

RECENT BLESSINGS

Dear Friend,

This week I would like to take a little different turn; I want to write an In Touch of praise. Praise God from who all blessings flow. Yesterday as I was doing some outdoor work, God brought to my mind: "Think about all the recent financial blessings God has brought to the church – and praise Him!" Here I go...blessings we should all be thankful for. Let's go all the way back to COVID and the 7 weeks we shut down. Guess what, we received more money those 7 weeks than we did in the same timeframe the year prior! In 2021-2022, with an attendance that did not "bounce back" from after COVID, the General Fund ended each year with a positive balance and a Memorial Fund that gave us some cushion. Also, during 2021-2022 we successfully had a stewardship campaign that raised \$30,000 that replaced a furnace, sealed the parking lot, and helped totally remodel the children's wing.

Onto more recent things. In February we had a Building Fund Commitment day that raised a little over \$30,000 - \$5,000 beyond our goal. In March, the Women's Ministry decided to take on the return of the Easter Eggs. With the thought that they would start small this year since it was pretty much a new crew of women, God blessed them with a profit of \$771 and no leftover eggs! Two weeks ago, we took a one-time love-offering with little notice for a Ukrainian refugee and you gave \$1,661 (another \$100 came in the next day.) This was a record love offering. Personally, as your pastor I want to thank all of you who gave. Some of you, no doubt, were able to make significant donations – Thank you. A reminder: when it comes to finances we have always said "It's not about equal giving, it's about equal sacrifice."

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Martin & Terri Shalosky (son died in car accident), Women attending the Aspire event Friday evening, Trisha Doleijs.

Events: Aspire Women's Event – Friday night