

NEW COVENANT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear New Covenant family:

We want to thank you for your continued support of our church, and vision to fulfill Christ's mission. Your love for Christ and His church is the foundation of everything we do. With your support wonderful things happen that literally change lives. Without your support we simply wouldn't be near as effective. All that we do, and give is to honor Jesus our Savior.

Because of your generosity, we were able to provide 1700 kids in Sumter County with backpacks and school supplies. We collected thousands of pounds of food for families in need. By partnering with Zoe International missions, we sponsored 116 children from Zimbabwe and empowered them out of poverty. These are Kingdom building statistics that take to heart what Christ said in the gospel of Matthew, *"When you did it to the least of these you did it unto me"*.

As we have shared with you in the past, we are a healthy church, but not a wealthy church. Each year, our finance team sets a budget that we believe serves the vision of our church. Based on this budget, it costs on average around **\$31 per person**, per week to cover our expenses. This dollar amount allows us to pay things such as our monthly electric bill, staff salaries, and insurance expenses, as well as continue to serve missions.

We need your help. Our church leadership believes that transparency is important. Since we have just passed the mid-year mark, our finance team wanted to update you on our financial status and give you the opportunity to review your statement. The first half of the year has been challenging. Through July, we are running a **7.4 % deficient** in offerings toward our projected general budget. Although we are running a deficient, it is important to note that we are spending less than what we had budgeted. In other words, our staff and leadership are doing our best to be "good stewards" with every dollar given. Please see summary.

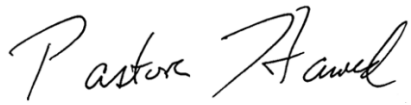
	ACTUAL JULY	BUDGET JULY	DIFFERENCE	%	ACTUAL YTD JULY	BUDGET YTD JULY	DIFFERENCE	%
OFFERING	\$162,794	\$220,777	(\$57,983)	-26.3	\$1,538,430	\$1,660,722	(\$122,292)	-7.4
EXPENSES	\$231,997	\$252,899	(\$20,902)	-8.3	\$1,842,392	\$1,960,349	(\$117,957)	-6.0

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We are hopeful and optimistic that this trend will not continue and in the second half of year we can catch up with lost ground. In the past 20 years, we have always finished the year strong and have been able to accomplish our annual goals and fulfill our financial obligations. We believe that this will continue to ring true. We hope you will review your giving statement and assess where you are in your offering.

Our church is beautiful. We continue to care for the sick, mentor children, feed the hungry, and worship the Lord! This is our church. This is your church. This is Christ's church. Thank you for being a part of the beautiful mosaic we call New Covenant United Methodist Church, a place to call home. Thank you for giving of your tithes and offerings to help make our church so beautiful.

Running the Race with Perseverance,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Harold". The script is fluid and cursive.

Pastor Harold

Sr. Pastor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen R. St. Clair". The script is fluid and cursive.

Steve StClair

Finance Chair