



The Chalice

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Walking by the Light of Saints

On October 6, 1683, the first Mennonites arrived in what would become the United States. Francis Daniel Pastorius, a German lawyer and teacher, founded Germantown in Pennsylvania. After eating with a group of Native Americans, Pastorius wrote that they “have never in their lives heard the teaching of Jesus concerning temperance and contentment, yet they far excel the Christians in carrying it out.” In 1688, he wrote to slave-holding Quakers in Germantown, urging them to free the people they were enslaving — the first formal abolitionist protest by European immigrants in the American colonies.

We are shaped, as much as anything, and perhaps more so, by those who have been saints to us in ways large and small. Like the conservative Mennonite families who were a part of my life growing up, Francis reminds me that as followers of Christ, we are called to see and celebrate each person around us as a child of God, even when, maybe especially when, they seem foreign or strange to us in every way. My conservative Mennonite neighbors seemed very strange at first glance. And yet they were as curious as my mom. They were as interested learning about, getting to know neighbors, especially those who were different in some way, as my dad. Through that curiosity, interest, that generosity of spirit, our families, our home churches, our whole community was blessed.

Perhaps blessing begins with seeing each person we encounter as God's child, as a sister/brother in Creation, in Christ. May our saints continue to lead us in embracing God's covenant with Abraham, and all of Abraham's children, the covenant to be a blessing to all of God's creation, including God's children, always and everywhere.

It will be a joy to celebrate those saints with you this Sunday in worship.

Let us pray with hands, voices, and hearts this week:

Open my eyes, God of all people, to my neighbor, especially the one who needs my support, not judgment in this moment. Open my mouth, Holy God, to speak up for them and with them today. Open my heart, loving God, that my speech and actions may be healing to all, and destructive of none.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Alan



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Worship Committee: Mary Lillie

November 5 will be our celebration of All Saint's Day during our regular morning worship service.

Thanksgiving offerings will be collected on November 19 and 26. Please give generously to this legacy of educational support.

Our Season of Advent will begin on December 3 with the Hanging of the Green.

Outreach Committee: Pam Crawford

The committee met on October 4.

We worked with Union Christian Church to help host the Family Promise Program at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church. Two meals and one overnight stay were provided by our church members.

Fall Festival parking for Handicap persons was help on October 21 and the proceeds from donations was \$407. This will go to Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention to support the NE Georgia Walk.

ACTS—busy month of September with a total of 161 families served with 14 new families. Our church continues to have members working at ACTS each week.

Important: Can-a-thon will be November 17 at 9:00 am at the ACTS building and volunteers are always needed.

Disciple Women: Pam Crawford for Joan Taylor

The group met with seven members present. President Joan was unable to attend because of her broken foot. Pam presided. Many members were missed.

October Service Project was to collect items to send to Marine Michal Ashley, a friend of Amber Davis. He will be receiving two boxes of items.

November Service Project will be items for Family Promise Day Care Center. Needed items are: cleaning products, Clorox wipes, soap, detergent, tissues, deodorant, paper towels, dish soap, and toilet paper. Please leave on the table in the Fellowship Hall and mark DW!

Cathy Moorehead shared a devotional with the group. Pam and Amber provided refreshments.

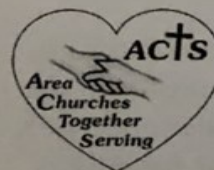
November program will be on Family Promise: Pam will present the information.

Melba and Marsha will provide refreshments.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PRAYERS FOR THE ACTS
MINISTRY**

AND

**FOR ANY OTHER WAYS THAT
YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS
MINISTRY IN HELPING OUR
NEIGHBORS IN NEED.**



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James 2:15-17

(From the Message translation)

"Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup – where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?"

Financial Report October: Kathy Reising

The Committee is currently working on the 2024 Budget, which will be presented at the next board meeting.

Contributions for the month of October are \$20,790. Significant increase over September.

Continue to look in your hearts and contribute to the church. We need your support financially!

Financial Report September 2023

By Kathy Reising for Gina Hansford, Treasurer

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	2023 YTD CONTRIBUTIONS	2023 BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS
\$7,007	\$94,474	\$146,514

SEPTEMBER EXPENSES	2023 YTD EXPENSES	2023 BUDGETED EXPENSES
\$22,309	\$133,140	\$147,549

2023 YTD CONTRIBUTIONS MINUS EXPENSES \$ -38,666

2023 CONTRIBUTIONS VS BUDGET \$ -52,040 (UNDER)

2023 EXPENSES VS BUDGET \$ -14,408 (UNDER)



YEAR TO DATE (39 SUNDAYS)

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS BUDGET	\$3,757
AVERAGE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS ACTUAL	<u>\$2,422</u>
AVERAGE WEEKLY SHORTAGE PER BUDGET	\$(1,334)

	SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	DEC 31, 2022	CHANGE IN ACCOUNT
GENERAL FUNDS	\$39,967	\$30,680	\$ 9,288 (12%)
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$34,255	\$47,179	\$ - 12,925(16%)

STATEMENTS, AS OF	SEPTEMBER 30, 2023	DEC 31, 2022	
SAVINGS GENERAL FUNDS	\$181,718	\$204,534	\$ -22,816 11%
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$188,547	\$174,431	\$ 14,116 8%

First Christian Church of Watkinsville
Operating Income & Expense - Actual vs Budget 2023
September 2023

	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bu...</u>	<u>Jan - Sep 23</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Bu...</u>	<u>Annual Bu...</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
BUDGET INCOME	<u>7,007</u>	<u>15,028</u>	<u>-8,021</u>	<u>94,474</u>	<u>146,514</u>	<u>-52,040</u>	<u>195,355</u>
Total Income	<u>7,007</u>	<u>15,028</u>	<u>-8,021</u>	<u>94,474</u>	<u>146,514</u>	<u>-52,040</u>	<u>195,355</u>
Gross Profit	<u>7,007</u>	<u>15,028</u>	<u>-8,021</u>	<u>94,474</u>	<u>146,514</u>	<u>-52,040</u>	<u>195,355</u>
Expense							
BUDGET EXPENSES							
PROGRAM MINISTRIES							
EDUCATION		225	-225	1,671	2,025	-354	2,700
EVANGELISM & MEMBERS...		96	-96	914	863	51	1,150
OUTREACH	850	950	-100	8,092	8,978	-886	11,970
WORSHIP & MUSIC	178	367	-189	1,648	3,400	-1,752	4,600
YOUTH		117	-117	2,132	4,750	-2,618	5,100
Total PROGRAM MINISTRIES	<u>1,028</u>	<u>1,754</u>	<u>-727</u>	<u>14,457</u>	<u>20,015</u>	<u>-5,558</u>	<u>25,520</u>
PAYROLL & PERSONNEL	11,471	11,559	-87	82,740	93,028	-10,288	125,304
General Expense							
General Church Supplies	132	250	-118	2,149	2,250	-101	3,000
General Office Expense	1,474	633	841	8,572	5,700	2,872	7,600
Pastor's Ministry Expense	337	500	-163	3,419	4,500	-1,081	6,000
Utilities & Insurance	<u>5,639</u>	<u>5,264</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>12,689</u>	<u>11,931</u>	<u>758</u>	<u>14,431</u>
Total General Expense	<u>7,581</u>	<u>6,648</u>	<u>934</u>	<u>26,829</u>	<u>24,381</u>	<u>2,448</u>	<u>31,031</u>
PROPERTY	2,229	1,025	1,204	9,115	8,625	490	11,500
CONTINGENCY		167	-167		1,500	-1,500	2,000
Total BUDGET EXPENSES	<u>22,309</u>	<u>21,152</u>	<u>1,157</u>	<u>133,140</u>	<u>147,549</u>	<u>-14,408</u>	<u>195,355</u>
Total Expense	<u>22,309</u>	<u>21,152</u>	<u>1,157</u>	<u>133,140</u>	<u>147,549</u>	<u>-14,408</u>	<u>195,355</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-15,302</u>	<u>-6,124</u>	<u>-9,178</u>	<u>-38,666</u>	<u>-1,035</u>	<u>-37,632</u>	<u>0</u>
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Trunk or Treat 2023



