

# BY THE WAY...

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## From the Pastor



Was that Charlie Brown that I saw in church the other day? Okay- I didn't really see him here (though we do have some characters here at Holy Way). But I have heard his familiar exclamation: "Good Grief!" For those of you who have been with us these last few months you know our church has suffered the loss of some of our beloved saints. We've rallied our prayers and loving support for those who battle sickness and disease. We've joined together in gratitude as we've launched our Director of Music, Ana, toward her new professional and family adventures in Iowa. And on a number of occasions, we've shared in the chorus of "Good Grief."

And then I've seen us, as a church, put those two words into practice: good grief. We've had our times to cry and feel our hurts...and move on. We've expressed our anger and regrets and declared our perceptions on the unfairness and cruelty of life...and moved on. We've prayed and worshipped; we trusted God to put our shattered and tender pieces back together. We've been knocked down, but not defeated. We've tended to our hearts and found healing through our faith. We've had our dark moments, wondered what in the world might happen next, and looked around the next corner for a blessing. Good grief. Thankful (in a way that our faith in Jesus Christ enables us to be) for what we have lost and renewed in

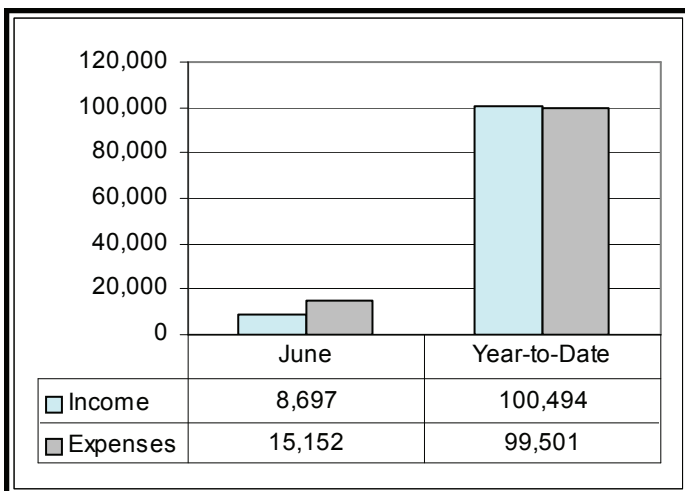
strength by recognizing what we will never lose. Good grief.

Good grief prepares us, as well, for God's new beginnings. God creates new life. I see God up to those new life tricks as new people and families come to worship and to Vacation Bible School, as we start to look for our new Director of Music, and as we gather on Sunday morning and at church meals with positive and caring energy.

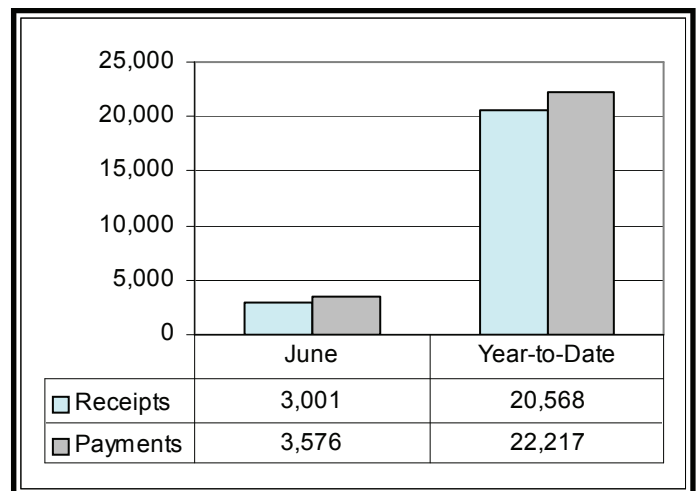
God is good. Our church has a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ. All I can say is, "Good Grief."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'RST' followed by a flourish.

## Operating Budget



## Monthly Mortgage Report



### General Fund Receipts 2011

(As of June 30)

Pledged	53,473
Unpledged	45,285
Other	1,736

### Mortgage Balance Remaining

June — 253,952

**20 Year Mortgage to be paid off by  
May 2019**

## Something to Think About...

Because of volunteers, many maintenance problems are taken care of at no cost to the church. Because of volunteers, we have profitable rummage sales. Because of volunteers, we have church dinners, Sunday fellowship time, a thriving music program, and a wonderful Vacation Bible School. Is there some way your special skill could benefit the church? Why not talk to your pastor or one of our elders about volunteering?

## Guest Ministers

Stephanie Hamilton, the Executive Director of Montlure Presbyterian Camp, last preached at Holy Way on March 13. Stephanie will be making a return visit to Holy Way on August 7, as an ordained Presbyterian minister! Ray will be off on study leave that Sunday, so Stephanie will not only preach, but also administer Holy Communion. We will also be welcoming Ellen Dawson, the new Campus Minister at the Presbyterian Campus Ministry, to Holy Way on Sunday, August 28. Ellen will preach (Ray will be on the scene for this one) and bring some of the students with her.

## Presbyterian Educational Event

The Presbytery de Cristo invites all interested persons to their annual educational event on Saturday, August 20, at Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley, 9 a.m.– 4 p.m. Various workshops will be offered, along with worship and fellowship time. More information is available in the church office or at [www.presbyterydecristo.org](http://www.presbyterydecristo.org).

## Tools for Tanzania

We thank everyone who contributed to the effort to help with shipping costs for the tools that were collected for the shipment to Tanzania. We were able to send a check for \$125 to International Health Partners, which oversees the program.

## AUGUST'S ANNIVERSARIES



Jim & Suz Rollins	8-4
Bob & Avon McCormick	8-6
Keith & Barbara Locke	8-11
Marv & Dzarwyn Knittel	8-21

### Time to Eat!

Our next church dinner will be on Wednesday, August 10, at 6 pm. Helen Denman and her helpers will be serving country-style BBQ pork ribs, rice pilaf, carrots, corn bread, and brownie ala mode for desert. What a feast! Sign up in the Ranch House.

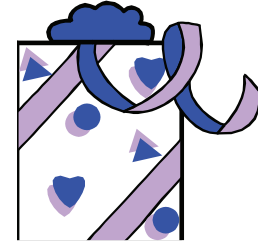
Lunch & Games will be held on August 24, at 12 noon. We'll enjoy a taco salad and a fun afternoon of games and conversation. Come join us!

### School Supply Drive

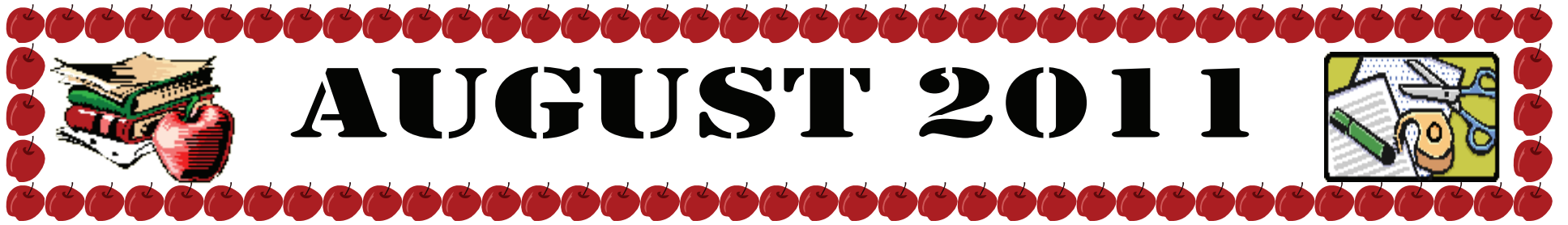
We run a school supply drive every year to support the students in Altar Valley. There are some special needs this year, so please help with these particular items if you can: boxes of Kleenex, #2 pencils, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, tooth brushes (soft heads, x4), twin size sheet sets (x3), twin blankets(x3), standard size pillows (x4), large plastic Lego sets, wooden toy set with pegs/hammer, wooden puzzles with handles on each piece, plastic/sturdy toys that make noise (play phone, toy keyboard, etc), 4 boxes of extra-large size crayons.

There are collection boxes in the narthex and the Ranch House. Thank You!

## AUGUST'S BIRTHDAYS



Marianne Hamilton	8-3
Sharon Groves	8-8
Willis Irons	8-10
Eula Weathers	8-11
Wyatt Diggs	8-12
Fay Schiek	8-12
Maggie Morris	8-15
Barbara Sorenson	8-12
Myles Agee	8-16
Phyllis Dye	8-16
Lyle Olmstead	8-18
Dorothy Munns	8-19
Ken Penwell	8-20
Connor Barton	8-23
Lloyd Matson	8-23
Kurtis Veninga	8-23
Britney Thomas	8-25
Pollyanna Wikrent	8-26
Larry LaCroix	8-30
Ginni Williams	8-30
Ray Groves	8-31
Martha Maddox	8-31



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6 pm Alanon Meeting	3 9 am Prayer Group 7pm AA Meeting	4 5:30 pm AA Meeting	5 9 am Craft Guild	6
7 COMMUNION & FOOD BANK SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 6 pm Ala-teen/Al-anon	8	9 9 am Bible Study 6 pm Alanon Meeting	10 9 am Prayer Group 6 pm BBQ Rib Dinner	11 5:30 pm AA Meeting	12 9 am Craft Guild	13
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## A Page From Our Memoir Writers

Over the past few months, a group of brave and interesting folks came together under the guidance of Ellen LaCroix to learn some tips and techniques for telling their own life story. We will be featuring some of their work in the upcoming newsletters to share their work with you!

### “Teddy Rolls”

“Are you going to bring your Teddy Rolls?”, people ask, as the word of a potluck is circulated. Yeasty, tender, buttery, lightly browned on the top and bottom, those rolls are my claim to fame in several states. A friend in Alaska named them after me because I brought them to every church dinner for 25 years.

No Wintersteen family dinner would be complete without the rolls, either. I often entertained up to 25 or 30 people in our little house in Bethel. I set up a couple of card tables for the kids to eat in the largest bedroom where they could shriek with laughter and fill up on Teddy Rolls without adult interference. When we get a note from those kids, now grown and sending out graduation and wedding announcements, they still mention those rolls.

I grew up on a wheat farm in western Nebraska, and it was almost a patriotic duty to eat lots of homemade bread and rolls. I assumed responsibility for that part of the menu early on in my baking career, and I continue to satisfy a large extended family with them.

“What is the secret of those rolls?” people ask me.

“There really isn’t any secret,” I assure them. “I use flour, milk, eggs, and butter which makes them tender, and when I roll them up into crescents, I spread them with more butter.” Served right out of the oven, how can I lose?

Delicious as they are, those rolls are not just rolls, however. They are also the way I get recognized and praised. This goes way back to my childhood when the way I could corner a little attention around the noisy, competitive table was to make rolls or some other delicious baked goods that my older brother and my father liked.

Getting attention for baked goods has turned out to be counterproductive in my later years, however, when I need to seek less caloric ways to get noticed. Some delicious green beans, anyone?

by Teddy Wintersteen