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## BE A BLESSING

PRAY OFTEN. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.

DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE.

LEAD WITH LOVE. PRACTICE PEACE.

BE THE LIGHT. WORK FOR JUSTICE.

ENCOURAGE OTHERS. BE JOYFUL.

## Hope UCC's Blessing Box Ministry

Last winter, our Mission and Outreach Ministry began the work to create and plan a way to assist our neighbors and address food insecurity issues facing our community. As the Blessing Box ministry began to take shape, plans and dreams became a reality. What was sketched out on paper is now sitting on a table in our Fellowship Hall, currently being painted by our Youth Group. It is a beautiful thing to consider that DURING A

PANDEMIC this Blessing Box special project was initiated, discussed in collaboration with Mission and Outreach, Trustees, the congregation, and Church Council, adapted, developed, constructed, and painted. It will be installed when we begin our new program year in September. It is a testimony to what we learned during the Covid shutdown: although we were not meeting in person at church, church was never closed. We are the church, wherever and however we are gathered. God's activity in our lives does not cease. We live into our mission as Hope UCC in so many ways, and our Blessing Box continues this truth.

As Mission and Outreach begins to plan for the installation we have created a list of essential items we will collect during August and September in order to stock the Blessing Box. We are grateful for your assistance in the collection of these items. If you would rather offer a monetary donation towards the stocking of the Blessing Box, we are grateful for that support too. Please indicate "Blessing Box" in the memo of your check or on your envelope. In September there will also be a sign-up sheet available for folks who would like to volunteer to look after the Blessing Box each month by keeping it stocked and maintained.

Here are the items we will collect in August and September:

Fruit Cups

Canned Fruit: 11 and/or 15 oz sizes

Canned Soup: 10.5, 15, and/or 19 oz sizes

Dried Ramen type soups

Canned Vegetables (no corn please)

Small boxes/Single serving packages of nuts and/or dried fruit

Powdered Milk

Canned Tuna

Canned Chicken

Creamy Peanut Butter: 28 oz size jar or smaller

Razors

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

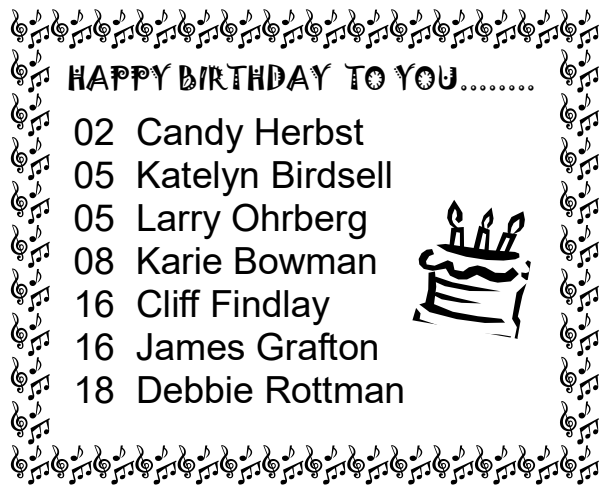
Deodorant

Women's hygiene products

Bars of Soap

Laundry Detergent Pods

We thank you for your support of Hope UCC's newest mission project. We look forward to helping our neighbors when they need it.



### August Scripture

Aug. 1	Psalm 33
Aug. 8	Psalm 94
Aug. 15	Rev. Molly Carlson
Aug. 22	Psalm 23
Aug. 29	Psalm 46

### Thank You

The Duane Park family appreciates all the calls, cards, prayers and food.

Thank you,  
Marcella Park & Family



### Congregational Sympathy

Congregational love and sympathy is extended to Peggy Clemons upon the death of her beloved husband Jim. Jim passed away peacefully on Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Our love and prayers are lifted for Peggy and her family in this time of loss.

### Celebration of Life for Sam Brown

Linda Brown would like to invite you all to a Celebration of Life for her beloved husband Sam. Sam passed away in March of 2020 when all the Covid restrictions were in place. She is looking forward to celebrating this great guy with their family and friends!

Please join Linda on Saturday, August 21 at this open house from 1:00-4:00 P.M. at City View Celebrations at Trimble Pointe 701 12<sup>th</sup> St. in Moline.

Sharing of Sam stories will begin at 2 p.m. Please wear bright clothing or Bears attire as Sam was a colorful guy! Please bring a written memory of Sam so the family can enjoy them later!

### Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast Fellowship will restart in August. The first breakfast will be on Saturday, August 7th at 8:00 a.m. We will continue to hold these breakfasts on the first Saturday of each month. All men in the church are invited. Hope to see you there. Any questions, give me a call. Dan Hawotte



### Canning Jars Available

I have a number of canning jars that I won't be able to move. If you donated them for beets or can use some, please let me know before August 10. Della



### **Welcome Illinois Conference Minister, Rev. Molly Carlson, on August 15**

Rev. Molly Carlson began her call as our settled Illinois Conference Minister during the height of the Covid shutdown last spring. We are excited to welcome her to Hope UCC on August 15 as she joins us for worship and an after-church town hall with our sister congregations. Rev. Carlson is a faithfully innovative leader who is bringing a renewed energy and focus to our Illinois Conference mission and call to create a just world for all. Pastor Santina, Bob Tallitsch, Charley Poor, Caridad Ramos, and Bob Poor all

serve as representatives on various committees and in positions of leadership in our Western Association and Illinois Conference, and have all had a chance to meet Rev. Carlson. Following worship, we will welcome folks from our nearby UCC congregations so she can meet them and speak with all of us about the Conference reorganization and revitalization plans. It is great that our faith community has a seat at the table in these settings and a voice in the decision-making processes of the larger church. We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Carlson to our church!

A graduate of The College of Wooster with a BA in mathematics and Pacific School of Religion with a Masters of Divinity, Rev. Carlson brings a wide range of experience to the position of Conference Minister. She has been ordained within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 19 years and has held Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing with the United Church of Christ for the last 8. Molly's service in a variety of contexts, including local, regional, and national settings of the church, has taken her to Indiana, California, South Dakota, Oregon, and Tennessee. She has served as an interim minister, church planter, solo pastor, head of staff, and church consultant.

### **Pastor Santina Away in August**

Pastor Santina will be away August 17-22. Rev. Bruce Bergthold will be available for any pastoral care emergencies. Please contact the church office or Council President Grady Birdsell or Vice President Kathy LeMaster if any assistance is needed.

### **Mailing List Update**

During the Covid shutdown we began the weekly mailing of hard copies and emails of the bulletin to many homes in order to facilitate participation in at-home worship. Now that we have returned to in person worship, we realize that many of you may not need the hard copy mailed to your home each week. In order to ensure the good stewardship of our resources, we are asking that you ***contact the office if you would like to keep receiving the weekly bulletin via hard copy in the US mail.*** We are happy to keep mailing it to you, please let us know via phone call, email, or message that you would like to continue to have this happen. If you would like to switch to an email version, please let the office know as well. Thank you for your assistance with this update.



### **Summerfest Thank You!!**

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Summerfest a wonderful and Spirit-filled week. Laura Black, Sue Grchan, Jan Birdsell, Kim Powell, Carole Keenan, Kathy & Parker Lewis, Mary Tallitsch, Bob Poor, Barb & Dan Hawotte, Kathy Hobson, Becky Newton, Denny Black, and members of our Youth Group all helped make this special week so memorable.

## From the Treasurer

Below you will find the Financial Report for Hope UCC, ending with the last day of June, which summarizes Hope's Financial status for the first six months of this fiscal year. If you have any questions or concerns about the report feel free to contact me, either in person, by phone (309-764-8507) or by e-mail ([roberttallitsch@augustana.edu](mailto:roberttallitsch@augustana.edu) ).

Thank you for your support of Hope UCC.

Sincerely,

Bob Tallitsch, Treasurer

		2021 Draft Budget	2021 Approved Budget after Stewardship Drive	April	May	June
<b>INCOME</b>						
1001	Pledges	\$115,000.00	\$106,900.00	\$11,840.00	\$8,680.00	\$8,145.00
1002	Plate Collections (non pledge)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,516.00	\$760.00	\$380.00
1003	Sunday School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1004	Building use (rentals)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
1005	Interest Income	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$6.84	\$1.68	\$3.93
1006	Fundraising Events	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1007	Men's Breakfast Donation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1008	Ruth Circle Donation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1009	Other Income	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$105.00	\$96.01	\$0.00
1010	Transfers from Investments/Savings	\$34,094.45	\$25,524.56	\$9,775.08	\$0.00	\$0.00
1011	LPL Capital Gains and Dividends	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1012	Carryover Funds	\$10,000.00	\$25,946.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$173,294.45</b>	<b>\$172,570.86</b>	<b>\$23,242.72</b>	<b>\$9,537.69</b>	<b>\$8,578.93</b>
<b>Percentage of 2021 Budget Outstanding</b>				<b>45.46%</b>	<b>39.93%</b>	<b>34.96%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>PERSONNEL EXPENSES</b>						
2001	Pastor Salary	\$27,540.00	\$27,540.00	\$2,295.00	\$2,295.00	\$2,295.00
2002	Pastor Housing	\$35,700.00	\$35,700.00	\$2,975.00	\$2,975.00	\$2,975.00
<b>Pastor Withholding Tax</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$241.44</b>	<b>\$241.44</b>	<b>\$241.44</b>
2003	Pastor Social Security Offset	\$4,838.00	\$4,838.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2004	Office Administrator	\$15,249.00	\$15,249.00	\$1,248.10	\$1,248.10	\$1,231.44
2005	Bookkeeper	\$5,855.00	\$5,855.00	\$239.19	\$239.19	\$225.12
<b>Secretary &amp; Bookkeeper Withholding Tax</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$234.00</b>	<b>\$234.00</b>	<b>\$227.51</b>
2006	Custodian	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$527.78	\$565.24	\$551.61
<b>Custodian Withholding Tax</b>				<b>\$80.36</b>	<b>\$94.84</b>	<b>\$91.76</b>
2007	Bell Choir Director	\$4,263.88	\$4,263.88	\$355.32	\$355.32	\$355.32
<b>Bell Choir Director Withholding Tax</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$44.76</b>	<b>\$44.76</b>	<b>\$44.76</b>
2008	Minister of Music	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00
<b>Minister of Music Withholding Tax</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$110.26</b>	<b>\$110.26</b>	<b>\$110.26</b>
2009	Supply Clergy	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
2010	Annuity and Disability	\$4,645.00	\$4,645.00	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$310.00
2011	Pastor Continuing Education, Professional Expenses, Mileage	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$662.04
2012	Sabbatical Fund	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2013	Worker's Comp	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2014	Payroll Service Fee	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$46.30	\$46.30	\$76.30
2015	Employer Payroll Taxes	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$248.11	\$250.99	\$247.74
2016	Youth Leader	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$129,990.86</b>	<b>\$129,990.86</b>	<b>\$9,192.80</b>	<b>\$9,308.14</b>	<b>\$9,804.57</b>
<b>Percentage of 2021 Budgeted Personnel Funds Remaining</b>				<b>71.64%</b>	<b>64.48%</b>	<b>56.94%</b>



		2021 Draft Budget	2021 Approved Budget after Stewardship Drive	April	May	June
<b>TRUSTEES MINISTRY EXPENSES</b>						
3001	Utilities	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$435.82	\$929.84	\$294.04
3002	Telephone/internet	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$178.46	\$178.46	\$178.46
3003	Garbage service	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$69.55	\$69.55	\$69.55
3004	Office supply & postage	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$165.00	\$173.12	\$362.67
3005	Custodial supply	\$840.00	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$165.71	\$0.00
3006	Equipment/copier lease	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$302.52	\$188.01	\$194.25
3007	Repairs & maintenance	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	(\$203.49)	\$1,624.58	\$0.00
3008	Snow plowing	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3009	Multi-peril insurance	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3010	Umbrella insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3011	Digital media expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$89.99	\$89.99	\$89.99
3012	Banking fees and online service charges	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$40.28	\$32.13	\$23.98
3013	Other property expenses	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL TRUSTEES EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$33,740.00</b>	<b>\$33,740.00</b>	<b>\$1,078.13</b>	<b>\$3,451.39</b>	<b>\$1,212.94</b>
Percentage of Budgeted 2021 Trustees Funds Remaining				61.14%	50.91%	47.32%
<b>FAITH EXPLORATION EXPENSES</b>						
4001	Curriculum	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4005	Supplies	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$245.33	\$82.77
4003	Programs	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FAITH EXPLORATION EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>\$245.33</b>	<b>\$82.77</b>
Percentage of Budgeted 2021 Faith Exploration Funds Remaining				65.46%	46.59%	40.22%
<b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC EXPENSES</b>						
5001	Music supplies & licenses	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$279.77	\$1.99
5002	Worship supplies	\$800.00	\$800.00	(\$17.91)	\$0.00	\$0.00
5003	Instruments maintenance & repair	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$0.00
5004	Special musicians	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
5005	Supply organist	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5006	Sound & technical equipment	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL MUSIC &amp; WORSHIP EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$82.09</b>	<b>\$459.77</b>	<b>\$51.99</b>
Percentage of Budgeted 2021 Music & Worship Funds Remaining				66.31%	53.54%	52.09%
<b>MISSION &amp; OUTREACH EXPENSES</b>						
6001	Local Mission	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82.84
6002	Larger Mission	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
6003	Pilgrim Park	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6004	TPIRC	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6005	OCWM	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$714.50	\$0.00	\$740.00
<b>TOTAL MISSION &amp; OUTREACH EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$6,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>	<b>\$714.50</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$822.84</b>
Percentage of Budgeted 2021 Mission and Outreach Funds Remaining				66.31%	53.54%	52.09%

			April	May	June
YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY OF EXPENSES AND INCOME			\$11,079.62	\$13,884.83	\$11,876.11
YTD INCOME					\$112,239.98
YTD EXPENSES					\$78,739.06
YTD Income vs YTD Expenses (Running deficit)					\$93,831.81
Percentage of Budgeted 2021 Funds Remaining					6484.00%
CASH & ASSETS	Cash and Assets as of 31 December, 2020				
BENEFIT CHECKING	\$14,021.44		\$30,063.29	\$23,371.20	\$20,328.83
BENEFIT SAVINGS	\$34,775.08		\$25,004.29	\$25,004.29	\$25,007.41
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$372.33		\$87.46	\$100.78	\$100.78
LPL Financial on First of the Month	\$338,601.23		\$346,791.97	\$348,014.35	\$351,669.37
TOTAL	\$557,770.08		\$401,947.01	\$398,490.62	\$397,106.39
DESIGNATED FUNDS					
7002 Memorial Fund		\$4,610.89	\$5,262.80	\$5,262.80	\$5,612.80
7003 Faith Exploration - Youth Designated Funds		\$4,131.62	\$4,131.62	\$4,131.62	\$3,797.62
7004 Mission and Outreach Designated Funds		\$1,337.55	\$0.00	\$1,767.55	\$1,787.55
7005 Music & Worship - Bell Choir Designated funds		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7006 Union Congregational legacy		\$2,746.18	\$246.18	\$246.18	\$246.18
7007 Building & maintenance		\$2,487.00	\$2,487.00	\$2,487.00	\$2,487.00
7008 Memorial Comm Ites		\$19,503.48	\$17,003.48	\$17,003.48	\$0.00
Total		\$34,218.72	\$29,131.08	\$30,898.83	\$13,931.16
HOLDING FUNDS					
Fellowship Fund		\$136.40	\$136.40	\$136.40	\$136.40
Special Event(s)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neighbors in Need Offering		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Strengthen the Church Offering		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
One Great Hour of Sharing		\$0.00	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Veterans of the Cross		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Easter Lilies & Poinsettias		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disaster Relief		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
NAMI		\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Crop Walk		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Insurance Claims		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Churches United		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lawn Care		\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
Leonhart Grant		\$253.25	\$253.25	\$253.25	\$253.25
OCCVM		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
Audio/Visual Upgrades		\$10.00	\$2,089.64	\$2,089.64	\$2,089.64
Other Holding (Bloyole Fund)			\$50.00	\$0.00	
Other Holding (Christian Care)			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.02
Other Holding (Child Abuse Council)					\$188.00
Total		\$479.76	\$3,129.39	\$2,959.39	\$2,747.41
Online contributions by month			\$1,275.00	\$1,025.00	\$785.00
Total online contributions for 2021		\$3,086.00			
Running totals of online banking			\$40.25	\$32.13	\$0.00
Total 2021 online banking fees		\$72.38			



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GOD CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO  
GOOD PEOPLE