

The Messenger

March, 2021

From the Council

In Isaiah 43, God declares “I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name (children of God)...and I have loved you...Do not remember former things. Behold I will do a new thing.”

During this transition and time of Lent, we want to reflect on God’s love for us and begin our preparation for this “new thing.” We want to thank all of you who have been generous in continuing to serve, whether it be in worship, education, caring, giving or in other ways. We especially thank Joan Sorenson, Laura Altman, Doug Hahn, and Barry Neese for their willingness to provide pulpit supply through Easter. We look forward to their messages.

By now, each of you should have received a letter from us outlining the steps that will be taken as we transition to a new pastor. During this time, we expect to have an interim pastor who will serve as our full-time pastor and lead us through the transition. The process will culminate in the election of a six-member Call Committee that will interview and recommend a new pastor to the Council and congregation. While we don’t intend to rush this process, we also don’t want to delay.

When we meet with the Synod’s representative, Pastor Nancy Nyland, the first questions she will ask us as part of *Exploring God’s Expectations* are: Who are we as a congregation? What mission and ministry are we engaged in? What is God calling us to be and do in the time ahead? What sort of pastoral leadership will we need to get there? We will be discussing these questions in our surveys, cottage meetings and conversations going forward.

Please think about these questions in the days ahead and pray for God’s discernment. Pray for our congregation and for our Council as we proceed in this process to call a new pastor. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to a Council member. Richard Heine

2021 Council Members and Committee Liaison Assignments

Name	Liaison Assignments
Richard Heine – President	Personnel, Faith Formation
Gayle McGrath – Vice President	Learning Center, Evangelism, Audit, Mission Endowment, Nominating
Sherri Greer – Secretary	Global Missions, Parish Life, Stewardship
Debbie Rosenberg – Treasurer	Finance, Worship
Jonathan Delap	Property, Long Range Planning, Project Manager for the call process
Carolyn Holmes	Faith Formation, Stewardship
JoEllen McComb	Personnel, Worship
David Templar	Community Ministry, Stewardship (Chair)

Worship

The Sunday morning worship is livestreamed at 11:00 AM via YouTube and our Facebook page. You can access the livestream from our [website](#) or from our [Facebook](#) page. For safety reasons, the only ones attending this service are those who are serving: the pastor, assisting minister, cantor, musician, sacristan and technology coordinator.

Midweek Lenten Worship



A brief, lay-led service of word, prayer and music will be livestreamed at 7:00 PM each Wednesday in Lent. The theme is *At the Name of Jesus*, with a focus on Philippians 2:5-11. Please plan on joining us as we reflect on what it means to have the mind of Christ. Bulletins are available on our [website](#) or inside the front door of the church.

Tuesday Bible Study

In the Tuesday Bible Study, we are finishing the study of the Gospel of John. The upcoming Lenten study invites us to *Enter the Passion of Jesus*. What risks and dangers did Jesus face in Holy Week? How do these help us understand and face the risks and dangers we face as we travel the way of Jesus? You are invited to engage these questions over the five Tuesdays in Lent. Reverend Douglas Hahn will lead the study, based on the book, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, by Vanderbilt Professor Amy Jill Levine. Each session will begin with a brief video by Dr. Levine, followed by discussion. The book is available in paperback or on Kindle; however, you do not need to purchase it in order to participate.

Join us every Tuesday in March at 11 AM via Zoom. Here is the link to join:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87550398740?pwd=QWFobEsvNTE0blZPdYtoWVgvOTZ0QT09>

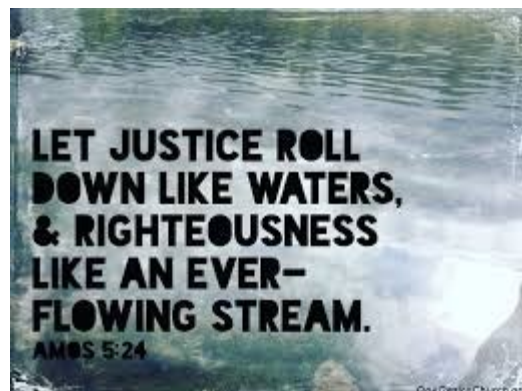
Harstad Fine Arts Exhibit

Harstad Fine Arts Series is pleased to present a virtual exhibit of paintings and prints by the late Jim McCormick. You may find the exhibit on the HFAS [website](#) under Art Exhibits. Thanks to virtual magic, you may also see the exhibits of photographs by Ray Hughes and Debbie Anderson.



BUILD Nehemiah Action Assembly

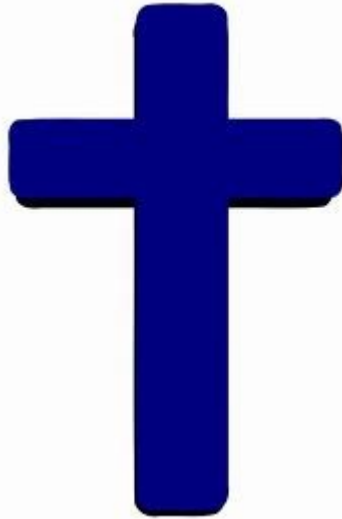
BUILD's annual Nehemiah Action Assembly will be held on Tuesday, April 27. Because of the health guidelines for Kentucky, we will use a different venue this year. We are excited to present this to you because we think it will bring us together to fight for justice in our community, while also keeping you safe. We will have a hybrid meeting that will offer an opportunity to attend an in-person drive-in venue as well as the opportunity to stay at home and attend the Action via ZOOM. The drive-in option will be similar to the *Honk for Housing* event we did to protest the Mayor's gutting of the affordable housing fund in her 2020 proposed budget. Put the date on your calendar. Further information about place and time will be announced as planning progresses.



Life Together at Faith

March Birthdays

- 1 Gisela Atkerson
- 2 Doug Dutcher
- 3 Dale Austin
- 5 Aeris Hammonds
- 8 Susan Harper
Jade Paumi
Kylie Paumi
- 11 JoEllen McComb
- 12 Jan Isenhour
Linda McDaniel
- 13 Rebecca Lockhart
Judy Templar
- 15 Lin Whitley
- 16 Charles Hamilton
- 17 Hailey Shannon
- 18 Kevin Lentz
- 19 Gene Harper
- 21 Alann Karow
Nolan Williams
- 22 Karl Krause
- 23 Walt Keinath
- 24 Kathy Egner
Chris Fugmann
- 27 Joe Swanson
- 28 Betsy Filchak
- 29 Carly Fugmann
Ray Hughes
- 31 Tim Sorenson



March Anniversaries

- 19 Mike and Julie Keller

Baptism Anniversaries

- 1 Cisco Hadden
Judy McGrew
- 6 Jaiden Lentz
- 30 Susan Hamilton



Deaths

On January 28, our brother in Christ, Jim Stephens, was called into eternal life. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace and may God comfort those who mourn.

January Financial Summary

	Total Income - <u>Month</u>	Total Expense - <u>Month</u>	Actual Total Income Less Actual Total Expense	Total Income - <u>YTD</u>	Total Expense - <u>YTD</u>	Actual Total Income Less Actual Total Expense
Budget Forecast	\$27,982.00	\$31,126.42		\$27,982.00	\$31,126.42	
Actual	\$21,065.50	\$24,419.49	(\$3,353.99)	\$21,065.50	\$24,419.49	
Variance	(\$6,916.50)	(\$6,706.93)	(\$3,353.99)	(\$6,916.50)	(\$6,706.93)	\$0.00
%	75.3%	78.5%		75.3%	78.5%	

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Online Streaming, 11:00 AM

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