



**OUR FINANCIAL PROGRESS**

We want to keep you up to date on the financial status of the church.

As of 01/31/22

Annual Apportionments	\$	18,101.00
Paid/set aside		- 2,835.00
<b>BALANCE DUE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,266.00</b>
Starting Balance	\$	2,205.00
Income January	+	28,356.00
Expense January	-	20,809.00
Ending balance	\$	9,752.00

Thank you for being such faithful givers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Your Finance Team



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**February 2 – Ground Hog Day**

**February 13 – State of the Church Address**

**February 14 – Valentine's Day**

**February 21- President's Day**

**What's Happening**



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**OUR MISSION**





*We love each other because he loved us first.*

*1 John 4:19*



Happy February everyone! It is the season for love. Have you ever pondered the number of people we love? Spouses, children, friends, family members, etc. We love a lot of people, don't we?

Now consider all the people we don't know and yet God calls us to love them. There is even more people in this category. We cannot even fully imagine all the people we are called to love. In fact, some people say this is impossible and will never happen, because we don't know everyone. But as I read the verse above, loving has little to do with knowing as much as it does with the fact that God loves us first.

I don't know everyone in Cuba. I cannot tell you the names of the youth imprisoned this summer. But I love them because God loves them. I do not know all the believers in China who are in hiding, but I love them because God loves them. And I can love them because I love them with the love of God. Love starts and ends in God. And since God is eternal, so love is eternal also.

We are called to love each other, even if we don't necessarily like each other all the time because our opinion is not what matters. The fact that despite our opinion, we still love, is what matters. Love is an action. Love is a decision. Love is a choice. We need to practice loving as our default choice. Now I am not saying this is easy stuff. But I do know from experience, it is worth working on with Holy Spirit.

So, as we walk the neighborhoods, or see and meet people in the store, or park or wherever we encounter people today – let's choose love. Doesn't mean you need to agree with them on everything or even know them deeply but love them in a way that you want the best for them.

Can you imagine the transformation God could work in us and through us if we practiced this act of love on a regular basis? Let's practice on each other and our families first. Also practice on your prayer walks. And then let's share with each other what God is doing in and through us as we choose love!



Happy Valentine's Day & Month of Love,  
Pastor Shirley



**We have had a great response signing up for the May through January Prayer Walks. Thank you to all who signed up and walked/drove the neighborhoods. A part of our mission is to reach out to others and bring them to Jesus. Let's continue the great work we have begun.**



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."





**Connect** – To be a family of believers who connect to God and each other.

**Care** – To shine the light of Christ and welcome all we encounter encouraging worship, life groups, and spiritual growth.

**Commit** – To grow in faith through service to others both locally and globally.

**CORE VALUES:**

**Loving Relationships:**

Honest & loving relationships:  
With God through a worshipful attitude and prayer.  
With others through acceptance and grace to all.

**Spiritual Growth**

Grow with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a biblically centered, nurturing environment.

**Compassionate Service**

Offering help to others with humility and mutual respect.



**Teamwork**

Accomplish ministry in the context of relationships.

**We Are A Praying People!**

Please remember the following in your prayers this month.



- Bishop & Mrs. Carter, Rev. & Mrs. Thom Schafer, President Biden and Gov. DeSantis, all of our elected officials, Pastor Shirley & Rod, our staff, our church leaders, our Cub Scouts, Bill & Bernice Highberger, Harvey and Charlene Howze, Betty Johnson, Bill & Rose Johnson, Cal & Pat Johnston, Karen Kehrli



The prayer focus for February will be:

- **Let God lead**
- **Be a messenger – share the Gospel**
- **Pray for new families**

Please pray for these things daily throughout the month.





**Please remember to bring items for the Mayor's Feed The Hungry Program and place those items in the grocery cart in the narthex. Also, you may drop them off in the office during office hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10 am and 2 pm.**

**Thank You!**

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Hebrews 6:10

## **Birthdays in February**



February 7	Cecil Mulvaney
February 18	Nancy Cozy Rosanna Brown
February 19	Lucy Gabriel
February 25	Gary Sontchi

## **Anniversaries in February**



February 10	Bill and Rose Johnson
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**\*\* If you know someone is having a special year birthday (90+) or special anniversary (25, 30, 35 etc.) year please let the office know.**

**Thank You!**



### 2022 Shepherds

Sennie Lansdowne – Head Shepherd

Rose & Bill Johnson (A – D)

Judy Snodgrass (E – Ha)

Cyndi Andrasi (He – J)

Beatriz Lowery (K – Mc)

Marcia & Cecil Mulvaney (Mi – N)

Nancy Winding (O – Z)

Bonnie Kitzmiller (Snowbirds)



### Kudos this month go to

- ...the musicians and singers who enhance our worship service each week and the time they spend rehearsing
- ...the New Building Team for the time they are putting into planning and keeping track of where each project is in relation to the new building
- ...Kathy and Mike Barbour for starting the prep for the move by packing up the Christmas items after they were taken down.
- ...All those who those who are helping with packing things for the move

### 2022 Leadership Team

**Trustees** Dave Strait, Mike Barbour, Sara Fleming, and Jean Flugel

**Finance** Judy Shannon, Fred Fowler, Bill Johnson and Bill Schroff

**SPRT** Judy Snodgrass, Cyndi Andrasi, Gene Blamble, Pat Dixon

**Lay Leader** Chip Newberger

**Nurture Team Co-Leaders** Pat Dixon & Marcia Mulvaney

**Outreach Team Co-Leaders** Kathy Barbour & Karen Kehrli

**Lay Delegate** Chip Newberger





## Did you know...?

- † Because of your generosity we provided laundry and shower supplies to the Remnant Café in January
- † Because of your generosity we have provided food for many meals to those in need through the Mayor's Feed The Hungry Program
- † Because of your faithfulness, we are making a difference in the community that surrounds us.
- † God is moving in wonderful ways. We just wanted to make sure you knew!



Kingdom Kids - We welcome all children and grandchildren (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) to our "Kingdom Kids" class at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service.



### Looking Ahead At Our Outreach Projects

Ongoing – snacks/inspirational messages for the teachers at Booker Middle School, snacks for the students at Booker Middle School, Mayors Feed the Hungry Program.

# Shepherds Luncheon

## CHANGE OF DATE



Due to the spike in COVID cases in January we moved the Shepherd's Luncheon to the first Sunday of March (the 6<sup>th</sup>). Please bring a dish to share. Your shepherd will provide dessert for your table. You will be sitting with your shepherd and your fellow sheep. Come and join us, we always have a wonderful time of fellowship.



### DLT Information

You are welcome to join a DLT group at any time. If you have not joined a DLT and would like to below are the days and times the DLT groups meet. At this time, they are meeting via Zoom or in person. Please contact the facilitator for more information on their group.

**Women's Group** Wednesday at 10:00 am facilitator – Marcia Mulvaney  
[marcia.mulvaney@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.mulvaney@gmail.com)

**Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pat Dixon  
[pdixon@ringling.edu](mailto:pdixon@ringling.edu)

**Women's group** Wednesday at 12:00 noon facilitator – Pastor Shirley  
[revgroom@gmail.com](mailto:revgroom@gmail.com)

**Men & Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Rod Groom  
[rod.groom@gmail.com](mailto:rod.groom@gmail.com)

**Men & Women's group** Thursday at 4:30 pm facilitator – Rod Groom  
[rod.groom@gmail.com](mailto:rod.groom@gmail.com)



### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will worship live and live streaming at 6:30 pm followed by Doing Life Together groups live and/or Zoom at 7:15 pm (If you'd like to join a DLT group and aren't connected yet please contact the office and arrangements will be made to get you connected.)  
Join us as we center on Jesus.





Thank you to all those who brought in shower and laundry supplies during the month of January for the Remnant Café. The staff as well as the clients really appreciate all we do for them as a church. It's a local outreach and we are able to see the rewards of what we are doing.

Keep in mind they are always in need of volunteers to help serve lunch, cook, wash dishes and other things if you feel moved to help them out. They always appreciate the extra helping hands.



# Valentine's Day WORD SEARCH

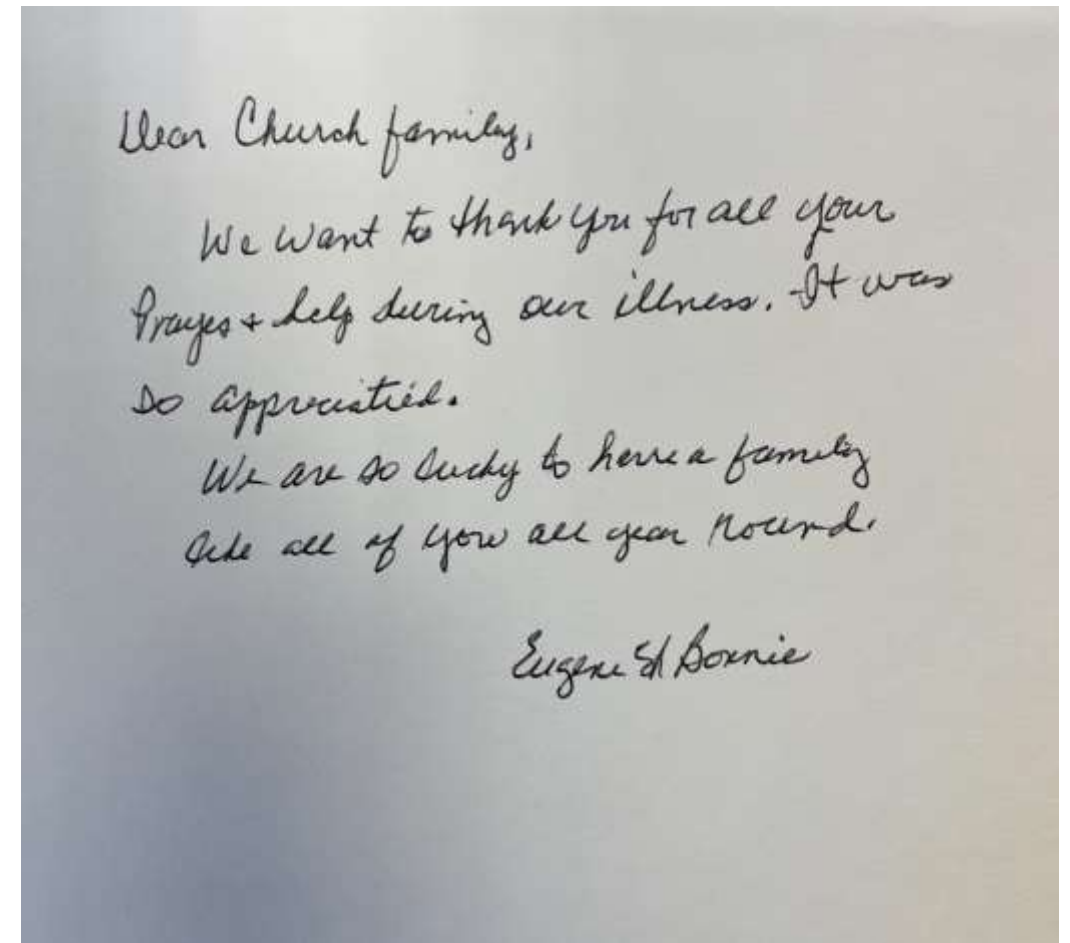
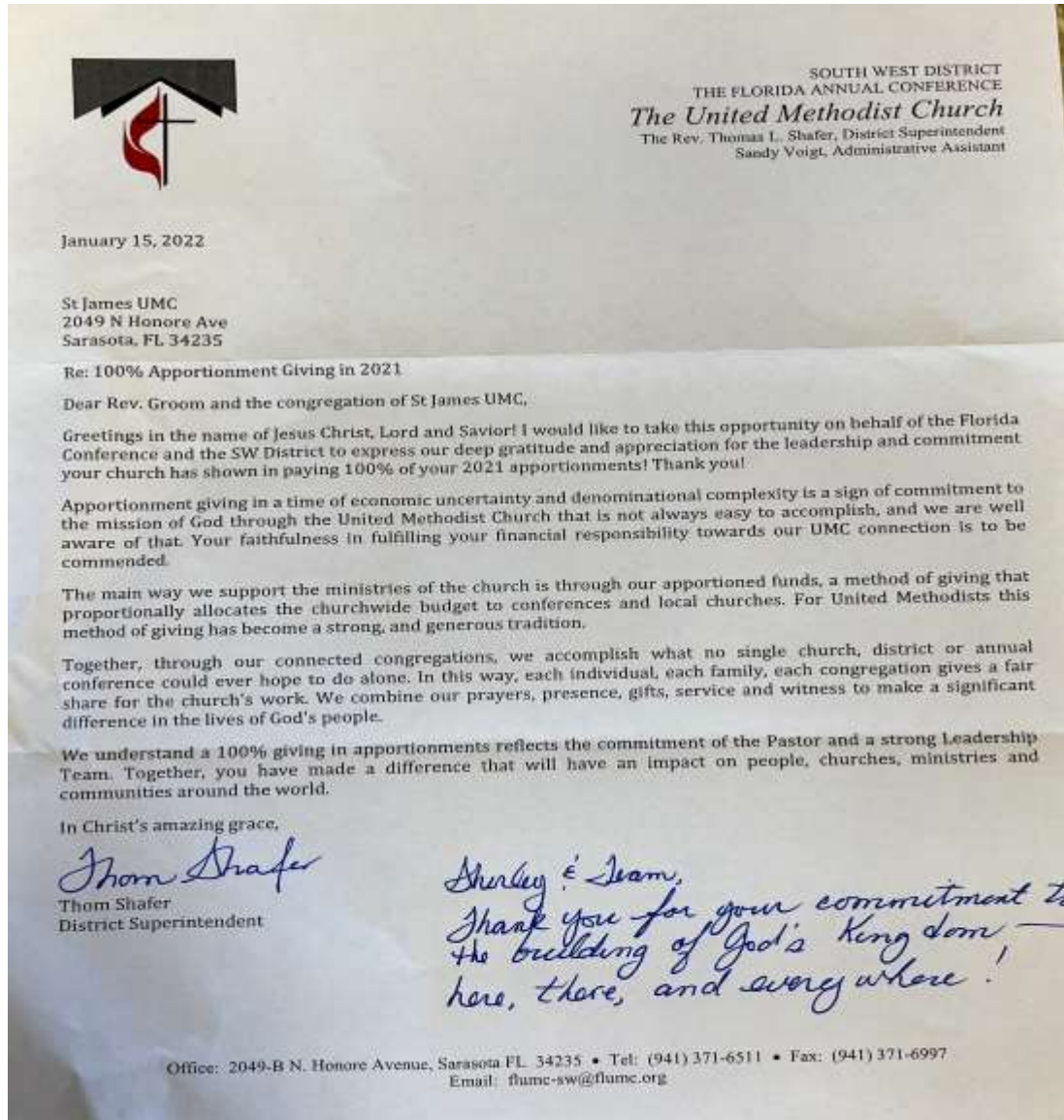
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# A thank you from the District Superintendant's Office



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

This list was given to me and I thought I would share the information as we don't always think of everything that's listed to bring for the food bank!

1. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which the food bank gets a lot of.
2. Everyone donates pasta sauce and pasta, try to think of something different.
3. They cannot eat all the canned soups and veggies unless you stick a can opener in the bag or you buy the pop tops.
4. Oil is a luxury but needed for rice-a-roni which they also get a lot of.
5. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real gift
6. Tea and coffee make them feel like you care.
7. Sugar and flour are treats.
8. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers or grocery stores and even a gift card to the food bank can provide a way to receive fresh produce, refrigerated items, etc.
9. Seeds for fruits and vegetables as some may be able to grow them themselves.
10. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch
11. Cake mix and frosting make it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
12. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and always appreciated.
13. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury for women.
14. Everyone loves stove top stuffing.

This is by no means inclusive of all they need, just a few ideas!



## Volunteer List Reminder

Just a reminder if you are not able to serve on the day you are assigned, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

You may trade with someone else who is on the list for another time during the month or you can contact someone you know serves in that position and trade with them for a future date. You may ask them to just fill in for you the week you won't be able to serve.

### State of the Church Address


February 13, 2022 immediately after worship we will have a **State of the Church Address**. Please plan on staying and we will be updating you on the sale of the current church property, where we are with the new building project and other things.







# February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	<b>2 Ground Hog Day</b> 10:00 Women's DLT 10:30 Chimes at The Haven 12:00 Women's DLT 5:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30 Worship –live/live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	<b>3 Office closed</b> 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 6:30 Meadows Chorus	<b>4 Office closed</b> 7:00 AA	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Peterson Funeral
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<b>27</b> 10:00 Worship Service	<b>28</b> 6:00 GCCC 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA					

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2022

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Prayer Warriors</b>	<b>Audio</b>	<b>Visual</b>	<b>Worship Welcome Team</b>	<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>Communion Servers</b>	<b>Discovery Devotion Leader</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Building Closers</b>	<b>LAWN TEAM</b>
<b>February 6<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Green</b>	Melissa Sandberg	Corporate Prayer		Karen Kehrli	Cecil Mulvaney Katie Michalski	N/A	Rose & Bill Johnson Judy Snodgrass Marcia Mulvaney	<b>2/2</b> Pastor Shirley w/ Communion		Rose & Bill Johnson	<b>2/5</b>
<b>February 13<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Green</b>	Pastor Shirley Rod Groom	Pat Dixon		Cyndi Andrasi	Sennie Lansdowne Jean Flugel	Judy Snodgrass		<b>2/9</b> Pat Dixon		Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney	<b>2/12</b> Dave Strait PS
<b>February 20<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Green</b>	Kathy & Mike Barbour	Dave Strait		Pat Dixon	The Barbours	Fred Fowler		<b>2/16</b> Dave Strait		Rod Groom	<b>2/19</b>
<b>February 27<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Green</b>	Gary Sontchi	Chip Newberger		Karen Kehrli	The Sontchi's & Beatriz Lowry	Judy Snodgrass		<b>2/23</b> Jean Flugel		Jean Flugel Sennie Lansdowne	<b>2/26</b>