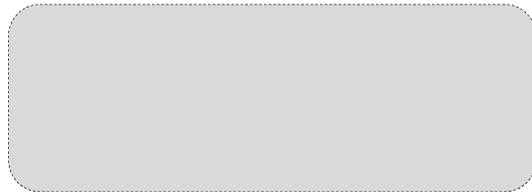


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Looking Way Ahead...

- August 6 St. Paul's UMC will have a booth at Ammon Days
- August 14 Baseball! - TUMC Night at Chucker's Baseball
- August 19 & 20 - UMCOR Parking Lot Sale at St. Paul's
- August 28 Rally Day and Potluck Lunch
- September 4 Last Community Potluck Breakfast for the summer
- September 12-13 & 26-27 – Picture Days for new church directory
- October 29 Luncheon and "Trinity's Got Talent" at 1:00 p.m.



Trinity United Methodist Church

Pastor's Perspective

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I have invited a guest to write in the Pastor's Perspective article this month. He is my awesome husband David Armstrong; but that's not why he got tapped to write! David was one of four voting members of the Western Jurisdictional Conference from our OR-ID Annual Conference. I hope his writing is helpful for understanding the well thought through, Holy Spirit filled decisions that were made to provide for leadership in the Western Jurisdiction and the whole United Methodist Church.

*Blessings,
Ruth*

Ruth asked me to write a bit about what happened at our Jurisdictional Conference this last week. I wanted to provide some insight into the conference and the process, and how our delegation went about this important work.

Firstly, I want to say two things: we had 9 amazing candidates, and a number of them would have made great bishops. And after much deliberation and 17 ballots, we elected the most qualified person. Period. Full stop. End of story.

The number of Bishops in our Jurisdiction is determined in part by the number of church members, not geographical space. We have five Episcopal Areas, several with multiple Annual Conferences. Our Greater Northwest Episco-

pal area includes the Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Annual Conferences, and the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Bishops are elected to a lifetime appointment, but there is a mandatory retirement age for active service. At the point of their retirement, some choose to go back to leading churches, and some choose to remain involved with the church in other ways. This year the wonderful Bishop Warner Brown of the San Francisco Episcopal Area retired, and we held a special celebration of his awesome leadership and service.

In order to run for Bishop, a clergy person must be an elder in good standing and agree to their nomination. Those are the only qualifications, and the Rev. Dr. Karen Oliveto met those requirements. Some candidates are endorsed by their Annual Conferences; the endorsed candidate from our Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference was Donna Pritchard, senior pastor at First UMC in Portland. Some are and were nominated from the floor, and the rules allow for nominations to occur at any point in the election process. All of the Conferences endorsed a candidate, and we had 3 nominations from the floor.

The election process itself is like a never-ending job interview. Candidates meet with individual delegations as well as different caucus groups. There was also ample time for informal "meet and greets" during our time together. As grueling as it was for our delegation, it was even more so for the candidates! Many of them had

brought "support teams" of friends and family, who cared for them in spiritual and more practical ways (making sure they ate, helping them stay on schedule, etc).

We voted with handheld voting machines which helped to ensure the confidentiality of the vote, and also allowed for much quicker tallies than when we voted on paper. We were led in prayer before each vote by one of the Bishops. After the votes were tallied, the results were shown on screen, along with the number of votes cast and the number needed for election. With 100 delegates, the math was pretty easy most of the time. We kept voting until we reached a 2/3 majority, which happened on the 17th ballot.

Candidates are free to withdraw at any point in time during the process, most often because they recognize they lack the necessary support. Each candidate apart from Bishop Oliveto withdrew from the election. In turn, the conference thanked each withdrawing candidate with a standing ovation and lifted them in prayer. Each candidate that withdrew was graceful, kind, and truly thankful for the experience; they were called to run by the Holy Spirit, and called to withdraw by the Holy Spirit. The withdrawal speeches were amazing, and those who have been around much longer than I said they've never seen the like; you can check them out here on the WJC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wjumc>. Though in the end she was the lone candidate, it is important to note that Bishop Karen was in the number one position on all 17 bal-

lots. She won her election truly fair and square.

Where Bishops are placed to serve is determined by the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee, comprised of two representatives of each Annual Conference. They take into consideration the unique characteristics of each Episcopal Area, individual Bishop preferences, and the gifts of each bishop including any newly elected; a new Bishop does not serve the area they were elected from unless approved by a 2/3 vote of the Episcopal Committee and the Jurisdictional Conference. The Episcopacy Committee can't begin this work until after the election, so they were up until 2:30am Saturday morning determining the assignments!

The bishops found out their assignments late Saturday morning at the same time as the rest of us. We are sad to lose Bishop Grant ([click here to read his thoughts](http://greater-nw.org/a-pastoral-letter-to-the-greater-northwest-area-from-bishop-grant-hagiya-2/)) (<http://greater-nw.org/a-pastoral-letter-to-the-greater-northwest-area-from-bishop-grant-hagiya-2/>), even though we know this move will bring him closer to his home and family. We are so excited to welcome Bishop Elaine Stanovsky and her husband as this move brings them closer to family too!

I don't think that people voted to make history; I certainly didn't. I voted for Donna Pritchard until she dropped out, because I wanted to see her in the final three; the WJC had other ideas. Some of the candidates who didn't quite make it this time you'll see again in 2020, where we'll likely be electing three candidates.

For them the answer wasn't No, it was only Not Yet.

Even so, the conference also could have potentially made history by electing the first Tongan bishop or the first active missionary to be elected bishop. Our delegation set forth to elect the very best candidate, regardless of who they are partnered to. I feel that we accomplished this, guided by a lot of discernment and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Karen is passionate, deeply spiritual, and has fantastic leadership experience. She will do great work in the Mountain Sky Episcopal Area and I hope that she will be warmly welcomed.

So what happens next? It's hard to say exactly as there is no precedent for Bishop Karen's election. But, she is now a bishop, and according to our Book of Discipline she has been since her consecration. Though there may be complaints filed, Bishop Oliveto will not be the first bishop to serve while undergoing a complaint resolution process. I also know that this is going to take some time, and there is still much work to be done, particularly with regards to the Special Bishop's Commission to address LGBTQIA+ inclusion that is yet to be formed. Bishop Karen and her wife Robin will need our continued support and prayers.

In His Camp, David

P.S. Much thanks to Megan Kilpatrick from the PNW conference for sharing some information presented in this article!

Scouting News

Venture Crew 6



Filling in all the final details for Alaska. Plans so far include Boise to Fairbanks flight (arriving 1am on the 10th - ugh), reindeer ranch, shopping for food, and off to Denali National Park for 3 days (takes that long to get into the far end of the park).

Getting to Wonder Campground involves jumping

on the Camper Bus, and touring through the park for a few hours (like 5-6 hours!)



Once we see Denali, we head for Anchorage to see the sites and down to Wheeler(?) to kayak with the whales (hopefully from a distance). Then it's back to Idaho...The Venture crew is looking for some adult leaders.. Nancy and Robin are going to step back and while they will not disappear, they would like to travel more and a weekly commitment like scouts makes that a hardship. If there are any thoughts on how to keep the crew active at Trinity - let us know.

By: Robin Stewart

Girl Scout Troop 60 / 62



Girl Scouts.

Troop 60/62 - is still recovering from their trip to Savannah.

Boy Scout Troop 6



Prepping for Summer camp at camp Morrison. The monthly camp out was to Big Southern Butte - a windy but fun camp out. The scouts completed youth protection training - training in how to recognize a problem with predators and bullying is an important part of becoming a scout.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rob Brochu	8/7	Pat Koelsch	8/24
Sharon Eld	8/7	Florence Avery	8/25
Carolyn Taylor	8/8	Nancy Lybeck	8/28
Jakob Bryan	8/11	Jackie Schnuckel	8/28
Ed and Jane Simmons	8/16	For additions or corrections in	birthdays please contact Pam
Edward Brown	8/20	in the church office.	
Kevin Fuhrman	8/20		
Olivia Lower	8/6	Jacob Robinson	8/23

Scholarship Awards—

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce the following scholarship awards for the 2016-2017 academic year:

Hazel Skelton Scholarship to Mary Stewart, pursuing Pharmacy at the University of Montana.

Chesbro Music Scholarship to Jared Sene, pursuing Music Education at Northwest Nazarene University.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients. Diane Croson, Endowment Chair



Let's Do a Directory! -

It has been too long since the last directory, and soooo much has changed. We have a new pastor, children have grown up, and a few of us have changed our hair color and style. Some have moved, updated their phones, or had babies. We want to know it all.

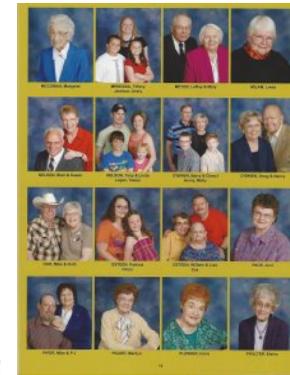
Photography has been scheduled for September 12, 13, 26 and 27, from 1 to 9 pm. A make-up session will be held in October, and people who cannot come to any of the sessions

may submit their own photo (ask about the rules, though).

Sign-ups for photos will take place before and after church in August and September, and of course, by phone or email.

Volunteers are needed before and after church for sign-ups, and as greeters on photo days. There will be an instruction session on Monday, August 1st at 6:30pm, and food will be provided.

Aha! More fun and fellowship! Thanks, Pam Traugher 522-7921 office@tumcif.org



F.I.S.H. - School Supplies for Students - RCCM

It's School Supply Sale Season! Every year the community comes together through F.I.S.H. to provide school supplies for students whose parents cannot afford them. Last school year F.I.S.H. assisted 829 students in Districts 91 and 93 and now we're gearing up for another year. You can help in several ways:

- Making a monetary donation or purchasing school supplies which may be left at the Regional Council Office in Trinity's basement.



- If your group would like to collect at your location, call Bev Kemp at 569-6149 for pick up.
- Helping custom pack the backpacks on mornings during the school week from mid August to mid September. Call Liz Herrmann at 522-0493 to volunteer.
- Delivering the backpacks to the school late mornings during the school week when the packers are finished. Again, call Liz if you're interested.

Annual UMCOR Missions Parking Lot Sale By: Betty Anderson

RECYCLE - SIMPLIFY - SERVE

The annual sale will be held at St Paul's UMC. Hours are Friday August 19th 8 - 3, and Saturday August 20th 8 - noon, with the bag sale noon to 1pm.

Can you help?

- ➔ Donate items. Your boxes and bags may be dropped off at St. Paul's Monday through Thursday, 9 - 1. If you leave them at Trinity, put them downstairs on the stage behind the first cur-



tain and they will be transported to their destination. If necessary, pickups can be arranged.

➔ Sort, move boxes, set up and take down are activities that must happen. Many hands make light work!

➔ Questions? Please call the office at:

Trinity UMC Office - 522-7921,
St. Paul's Office - 522-9076
Betty Anderson - 523-8272 or 521-3039
Jill Ecklesdafer at 523-7719.

United Methodist Women

By: Marilyn Taylor

Thursday, August 11 at 1:00 p.m. will be the annual ice cream social at the unit meeting.

Lin Sharp will present a program on the Amish; she and her husband lived in Pennsylvania for several years and became acquainted with them first hand. Everyone is invited to attend this unit meeting, enjoy ice cream and hear an interesting and informative program.



Six members of the unit attended Mission u in Boise on the Nazareth Center campus where they learned about "The Bible and Human Sexuality", "Claiming God's Good Gift, Climate Justice" and "Latin America: People and Faith" along with meaningful devotions, fellowship and fun.



ARE YOU READY FOR RALLY DAY?

It's been a long summer replete with camping, fishing, vacations, and the myriad of activities we Idahoans pursue in warm weather. As we return to our real world and begin a new school year it's time for us to reassemble as the Body of Christ and to regroup to face our challenges, remembering all the time that this is not a sprint.

Our target date for this reunion is Rally Day, August 28, 2016. We'll meet for our worship service at 10:00 AM and follow that with a potluck lunch on the grounds. We'll keep the kids busy and hopefully keep them happy all morning. From 9:00 AM until Noon every-

one will have a chance to explore our upcoming activities and calendar. Of course, we'll have Sunday School and Youth Group registration but we'll also present ideas for worship participation, adult classes, mission activities, and local service projects.

Everyone should be prepared to participate. Attend the service. Commit to being an active member. Volunteer to serve in some capacity; to teach, to learn, to share your talents. Consider it an opportunity to seek Christ.

Please bring yourself and some food to share. All of us will enjoy your company!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 Directory Organizational meeting 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	2 7:00 PEO 7:00 Giving Caretaking Training	3 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Marnie Circle 7:30 Boy Scouts/Venture Crew	4 9:30 UMW Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Trustees Committee	5 Church Office Closed 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	6 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
7 9:00 Photography Signup 9:15 Potluck Breakfast 10:00 Blended Worship 11:00 Photography Signup	8 10:00 F.I.S.H. 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	9 1:00 Prayer Group 6:30 Finance Committee	10 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Marnie Circle 7:30 Boy Scouts	11 1:00 UMW Unit Meeting Ice Cream Social 7:00 Cub Popcorn Kickoff Meeting Venture Crew Alaska Trip	12 Church Office Closed 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	13 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
14 9:00 Photography Signup 9:15 Potluck Breakfast 10:00 Blended Worship 11:00 Photography Signup 4:00 Chucker's Baseball	15 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous Venture Crew Alaska Trip	16	17 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Marnie Circle 7:30 Boy Scouts/Venture Crew	18	19 Church Office Closed Rummage Sale at St Paul's 8 am to 3 pm  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	20 Rummage Sale at St Paul's 8 am to 1pm 
21 9:00 Photography Signup 9:15 Potluck Breakfast 10:00 Blended Worship 11:00 Photography Signup	22 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	23 1:00 Prayer Group 7:30 Church Administrative Council	24 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 6:00 Susannah Picnic 7:30 Boy Scouts/Venture	25 1:00 Ethel Clark Circle 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Cub Parent/Comm. Meeting	26 Church Office Closed 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	27 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
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AUGUST

Please have your articles for the September newsletter submitted to : office@tumcif.org no later than Friday August 15th, so we can get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Thank you!
Don Rohde – Editor
donrohde@aol.com

Chukars Baseball is Back!

Sunday, August 14 at 4 pm is Trinity Night at the Idaho Falls Chukars baseball game. We be having: Grilled Hamburgers, Hot-Dogs, Classic Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, Maple and Brown Sugar Baked Beans, Assorted Frito Lay Potato Chips, Pepsi



Products and Bottled Water all catered by the ball park for \$20 per person. If you are interested in attending the Chukars game please call Pam at the church office (522-7923) to add your name to the list. We will need the \$20 by August 7th so please get the money to Pam ASAP.

By : Gene Summers

From the Illini4000:

We cannot thank you enough for your hospitality! Your generosity is unparalleled. We felt so welcome from the moment we walked in (sorry again for being so late)! The food was delicious, the itinerary and suggestions were wonderful! And your company was very appreciated.



Sincerely, Illini4000 (bicycle team)

Thanks: - Greatly appreciated are the donations of time, effort, and food from Scott Taylor, Trudy and Vince Esparza, Angela Austin, Jennifer Robinson, Katrina Bottcher, Joy and Jerry Christian, Tommy Lew, Don Rohde, Joan Fuhrman, and everyone who provided for the potluck breakfast. You all made the cyclists' stay a great success. — Pam

Please Recycle Aluminum may be placed in the large container on the lower level leading to Mary Dawson Hall. The proceeds go to Nicaraguan Rural Development Agency (NIRDA). Paper may be put in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks! - Pam



Community Potluck Breakfasts – Bring it on! The variety of dishes for this fabulous meal has been amazing. Nourishment, good fellowship, and a positive note on which to begin your week are available in the Parlor, at 9:15am Sunday. - Pam Traugher



Trinity in Local Mission

By: Marilyn Taylor

MISSIONS TASK FORCE

Watch for the specials on diapers, wipes and pull-ups to keep babies and younger children clean and dry. There is a marked laundry basket at the

church to put the purchased items



in. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted in case you don't want to go shopping. Mothers and babies will thank you.

BELLS

The hand bells are in Pennsylvania being refurbished. Because of the age



of some of the bells, there will need to be some replacements as well as new handles, so the expense is more than anticipated. Any monetary donations toward this project would be gratefully accepted.

TOOLS OF HOPE

Once again, because of the generosity of many, there will be people somewhere in the world that will receive tools, instruction and other assistance to overcome a disaster that many have experienced. The total that was sent from Trinity was \$410. Thank you very much.



A thought from Kay Kiefner:

"And where does the power come from, to see the race to its end? From within. Jesus said, "Behold the Kingdom of God is within you. If with all your hearts, you truly seek me, you shall ever surely find me." If you commit yourself to the love of Christ, then that is how you run a straight race. – Eric Liddell in Chariots of Fire screenplay written by Colin Welland (Luke 17:21 and Jeremiah 29:13)

Preschool Update

Castle Bridge preschool for 3-4 year olds will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Sept. 2016 – May 2017.

If interested please call:

Betty Anderson (208-523-8272),
Erin Nazario (206-794-4350, or
Patti Hammon (208-200-8556).



Church Finances
Profit & Loss for January 1 to June 30, 2016

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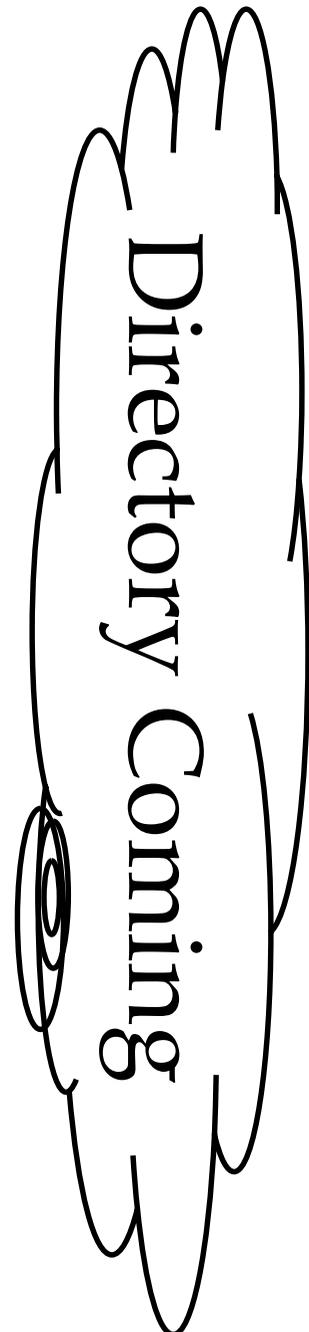
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Pledges & Regular Giving	93,585.28
Loose Plate Giving	1,384.24
Sunday School Contributions	89.80
Interest Earned	2.55
Room Use - Facility Rent	70.00
Schaumleffel Foundation	5,416.70
Other Income	165.00
Total Income	<u>100,713.57</u>
Expense	
Bank Charges	
Paypal Fees	90.27
Bank Charges - Other	20.40
Total Bank Charges	<u>110.67</u>
WORSHIP	
Worship Supplies	111.40
Bell Choir Director	240.00
Organist	2,985.08
Pastor	
Pastor Salary	25,794.80
Utility Allowance	2,750.04
Medical Insurance	6,250.00
Pastor Pension	3,353.45
Pastor - Other	590.00
Total Pastor	<u>38,738.29</u>
Total WORSHIP	<u>42,074.77</u>

Thank you! I wanted to start with the most important part first. Thank you to those in all areas of church leadership who have worked so hard to hold the line on expenses. The Finance Committee and I have also worked hard to find creative ways to ask, plead, cajole you, into giving more money. Thank you, worshipping community of Trinity United Methodist Church, for responding to our pleas! As of June 30, we have paid 45% of our Apportionments, the amount of our fair share of the OR-ID Annual Conference budget. Summer is often a low giving time because so many folks travel. Please consider if you would like to make arrangements for electronic giving. Thank you for your faithfulness to supporting the work of the church. Yay! and Go Team Go!
Reverend Ruth Marsh

Profit & Loss for January 1 to June 30, 2016 *Continued*

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PROGRAM & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES	
Christian Education Committee	58.47
Devotional Materials	137.60
Sunday School Supplies	314.70
Coffee Hour Supplies	<u>285.53</u>
Total PROGRAM & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES	796.30
BUILDING & PROPERTY	
Custodial Supplies	452.77
Church Maintenance & Repair	5,030.25
Utilities	2,043.79
Natural Gas	4,391.62
Property Insurance & Workmen's	<u>6,596.84</u>
Total BUILDING & PROPERTY	18,515.27
ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS	
Employer Payroll Taxes	3,370.19
Interest Expense	82.20
Office Supplies	138.44
Postage	461.36
Printing	728.11
Telephone and Internet	951.33
Accounting	1,110.00
Publicity & Advertising	125.00
Conference Apportionments	14,729.67
Staff Payroll	<u>17,520.26</u>
Total ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS	<u>39,216.56</u>
Total Expense	<u>100,602.90</u>
Net Ordinary Income	0.00



Profit & Loss for January 1 to June 30, 2016 *Continued*

Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Designated Giving-Internal	6,306.00
Designated Giving - Pass Thru	3,290.00
Total Other Income	<u>9,596.00</u>
Other Expense	
Pass Through Expense - Internal	6,246.00
Pass Through Expense - External	3,350.00
Total Other Expense	<u>9,596.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u>0.00</u>

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Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2016

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Total Accounts Payable	854.46
Total Credit Cards	14.00

Other Current Liabilities

Total Payroll Liabilities	<u>1,535.74</u>
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Total Other Current Liabilities

<u>1,535.74</u>

Total Current Liabilities

<u>2,404.70</u>

Total Liabilities

2,404.70

In September

Equity

Designated Funds

Bell Choir	7,579.48
Bereavement Committee	293.73
Camp Scholarships	1,350.00
Capital Reserves	
Bell Refurbishment	20.00
Restoration Fund	5,830.00
Roof Repair Fund	4,600.00
Capital Reserves - Other	<u>25,907.01</u>

Total Capital Reserves	36,357.01
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Chancel Choir	894.10
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Christian Education	23.66
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Christmas Fund	14.47
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Compassionate Care Fund	1,478.77
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Dinner Group Donations	496.28
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Father's Day - Tools for Hope	230.00
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Floral Tributes	248.00
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Jack Wallace Estate Gift	59,967.00
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Total Memorials	11,030.84
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Mission Trip Senior High	327.26
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Other Designated Funds	50.00
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Pastor's Moving Fund	208.30
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Stephen Ministry	718.79
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UMCOR	150.00
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Video System	3,505.98
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VIM - Honduras	3,287.00
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Total Youth Ministries	1,277.87
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Designated Funds - Other	<u>312.00</u>
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Total Designated Funds	129,800.54
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Endowment Fund Equity	169,509.63
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Retained Earnings	383.07
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Schaumleffel Foundation Annual	8,166.66
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Net Income	0.00
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Total Equity	<u>307,859.90</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>310,264.10</u>
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Pam Has More Info