



January 2023

**Congruity
Presbyterian
Church**

Finding God * Growing in Faith * Discovering Purpose * Making a Difference

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 11 am Sun.School 9:45 Happy New Year	2 6 pm Walk Fit	3	4	5	6	7 DEACONS undecorating
8 Worship 11 am Sun.School 9:45 Mission Comm. 12p Redstone Team 2p	9 6 pm Walk Fit	10	11	12	13 2 pm Women's Assoc	14
15 Worship 11a Sun.School 9:45 Newsletter Deadline Deacon Meeting Com.Reports due	16 6 pm Walk Fit 7 pm Session Martin Luther King Jr. Day  I HAVE A DREAM	17	18	19	20	21
22 Worship 11 am Sun.School 9:45	23 6 pm Walk Fit	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 11a Sun.School 9:45 ANNUAL MTG/ SOUP LUNCHEON	30 6 pm Walk Fit	31				

BUDGET + STEWARDSHIP + INTERPRETATION

BY TIM D'AURORA

As we bring 2022 to a close, we usually take this time to reflect on the past year. We had 3 successful hoagie sales and we started our spaghetti dinner back up. We want to thank everyone who helped with these special events. But financially, 2022 wasn't a very successful year. At the end of October, our income was \$8,474.27 behind our expenses. That means we had to use previously existing funds to pay the bills. Even more alarming, that cushion is now gone. Session has voted to take some of our special funds to be put in the general fund so we can meet our obligations. But this is only a short term solution. We can't continue to spend more than we take in. We are averaging just over 30 people in church every Sunday. That has been the norm for awhile. In the past, we have occasionally cried "the sky is falling, the sky is falling" and people have responded. I'm asking everyone to respond now. Our new budget for 2023 is about as bare bones as you can get and it is still an increase over 2022. Please prayerfully consider your regular giving and search to see if there is room for an additional gift to help us alleviate this difficult situation.

We do want to take this time to remind everyone that with the new year, the Per Capita donation is due. This year the Per Capita is set at 44.00 per member. Remember, that is per member and not per household. Please designate on your check or envelope, Per Capita. If you can't remember, the Per Capita, also known as First Fruits, is the amount that both funds the administration of Redstone Presbytery, The Synod of the Trinity, and General Assembly as well as is used to fund the Mission Programs. Some of you may remember that part as benevolence.

Each church is expected to pay their share and our pledge this year is \$6000.00. For 2022, it appears that we will reach this pledge. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Give
and you WILL
RECEIVE

LUKE 6:38

