

The Carillon

The Lent Edition 2022



Dear Church,

Welcome to the season of Lent! Lent is a time for rest and reflection on our pilgrimages through our faith life. It is 40 days for us to be intentional as we journey toward the cross and Easter morning. How are you these 40 days going to be intentional in your faith journey? What is a small way you can set aside a few minutes for reflection and listening for how God is calling you? I know many of you might traditionally give something up, but I want to encourage you all to take on one healthy habit (just even 5 minutes) of being intentional and reflecting on your faith journey.

This Lent I am offering a few different ways for each of us to be intentional in our faith these forty days. We will be having a Wednesday Lent Bible Study at 11:30AM in-person and via zoom focusing on the theme of “embracing the uncertain.” This is a study that came highly recommended by many churches and pastors in times such as ours. This study will be a nice way for all of us to gather remotely or in-person together simultaneously and reflect on our faith journey in 2022 and our hopes for the future.

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*Welcoming all to a
faith community of
service and love.*

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If you are really swamped with work and it is too hard to get to a Bible study right now - on Mondays and Tuesdays a new Morning Lent Reflection will be posted on our Facebook page. These will be up to be accessed any time and throughout the week. With how I wrote and developed them you can even listen to it multiple times and it is just with one image so you can listen to it even driving to work or on a walk. The basic structure of these reflection times is to allow questions, prayer, have scripture read, and to make space for you to personally think and reflect. The format follows the lectio divina model and they last from 5-8 minutes long. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). We are being called in these forty days to be intentional and even just find 5 minutes for each of us daily to rest and reflect with God.

Carve out some time for you to reflect during this season of Lent. Be intentional. We have many other wonderful things coming up during Lent and following so read through the entire Carillon, so you get an idea of how to participate.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle



Note from Council

Dear Church,

Council met on February 27th and discussed and made decisions regarding the state masking mandate plans. When we met the state mandate lifting date was March 21st, therefore since council cannot meet until April 3rd we will be following and implementing the plan that we discussed and voted on February 27th.

1. We will continue through March 21st to require masking in all areas of the building.
2. Starting on March 22nd, masks will continue to be required in the main floor of the sanctuary through April 17th. This decision was made due to the lack of air circulation in the sanctuary, having regular attenders who are autoimmune compromised, and the Lent/Easter season having higher attendance. The balcony will be available for people to sit in who would like to not mask.
2. Starting on March 22nd events such as fellowship and coffee hour will resume in the fellowship hall. All these events will require the air circulation fans to be turned on so that people do not have to mask.
3. There will be a survey about masking going out to the entire congregation and given in March to people at worship to ask for feedback. This survey will be reviewed by council at their next meeting on April 3rd and the results and decisions for after April 17th will be made and shared with the congregation.

Please contact a council member if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Church Council



Lent Bible Study: Embracing the Uncertain

Wednesdays, 11:30am at Saron (starts Ash Wednesday March 2-April 13)

Learn to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties this Lenten season.

Just turning on the news lets us know we are living in uncertain times. Economic instabilities, eruptions of violence, and natural catastrophes can alter the lives and landscapes of entire communities. Our individual lives are often just as unsteady: relationships can break, plans can falter, and confidence can fail. Uncertainty can be uncomfortable. Many of us prefer stability and a predictable future to an unknown fate. We are wired to want to control our destiny. The reality is that in our fast-changing, unpredictable world there are few guarantees in life. It's those who are willing to embrace uncertainty and make the risky decision to follow Jesus despite the many "unknowns" who will reap the greatest rewards.

This Lent study was written before the pandemic; therefore, it is not just focused on the pandemic but a holistic view of uncertainty and embracing it in all aspects of our faith and life. So, join us in a 7-week study of stories in the Gospels that call us and point us toward the cross and following Jesus with hope and courage. We will have our Bible Study at Saron starting at 11:30AM (after coffee hour) on Wednesdays. Join us via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6147923817> . We hope to see you there!

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Saron Sanctuary on March 2, 2022, at 3:30pm

Join us for our Ash Wednesday Worship service where we will have the imposition of ashes and blessings. Come and join us in worship and the beginning of the season of Lent. The worship service will also be live streamed on Facebook.

Kids' Corner

4pm on Thursdays on Facebook

Join us with Kids' Corner as we read through our nifty Bibles and learn some cool stories. There are questions at the end that the kids answer in their notebooks to turn in at the end of the year for some prizes.

Morning Lent Reflection

7am on Facebook on Mondays and Tuesdays (March 7-April 12)

Pastor Michelle will be offering a brief centering prayer and reflection time twice a week on Facebook. Come join her for a few minutes to center your day and reflect during this 40-day journey of Lent to Easter. She will be following the Lectio Divina centering process to allow space for personal interior reflection. This is designed so you can watch/listen to the reflections and scripture multiple times, because each time something different might bubble up for you.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday April 10

Maundy Thursday Worship April 14 - time TBD

Good Friday April 15 - time TBD

Easter April 17



What is Lectio Divina?-- From Pastor Michelle

If you have, in pre-COVID times, ever attended a Grief Group I have led or one of the Bible Studies you might have learned about Lectio Divina as a spiritual practice from me. This is a practice that I personally remember learning back in the 90s as a child in our Wednesday night church group. I stumbled back to it in my 20s in college and then later seminary through online practice and participating in it at retreats, camps and more. I especially find it a great ritual and practice to be more intentional during the Lent season in our faith journeys.

Lectio Divina is an ancient Western Christian tradition that started in monasteries. It was practiced and still is by many monastic orders. It is about creating space and time for reading of scripture, meditation, prayer and reflection.

The process is very simple and easy to get a handle of after you practice a few times. I invite you to participate with me on Mondays and Tuesdays during Lent on Facebook with our "Morning Lent Reflections" to learn and participate in this spiritual practice. If you would like to do it on your own here are the steps.

Pick a passage from scripture, it could be from the lectionary or whatever you feel called too. I think that 6-8 verses is best. You can use the same passage every time you practice or pick a new one every day

Preparation (Silencio). Take a moment to come fully into the present moment.

Read (Lectio): Read the passage. And note any words or phrases that stand out or speak to you.

Read the passage again.

Respond (Oratio): Ask questions like: What is my response to God based on what I have read and encountered? What is it with this word for me? What is the Holy Spirit calling me to hear in this. Listen for your own deepest and truest response.

Rest (Contemplatio): Rest in the Word of God. In the final reading you are invited to release and return to a place of rest in God.

Resolve (Incarnatio): Incarnate (live out) the Word of God. As you emerge from this place and reflection time ask yourself and be resolved to live out this Word of God in your daily life and activity.

End with prayer.

Some wisdom about prayer from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from his book *Life Together*, "The Word of Scripture should never stop sounding in your ears and working in you all day long, just like the words of someone you love. And just as you do not analyze the words of someone you love, but accept them as they are said to you, accept the Word of Scripture and ponder it in your heart, as Mary did. That is all... Do not ask 'How shall I pass this on?' but 'What does it say to me?' Then ponder this word long in your heart until it has gone right into you and taken possession of you."



Community Garden

Plans have begun! Our small garden crew has started their own “starts” this year. We will be working at The Rose Center on Tuesdays through the summer in the garden and appreciate any and all help. A fence will be put in soon to help with the deer and dog issues. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this ministry, please label it “Community Garden”.

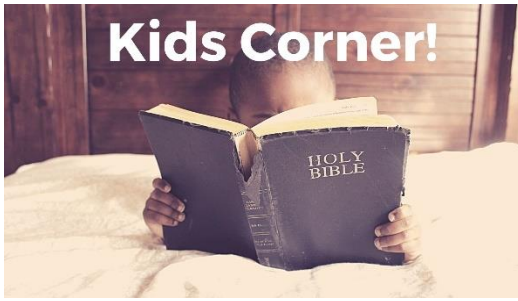
Socks & Hygiene Goods Drive

Chaplains on the Harbor has opened their cold weather shelter in Westport, and we are collecting items for this mission. Specific needs are new socks & gloves, hygiene items, and hand & toe warmers. Hygiene items include soap, shampoo, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sunscreen/sunblock, lip balm, & masks We also collect pet food (we split up bags into baggies, feel free to donate a large bag). Protein bars, granola bars, instant coffee and hot chocolate are always welcome. Please bring any donations to the office during office hours. We will be looking for other donation spots, so if you can't make it into the office, please call us. Thank you for your generous hearts!



3rd & K Food Giveaway

On *Thursday, February 24th*, we had another food box giveaway that was put together by the Grays Harbor Food Security Network. 100 boxes of food were donated by Cascadia Foods and Meadowsweet Farms that was handed out from the yard of The Rose Center. We are proud to be a part of eradicating hunger. Let Teri know if you want to help.



Kids Corner!

Kids' Corner

Join us on *Thursdays at 4pm* on the church Facebook Page for Kids' Corner time.



Martha Circle

Next meetings are March 3rd, and April 7th, 2022, at 1pm in Anderson Hall at Saron.



Quilters

Meeting *March 24th*, from 9:00am until 12:00pm.

Any questions, please call JoAnn Ray @ 360-532-6746.



Coffee Hour

You are invited to join us for our weekly Coffee Fellowship gathering each *Wednesday at 10am* on Zoom and back in person on March 23rd in the Fireside Room (moved into Anderson Hall if numbers are large). The tables and chairs have been spaced properly and the fans must be kept on for air circulation.

Union Gospel Mission Dinner

March 21st – Team 1

April 18th – Team 2

If you are interested in joining the team(s), please contact the office.



L³+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The next meeting is *Thursday, March 17th* (St Patrick's Day) at 1:00pm at Saron in the Fireside Room.

Our current read is *People of the Book* by *Geraldine Brooks*. Bring books to trade and a snack if you would like. Hope to see you there!



Get A Life (Al-Anon Family Group)

holds hybrid meetings at The Rose Center twice a week. Their meetings are open to everyone.

Mondays at 6pm-7pm

Wednesdays at 7pm-8pm

Get A Life Al-Anon Family Group

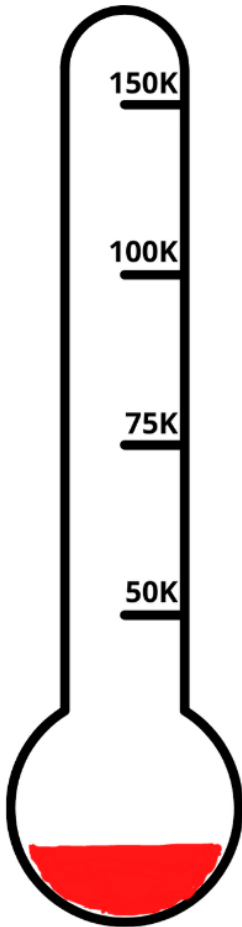
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The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

Al-Anon is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization, or institution; does not engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. There are no dues for membership. Al-Anon is self-supporting through its own voluntary contributions.

Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic.

SAVE SARON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Dear Church,
Help Saron Lutheran-First Presbyterian Church preserve our nearly century-old building by recladding the steeple and repairing a connecting wall. We are raising \$150,000 to protect and save this historic church in the heart of Hoquiam!

Water is intruding down the steeple and through the eastern wall all the way to our foundation. We must replace the aggregate that coats our exterior with metal siding to protect the church from further damage, rebuild the eastern wall, and protect our historic stained glass windows. Re-siding the steeple will allow us to restore the look of the historic shutters, which are now covered by aggregate.

Thanks to the extraordinary support of the Easton family, all donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000. Saron-1st is an active church in our community supporting our neighbors in many ways. For more details see the brochure attached to this email and share it with your family and friends.
Thank you for your support!

Peace and Blessings,
The Saron-1st Capital Campaign Team

How to Donate:

Send checks to: Saron Lutheran First Presbyterian Church,
P.O. Box 517, Hoquiam WA 98550
Donate online visit sarongraysharbor.org and click the donate button.
For more questions contact us via phone or email.
Phone: (360) 532-4611 Email: sarongraysharbor@gmail.com

Save Saron

Help Saron Lutheran First Presbyterian preserve our nearly century-old building by recladding the steeple and repairing a connecting wall.



www.sarongraysharbor.org

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YOUR DOLLARS WILL BE MATCHED

Thanks to the extraordinary support of the Easton family, all donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000. Four generations of the Eastons' family were members — Brünstrom, Englund and Easton — and Joyce Easton saw the steeple from her back yard. Joyce and husband Rich were married in the First Presbyterian Church, and their children were baptized in Saron Lutheran. "The joint congregational effort to Save Saron is especially meaningful," she says.



www.sarongraysharbor.org

Saron Historic Facts

Saron Lutheran was officially organized in 1908. Services were held in various buildings before the present church was completed in 1929. Services were conducted in Swedish until English services were introduced in 1922, hence its original name of Saron Swedish Lutheran Church.

In December of 2018, Saron Lutheran and First Presbyterian voted to merge congregations. As a single congregation the church has expanded ministries and community support.

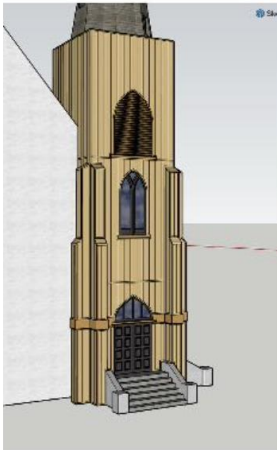
What We Do

Saron First hosts a number of community outreaches and ministries. Among them:

- Community Garden. All produce grown here is donated to the Hoquiam Food Bank
- Martha Circle
- Union Gospel Mission monthly dinner
- Christmas for Kids donations
- Relay For Life team
- Al-Anon and Cancer Support groups.
- Vacation Bible School
- Monthly community meal
- Theology On Tap

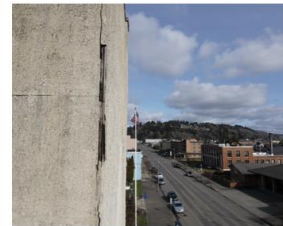
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Re-siding the steeple will allow us to restore the look of the historic shutters, which are now covered by aggregate.



The current situation

Water is intruding down the steeple and through the eastern wall all the way to our wooden foundation, causing damage. We must replace the aggregate that coats our exterior with metal siding to protect the church from damage. We tried to maintain the existing surface, but could not find anyone who does that work. The wooden structure under the wall must be repaired to stave off future problems for the entire church building.



Upcoming Events

Help us by participating in our fundraising events! In the works are:

- Bake Sale
- Historic talk
- Rummage Sale
- Midsummer celebration

Follow us on Facebook for dates and times!



Saron First Community Garden

Supporting Saron-1st

Donate directly via PayPal

Visit our website sarongraysharbor.org and click the donate button or follow the link below.

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=HJLL4ZTG68TD6



Goods for Sale

Gospel Garden Herbs, Joyce's Jams & Jellies and Rick's Relish are available to purchase to benefit Save Saron.

Pre-order Bake Sale

Starting March 15th, we will be taking orders for home baked goods that are generously being donated by some church members. We will have a "menu" available with ordering limits in place. We will ask you to pay for the items when ordering and ordering will close on March 31st to give our bakers time to bake. Baked goods will be available for pick up on Good Friday, April 15th at times TBD.

SERRV International

Thank you for supporting Saron-1st this spring by shopping fair trade at SERRV International! Shop from <https://www.serrv.org/?a=saronfirst> and we'll earn 20% for our nonprofit. We think you'll love this great deal and the beautiful products SERRV has to offer.

All proceeds benefit Save Saron fund.



*Personal orders of in-stock items only. Applies to items in the online Easter category, excluding Chocolate and Gift Baskets. Custom web link and Promo Code must be used at the time of the order, neither can be applied after the order is submitted.



*Personal orders of in-stock items only. The \$50 minimum excludes Chocolate, Final Sale, Gift Cards, and Donations. Custom web link and Promo Code must be used at the time of the order, neither can be applied after the order is submitted. \$50 minimum is per address, and offer excludes addresses in Canada.

Amazon Smile

We are set up with the Amazon Smile program! If you are going to shop on Amazon, sign in to [here](#) to allow a percentage to go towards your favorite charity - Saron-1st!

Supporting Saron-1st

Martha Circle Rummage Sale

Saturday, March 12th, 2022, 8:00am-2:00pm

Your generosity in donating to Martha Circle's rummage sale in the past, has been appreciated. The money that is gained from this annual sale will be used to support the Save Saron Capital Campaign.

The date for this year's Rummage Sale is Saturday, March 12th. This is a perfect opportunity to clean out garages, closets and attics to donate no-longer needed items. The following items will be accepted in clean, good working order:

Household: Linens, sheets, towels, rugs, decorator items, pictures, lamps, kitchen items, glassware, dishes, cookware, plastics, and small electrical appliances, etc.

Furniture: small items in good repair.

Garden & Workshop: garden tools, hand tools, pots, baskets.

Miscellaneous: C.D.'s, movies, games, toys, jewelry, purses, shoes, holiday items and decor.

We cannot accept LARGE appliances, TV's, computers, or exercise equipment.

We also CANNOT accept clothing.

Items may be left in the church in early March. If you have items that you are unable to deliver, please call the church office 360-532-4611 or Linda Borth 360-533-4582.

Thank you for your support and generosity.



John Rhodes' Book

Our very own John Rhodes, Author, has graciously set out some of his books for sale in Anderson Hall and has pledged 15% of the sales made here at Saron will go towards the Save Saron fund. Contact the office if you are interested.

Thrivent

Thrivent, a Lutheran-founded, not-for-profit financial services organization, has programs in place to assist with special congregation projects or help you designate funds. If you have a Thrivent account and you'd like to consider gifting to your church through their programs, contact your Thrivent representative or the Office.

PRAYER PAGE

Interfaith Prayer for Ukraine

-- Signed by 12 denominations including ELCA and PCUSA

Oh Divine, most mighty, most merciful, our sacred stories tell us that you help and save your people. You are the fortress: may there be no more war. You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger. You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair. Oh Divine, most majestic, most motherly, grant us your life. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers...

*The family and friends of Leif Tangvald,
Leona Bishop, Barbara Roberts, Barbara Easton, Melissa Murray,
Mary Morris, Pastor Linda Milks, Hank Bilderback, Josh,
Pastor Pam Hunter and family, Stephanie Anderson, Kayla and her family,
Marianne Larson, Kiyari, Lisa Chappell, Chari Allen, Rose Hirschler, Carol,
Kenny, Jamey, Ona Karnath, Jennifer Shelly, Ronnie Hicks, Brad,
Young Lee, Jane Bacon, Val Rhodes, Marge Dahlstrom,
Pastor Alan Carlson, Breanna & Trey, Taylor Julian, Nathan,
Floyd Hazelquist and his family, Vada Kohn, Cynthia Leedum,
Stan and Bonnie, Dana Larson, Carol, Christopher Judd,
Karyn Elayne Turner, Gus Schmidt, Michael Fleming, Steven McFail,
Brendan, Gary Evans, Doris Rosenbach, Connie McCroskey,
Mackenzie Murray, Wayne Carter*

*Healthcare workers, first responders, police officers, fire fighters,
oppressed & vulnerable persons, and those battling COVID.*

*For all of those who we speak now or for whom we think of in our hearts
and minds*

March 2022

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9a-12p Tues @ TRC	2 ASH WED 10a Virtual Coffee Hr 11:30a Lent Bible Study 3:30p Ash Wednesday Svc 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG @ TRC	3 1p Martha Circle 4p Kids' Corner on FB	4	5
6 LENT 1 10a Worship	7 7a Lectio Divina Reflection Time on FB 5:30p-7:30p GAL AFG @ TRC	8 7a Lectio Divina Reflection Time on FB 9a-12p Tues @ TRC	9 10a Virtual Coffee Hr 11:30a Lent Bible Study 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG @ TRC	10 9a Rummage Sale Set-up 4p Kids' Corner 6p Homemakers @ TRC	11 9a Rummage Sale Set- up	12 8a-2p Martha Circle Rummage Sale
13 LENT 2 DST BEGINS 10a Worship	14 7a Lectio Divina Reflection Time on FB 5:30p-7:30p GAL AFG @ TRC	15 7a Lectio Divina Reflection Time on FB 9a-12p Tues @ TRC	16 10a Virtual Coffee Hr 11:30a Lent Bible Study 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG @ TRC	17 ST PATRICK'S DAY 1p L^3+P=(RIOT) 4p Kids' Corner	18	19
20 LENT 3 FIRST DAY OF SPRING 10a Worship	21 7a Lectio Divina Reflection Time on FB UGM Team 1 5:30p-7:30p GAL AFG @ TRC	22 7a Lectio Divina Reflection Time on FB 9a-12p Tues @ TRC	23 10a Coffee Hr 11:30a Lent Bible Study 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG @ TRC	24 9a-12p Quilting 4p Kids' Corner	25	26

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3 LENT 5 10a Worship Council Meeting follows	4 7a Lectio Divina Reflection Time on FB 5:30p-7:30p GAL AFG @ TRC	5 7a Lectio Divina Reflection Time on FB 9a-12p Tues @ TRC 6p Property Committee Meeting	6 10a Coffee Hr 11:30a Lent Bible Study 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG @ TRC	7 1p Martha Circle 4p Kids' Corner	8	9

Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will
be April 3, 2022, after
worship service.



Assisting Minister Schedule

For your convenience, we are going to attach the sign-up sheets to a portable board so it can be upstairs on Sundays and downstairs during the week. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The duties are not difficult, and anyone can be trained in. Please consider assisting your congregation in this important duty.



MARCH

- 1 Mike Lentz
- 3 Traci Sandstrom
- 5 Toni Black
- 6 Teri Julian
- 6 Elisabeth Enzler
- 6 Cora Rhodes
- 8 Gary Smitt
- 13 Tami Garrow
- 17 Kari Hasbrouck
- 24 Tracy Pelan
- 24 Kacey Pelan
- 25 Marcia Smith
- 25 Callie White
- 26 Keith Worsham

APRIL

- 3 Robert Salmon
- 6 Mary Ellen Salmon
- 6 Mike Wayman
- 6 Stella Kahler
- 7 Ryan McClure
- 9 Patrick Delozier
- 11 Julie Swantek
- 18 Knut Totland
- 19 Nolan Ballard
- 21 Cole Smith
- 24 Winston Enzler
- 25 Katriina Reime
- 25 Sue Varland

Property Notes

Property Committee

Property Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 5th, at 6pm

Property Issues?

There is a Property Maintenance binder and a corresponding clipboard on the literature table in Moller Hall. The clipboard will contain forms that you can fill out with maintenance requests. We are asking you to put as much detail as you can about your request on the form as well as your name, phone number and date requested. The forms will be reviewed, and it will be noted when the work has been worked on or completed. We are going to work on having the form available online in the Carillon and Rose Blast with a link to fill it out and send it back electronically. We are hoping this will make a better trail for maintenance needed and completed, from here out. Also, for those that are looking for something to do and want to help at the church, you will be able to look in the book and see if there is a task that you would be willing to take on, complete the task and sign and date the form. This will hopefully make things easier for everyone moving forward.

Steeple Update

Work will be starting on the steeple and wall next week!

Parsonage

There are a few issues that will be addressed soon.

The Rose Center

We are proudly hosting AI-Anon meetings, safe visitation space, some catering/baking, and lots of music. If you or your group needs a space, contact Teri in the office.

January Numbers:

Income: \$11,877

Expenses: \$12,353

Difference: (\$476)

Office Hours

Mon, Wed & Thu - 9a-1p
Servant Tuesdays - 9a-12p
(contact office for details
on Tuesdays)

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