

Church Finances	June	January- June	January- June Budget	Difference
Ordinary Giving	\$15,766	\$78,835	\$78,497	\$7,000
Savings Withdrawal	\$5,000	\$65,000	\$30,000	\$35,000
Expenses	<\$20,118>	<\$154,834>	<\$157,054>	<\$3,000>
Surplus/Deficit	\$648	<\$4,755>	-----	-----

Last Sunday's Attendance	50
Last Sunday's Offering	\$1,301
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$1,103>
Offering YTD	\$80,136
Difference to Offering YTD	\$10,420

- * **Listening devices are available upon request**
- * **WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:** If you have an immediate prayer need and would like us to pray for you, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate. Be as thorough as possible so we can most effectively pray for you.
- * **Interested in becoming a church member?** Please talk to Pastor Joseph
- * Sermon Notes - Available in the Narthex

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Tucker Bacquet, Randy Richard, Judy Swartzmiller, Ben Troyer, Dana Woodring



Mansfield 1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Sunday, July 28th
He Must Increase
John 3:22-36

Rev. Joseph Yerger, Pastor

A Sanctuary of Worship

A School of Religious Education

A Church Home with Open Doors



Welcome to Mansfield 1st EPC



Order of Worship

July 28th, 2024

Please take a moment to fill out pew pads

Call To Worship: (Psalm 102:1-2) Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Hymn of Praise:** #43 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

***Prayer of Adoration:** Judy Swartzmiller

Call to Confession: (Psalm 102:3-11) Judy Swartzmiller

Corporate Prayer of Confession: (All)

LORD, we are temporary and pass away like the wind, but You are eternal. You are the only hope and source of confidence. Teach us to number our days and to not take tomorrow for granted. Help us to slow down and appreciate the “Now”; Your gift of “the present” in life. Let us say what must be said without waiting. Let us do what must be done without pausing. Forgive us for our sloth and our procrastination because we often fail to act when we should and sin by not doing what is right. Give us courage to stand on Your truth always, for it is the only firm foundation. Let us forgive those who have wronged us and pray for forgiveness from those whom we have wronged. Let us forgive and move forward, as You have forgiven the sins of those who trust in You; removing our sin as far as the East is from the West and clothing us in the righteousness of Jesus Christ according to Your grace, mercy, and love. AMEN

Silent Prayers & Confessions: Judy Swartzmiller

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 102:12-28) Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Song of Response:** #813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Offertory: Music for the offertory is played in remembrance of Jodie’s Father, Jack High

**Please stand as you are able*

Sermon Notes

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. What difference is there between the Lord's supper and the papal mass?

A. The Lord's supper testifies to us, first, that we have complete forgiveness of all our sins through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself accomplished on the cross once for all;¹ and, second, that through the Holy Spirit we are grafted into Christ,² who with his true body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father,³ and this is where he wants to be worshipped.⁴ But the mass teaches, first, that the living and the dead do not have forgiveness of sins through the suffering of Christ unless he is still offered for them daily by the priests; and, second, that Christ is bodily present in the form of bread and wine, and there is to be worshipped. Therefore the mass is basically nothing but a denial of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ, and an accursed idolatry.

¹ Mt 26:28; Jn 19:30; Heb 7:27; 9:12, 25, 26; 10:10-18.

² 1 Cor 6:17; 10:16, 17.

³ Jn 20:17; Acts 7:55, 56; Heb 1:3; 8:1.

⁴ Jn 4:21-24; Phil 3:20; Col 3:1; 1 Thess 1:10.

Q. Who are to come to the table of the Lord?

A. Those who are truly displeased with themselves because of their sins and yet trust that these are forgiven them and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and amend their life. But hypocrites and those who do not repent eat and drink judgment upon themselves.¹

¹ 1 Cor 10:19-22; 11:26-32.

Q. Are those also to be admitted to the Lord's supper who by their confession and life show that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

A. No, for then the covenant of God would be profaned and his wrath kindled against the whole congregation.¹ Therefore, according to the command of Christ and his apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such persons by the keys of the kingdom of heaven, until they amend their lives.

¹ Ps 50:16; Is 1:11-17; 1 Cor 11:17-34.

***Song of Response:**

#815 Doxology

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Pastor Joseph Yerger

Children's Message:

Kids come down to the left-side steps

Children are released to go to Kids Own Worship

Prayers for God's People - Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) (All)
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

Hymn of Preparation:

#465 Baptized in Water

The Word of God**

The Scripture Reading: John 3:22-36

Sermon: He Must Increase

***Affirmation of Faith:**

(The Apostles Creed)

(All)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

***Sending Song:**

#433 Rise Up, O Church of God

Benediction:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**Please stand as you are able ** Found on page 864 in the red pew Bible.*



Visitors Are Welcome!

- Pastor Joseph teaches adult Sunday School at 9:00 am in room 201. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Coffee is provided.

- We also have classes available for children age 3-Kindergarten (Begin with Jesus), Kindergarten - 2nd grade (Show me Jesus), for grades 3rd-6th (Closer to Jesus), and for 7th-12th grade (Grow with Jesus). Each class begins at 9 am on Sunday morning.



Prime Time - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for any adults, beginning at 4pm. **On hiatus till September**

Spirit Seekers - Meets every other Sunday at noon for lunch with the bible study afterwards. This study is for those in their 20's-50's and is divided into 'Parents' & Youth. **Next Meets September 1st - Beginning in September Spirit Seekers & Kids O' the Kirk will be held the 1st and 3rd Sunday after worship.**

Kids O' the Kirk - The youth companion group to Spirit Seekers. **Next Meets September 1st**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

Office hours are M-F 8am-noon

Sunday, July 28th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
Congregational Meeting Following Worship		
Tuesday, July 30th	4:30 pm	Session Meeting
	7 pm	Family Bon Fire
Wednesday, July 31st	12 pm	Staff Meeting
Thursday, August 1st	10 am	Prayer Group
	10 am	Volunteering at Salvation Army
Friday, August 2nd	9:30 am	CPR class
Sunday, August 4th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Family Worship Service
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour

There will be a special Congregational Meeting TODAY, immediately following morning worship, to discuss our dismissal. No vote will be taken at this time. (This is the only business which may be discussed during this meeting.)

Outreach Meeting on August 13th at 4:30

Ye Young Meeting - August 21st at 9am

Fellowship Committee Meeting August 18th after worship

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Catechism Club for kids coming in September! We will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday after worship, in Westminster. Lunch will be provided. It will be taught by Jenn Bacquet.

Family Bon Fire July 30th at 7pm

Volunteer Opportunity - sorting food and packing boxes at The Salvation Army. Thursdays 10a-11a. At the warehouse on Main St. Sign Up is on the Children's Ministry Bulletin Board.

Get your thimble & come to quilt with us. We meet the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 1 pm. Quilting room is just down from the office.

Greeters Needed! - Would you like to serve as a greeter before Sunday Worship? Consider doing the same week each month. If interested please sign up in the Narthex. If you have questions see Tucker Bacquet.

Church Directory - The church directory is available by request from the church office.

[Kids Own Worship](#) - Kids in Kindergarten-4th grade are invited to participate in Kids Own Worship following the Children's Message Lesson: **God's Word Produces Fruit**

Please join us in the Parlor after worship for Coffee Hour, coffee, punch, treats & fellowship.

Sign up to host future Coffee Hours in the Narthex.



Looking for a way to beat the summer heat?

Do your kids or grandkids need some "screen-free" fun?

Are you looking for your next game for family game night?

Then, check out the wide variety of board and card games available for checkout from our church library on the table in the Narthex today!



Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

For all those that God has put in our lives to help us, love us & pray for us
Our American Freedoms
Our Freedom to worship the LORD

Prayers of Petition

Healing for Bruce Wilging, following surgery for a broken hip
Healing for Barbara Klusacek (Pastor Joseph's aunt)
Healing for Meg Wyatt O'Rourke
Healing for Lucille Bridgeman
Healing for Kris Young
Healing for Eloise Paxton
Healing for David Steveline, prostate cancer
Erna Becker
Jim Standridge
Frank Daniell
Ted Hansen
The Thomassen Family
Eurobrass
EduNations and its students

For a Christ filled person to fill our music director position
Families & children of the Sudan
Our Preschool & Staff
Richland Pregnancy Services
Robert Neal and his family
Andrew Collier and his family
Jesse Jose and his family
Sonya Francis, a friend relationship
John & Dorthy Powell
Israel and the remaining hostages and their families
Michael Rosado, as he transitions to freedom and is reintegrated into society
John Constance
Safe Travels for Pastor Mark Mayer
Carey Slaters aunt
The peace, unity, and purity of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church
The family of Tim Park, in mourning



Moment for Missions

Army Sergeant James Sizemore and his wife, Krystle, were already best friends when they were married 10 years ago. James had already left the Army, but he struggled with post-traumatic stress after deploying during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Krystle encouraged him to seek help, and this allowed James to work on his mental health so the two of them could focus on their relationship as a couple.

Knowing they faced difficult challenges, they applied to Operation Heal Our Patriots, hoping the program would improve their marriage. James said, "Our relationship started having problems. And I looked at this as a way to save what we had going. We love each other, but we have some problems that we needed to work through."

James and Krystle felt that they knew God and would pray when they had a crisis, but James explained that although God had not been left out of their marriage, He hadn't been "a focal point." James said, "I considered myself spiritual, but I had fallen off the path quite a few ways during my time in the military."

During their week in Alaska, James and Krystle accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. "I haven't felt this kind of peace in years," James said.

One of the sessions with the chaplains in Alaska focused on how an individual's past influences their current behaviors and relationships. "The lesson was that sometimes to take a step forward, you have to take a step back," James said. "If it's something you don't like, you can work on changing it."

Krystle still felt anger toward her mother and struggled to forgive her. As much as she wanted to let go of those emotions, she just couldn't do it alone, even with help from James. But with God's power, she was able to begin to change. "Something changed inside of me this week, and just having that strength through God to forgive her and to move forward no matter what—I'm ready," Krystle said, "I feel much more at peace."

James and Krystle renewed their marriage vows before leaving Alaska and planned to find a church to attend regularly when they returned to Kentucky. They're waiting to be baptized until their daughter can attend the event. "We wanted to save our baptism for her," James said. "I was hoping it would motivate our daughter to want to do the same."

