Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in
the World***



Sapphire Early Learning Center: Climbing with Strength

The name for SELC came from the mountain range in our "backyard" with the vision that children and families will build confidence, strengths, skills, and community that will help them "move mountains." Yes, it's a lofty aspiration, as it should be for young ones. However, this is also a statement of faith that our deep aspirations attuned to the values of God

will have such power to move mountains. If we see each other with dignity, what mountains of distrust will fall? If we treat others with kindness, what bonds will forge with the strength of boulders.

This month this metaphor of "moving mountains" speaks to the incredible staff at SELC and director, Cheryl Kushner. They have come together through tricky transitions and an unstable time to provide care for the children and families as well as each other. As a team they realized that when they connect in community, they can summit so many obstacles. This is evident in the many referrals and new admissions happening at SELC. "We're here because we heard so many great things." This is the common phrase Cheryl hears upon admitting a new child and family.

Thank you for moving mountains, SELC staff, the boulders that blocked you and the pebbles that irritated. May your work together give you strength to keep climbing!



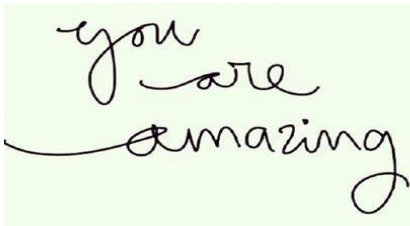
Thank you, Beth.

My gratitude for Beth goes beyond words as she has become a partner in ministry beyond what I could dream and certainly beyond job title. Beth began work at SUMC in September 2020. In case that sounds like a lifetime ago (it was!), I'll give a little context. We had a groundbreaking ceremony in October 2020, emptied the former fellowship hall in December 2020, and the new building and SELC opened in September 2021! Beth has been with us through it all, working in the chaos and peace, attending to duties at home and the office, and continually reimagining with me the best ways of communication, collaboration, and living into the mission of being hope as disciples of Jesus. Beth completed her studies in counseling in May 2022 while working full-time as a counselor to build up her hours required for licensing and working part-time at SUMC. This has truly been a ministry for Beth because she continually sought to bring God's light to me, the people of SUMC and beyond, and through her presence.

Beth & John, her husband



This March, Beth transitions out of her paid position with SUMC in order to fully devote herself to counseling, a lifelong vocation. She will continue to volunteer to make the weekly bulletin, which is really a great excuse for ministry collaboration with me. I invite you to send Beth a card or email, a prayer or light a candle for her dedication over these two and a half years. Beth offered a steady and consistent hand-hold through all the changes. I know she will continue to live into that heart of being wherever she lands.



Love, Pastor Sarah

Our Virtual Ministry Assistant

Beginning this March, SUMC will partner with a new virtual ministry assistant (VMA) to complete the tasks and communication formerly done with an on-site office assistant.

- ♦ Is this person working remotely? Yes.
- ♦ Is this person able to answer questions specific to SUMC if I call or email? Yes, more and more each day!
- ♦ Is this person a human? 100% Pastor Sarah meets with her each week on a zoom call to iron out details for the week/month ahead.
- ♦ Is this virtually awesome? TOTALLY!

The Unified Board approved this shift in personnel when Beth stepped down. The Board recognizes that the job has changed a great deal since before and during the pandemic and wants to embrace the skill set and time a VMA can offer to the current tasks of an office assistant as well as other projects such as website and social media updates. Likewise, the Board believes SUMC can live into a value of care for workers through Ministry Architects that contract out the VMA because it can increase the pay for an individual while providing an environment of efficiency matched with freedom. Finally, the robust volunteers of SUMC make such a shift possible, maintaining some local connection and communication.



Carol Douthit will serve voluntarily as the on-site assistant for tasks such as printing and mailing the Glad Tider, assisting new renters, and attending to people with emergencies who visit. While her time in the office will be on-call, Carol and Pastor Sarah will work together with the VMA to attend to tasks, needs and communication that arise.



FINANCIAL REVIEW – 2022

The year 2022 was the first full year of the One-Fund campaign and saw the church begin to emerge from restrictions and modifications imposed by the COVID pandemic. It was also a year when we lost members through death or relocation and gained new members in the latter part of the year. The financial year for the church reflects all these factors.

We have traditionally had two broad categories of church giving: one is the general fund for the on-going operations of the church and the other is designated giving to a specific fund or project within the church. The intent of the One-Fund campaign was to incorporate both types of giving in its pledge campaign. It was still necessary to separate general fund giving from the addition amounts intended for special projects for people fulfilling One Fund pledges and when the designation was not specified in a pledge card, the Finance Secretary and Treasurer made a judgment based on past giving of the individual or family. These judgements could be reflected in the amounts of general fund and other One Fund giving for the year.

We entered the year with a general fund budget of \$152,583. Our general fund expenses for the year were \$134,495. Total general fund giving was \$118,940, leaving a general fund deficit for the year of \$15,555. On average, we needed \$11,208 in general fund giving per month to meet our expenses. We received an average of \$9912 per month in general fund giving. Giving in the later part of the year was generally higher than in the early months, perhaps reflecting some additional emergence from the COVID shocks and the addition of new members.

To date, when we have incurred as general fund deficits, we have “borrowed” from ourselves – the designated or contingency funds of the church – to meet our financial obligations. When we had a healthy contingency fund balance, this was not a major issue, but after payment for the church roof, the contingency balance disappeared, and we were effectively borrowing from other designated funds.

Again, this will not be a major issue unless there are demands made on those funds. One financial goal should be to increase the contingency (reserve) funds for the church to a level that can meet these year-to-year fluctuations.

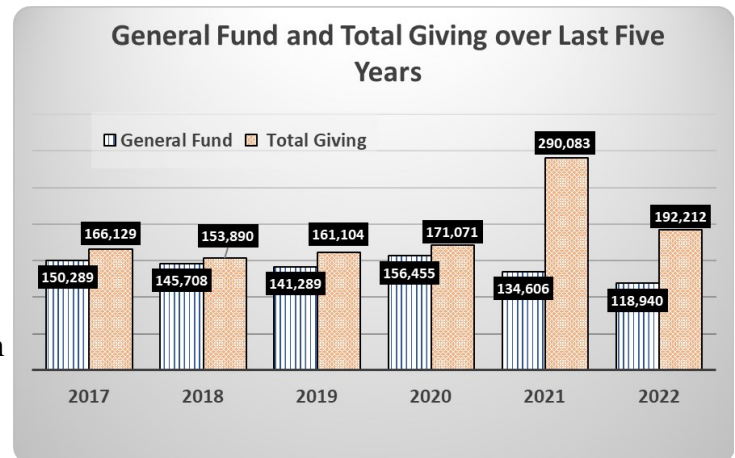


Figure 1: General Fund and Total Giving over the Last Five Years

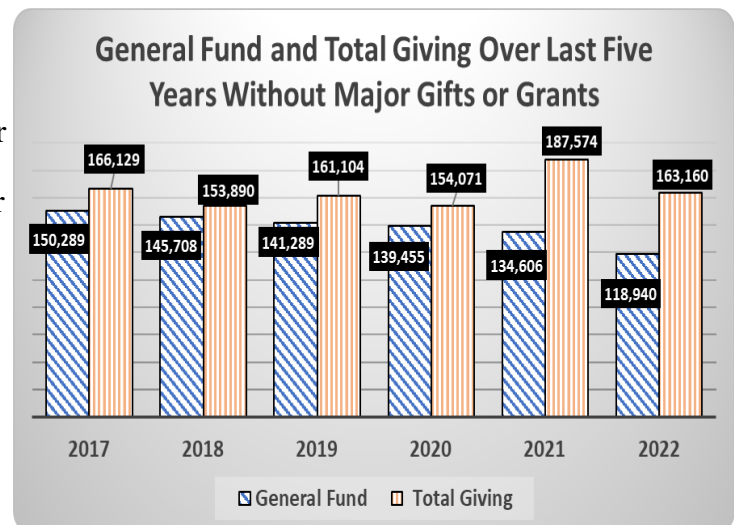


Figure 2: General Fund and Total Giving over Last Five Years without Major Gifts

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Total and general fund giving, including capital and designated giving for the years 2017 – 2022 are compared in Figure 1. In 2020, we received a payroll protection loan at the beginning of COVID. In 2021 there was a major gift that would eventually be used along with other funds given over the years toward a new roof to replace the roof on the church. In 2022, the increase in capital giving reflects both the giving to the One Fund in excess of general fund giving and a bequest received in late 2022 from the estate of Rodney McIntyre. Figure 2 shows the total and general fund giving pattern when these funds are taken out. You can see that while general fund giving was below that of earlier years, total giving was at or above all but 2021.

Per the recently passed guidelines for distribution of non-designated gifts, one fourth of the McIntyre bequest will be used as the initial deposit to an endowment fund for the church, one fourth will be sent to the Methodists Helping Methodists Foundation to pay down principal on our loan for the SELC-Fellowship Hall, one fourth will be moved to the contingency fund, and one fourth will be moved to the permanent trustee fund for future capital and refurbishment projects so it will help in building back the contingency fund as well as providing seed money for the endowment and future capital projects.

The table following the figures compares the average of general fund income and expense and total income over the past 5 years with last year and this year.

Another way of looking at the financial health of the church is by considering the cash balances in the bank available for payment of obligations. These include funds in the checking account, savings account and fairly liquid savings instruments like CD's. The final graph in this series shows our cash available balance by quarter over the past year. The decreases through the first two quarters reflect additional expenses for final touches on the SELC-Fellowship Hall addition and the coverage of general fund expenses without enough giving to meet them. The large decrease

between July 1 and October 1 reflects payment for the church roof. This payment required funds from the roof fund, one fund and contingency fund. The increase in the final quarter reflects some major gifts to the One Fund and building projects and the receipt of the bequest from the Rodney McIntyre estate and shows that we do have some breathing room in terms of available funds to meet current obligations.

| | Average Last 5 Years | 2021 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| General Budget | 158,011 | 149,922 | 152,583 |
| Total General Fund Income | 142,269 | 134,606 | 118,940 |
| General Fund Expense | 146,024 | 131,576 | 134,495 |
| General Fund Surplus / Deficit | (3,754) | 3,030 | (15,555) |
| Capital and Memorial Giving | 42,786 | 155,477 | 73,272 |
| Total Giving / Revenue | 185,055 | 290,083 | 192,212 |

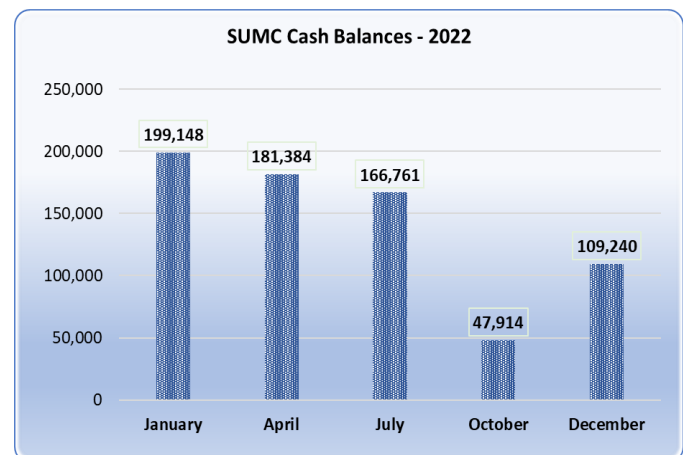


Figure 3: Total cash balances in all funds by quarter for 2022



Unified Board

Remember the idea that SUMC would have a single board? Instead of several committees, each dealing with one area of church business, all committees are represented in a single group called the Unified Board. This simplifies all business and should shorten response time for both requests and new ideas. Under the old two-step system, items of business were discussed by a committee. The committee then reported to a board of directors, which discussed and approved (or disapproved) each idea. In other words, everything was discussed twice. With the new system of the Unified Board, every question and suggestion needs only one discussion and one vote.

Another advantage of the single board system is that everyone attending church need not keep a list of who represents what. If the name of only one person on the board is memorable, it does not matter who that person is. All board members will be at a single meeting, where all questions will come up.

The Unified Board held a retreat on Saturday, February 4. What is a retreat? In this case, read “long meeting”; it lasted nearly four hours. The board members—some new, some with terms carried over from the previous year—thought about the year to come, as a whole, and matters that were more urgent. Their most important learning point was that they can talk to each other easily. The meeting had an air of respect and careful listening to each other’s ideas. Members left the meeting optimistic about the year to come.

Here is an alphabetical list of the Unified Board members. Any member can be the point of contact for questions, comments, and ideas about anything in the church, at any time during the next year.

*Joey Diers, Fred Douthit, Gina Farnham, Lynda Fisher, Molly Hackett, Tania Jensen,
Lenny Johnson, Ben Longbottom, Pam Martin, Linda Valentine, Howard Young.*



FACES OF FAITH

Carol and Fred Douthit moved here from Silverton Oregon. They both worked for the State of Oregon, Carol in Human Resources, and Fred as a trooper for the State Police. They met each other through work. They have two children, a boy and a girl, and 6 grandchildren.

Their hobbies include:

Carol: quilting and Antiques,

Fred: metal detecting and prospecting.

A favorite hymn:

"Lord, We Shall Come to the Lakeshore"

Fred and Carol are a great addition to our church.

They said they felt right at home here the first time they attended!

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Nursery & Sunday School
For kids during worship
service, 10:30-11:30am

Worship Opportunities: In Person Worship: 10:30 AM . Live Streaming Worship at 10:30 on YouTube Channel & Facebook

Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday, April 2 at 10:30. Bring a coat, scarf or garment that you can lay down on the road for Jesus to cross the threshold into Jerusalem and the final leg of the journey.

Good Friday, April 7 at 7pm. The last steps of Jesus end on the cross where we too are gathered. While his life ends this day, we wait in silence, grief, confusion, and wonder. How will we stand, kneel, and walk from the foot of the cross? What will be broken open in us?

Easter Sunday, April 9: HERE to bring the light of the Resurrection! Alleluia!

Easter Pilgrimage to Lee Metcalf Refuge: 8:15am

Easter Breakfast hosted by United Methodist Men: 9:00-10:00

Easter Egg Hunt for all children of the church: 9:45

Easter Service with music, flowers, and CELEBRATION: 10:30



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