



*Our Vision is to be Christ to each other
and our community— doing
justice, loving mercy and
walking humbly with our God.*

Church Conference Results

The Ministry Council, Standing Committee along with Teachers and Officers for 2021-2022 was approved unanimous.



FROM THE DEACONS' BENCH

June 30, 2021

Throughout the COVID 19 pandemic, Fernwood has sought to exercise the greatest caution to protect our congregation from the ravages of this terrible disease. We have followed CDC guidelines and our staff has been very creative in helping us continue to be the church during these difficult days.

With the numbers of infections and hospitalizations coming down, the deacons have approved a change in our worship protocols beginning this Sunday, July 4. We continue to ask everyone to wear a mask entering and leaving the sanctuary, and when you are in a crowded setting.

However, if you are fully vaccinated, once you are in your “family” group, you may then remove your mask for the duration of the worship service. If you are not vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask at all times. I know that some are nervous about this change. Some have immune system issues, and we certainly encourage anyone who wishes to continue to wear masks to do so as they feel appropriate.

We are moving more toward a normal routine, but this pandemic is not over by any means. We will continue to encourage the use of hand sanitizer and hand washing, as well as common sense ways of protecting each other as we move forward. Please respect the choices of persons who may not approach this change as eagerly as others.

I hope to see you in worship this Sunday.

Gerald Keown
Deacon Chair

**FERNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
OPERATING FINANCIAL RESULTS
Year-To-Date May 2021**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Better or (Worse) Than Budget</u>
OPERATING RECEIPTS			
Contributions Received	\$142,443	\$160,833	(\$18,390)
Use of Building Receipts	\$250	\$0	\$250
Interest Income	\$67	\$0	\$67
Processing Fees	\$192	\$0	\$192
Other Income	\$196,735	\$0	\$196,735
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Receipts	\$339,687	\$160,833	\$178,854
OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Total Personnel Related	\$71,484	\$76,296	\$4,812
Community Ministry Children / Youth	\$4,562	\$9,650	\$5,088
Ministry Music	\$279	\$771	\$492
Ministry Educational Ministry	\$1,382	\$1,583	\$201
Educational Ministry	\$0	\$167	\$167
Evangelistic Ministry	\$101	\$1,458	\$1,357
Ministry Teams	\$1,124	\$958	(\$166)
State & World Missions	\$5,710	\$6,433	\$723
Operating Ministry	\$57,668	\$63,517	\$5,849
Total Operating Expenditures	\$142,310	\$160,833	\$18,523
OPERATING RECEIPTS MORE(LESS) THAN OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$197,377	\$0	\$197,377



Homebound Member of the Week

Della Gibbs

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TOTAL Ministries

Current needs include: soups (all types), jelly, grits, oatmeal, canned fruit, applesauce, cake mix and frosting, one pound bags of dry beans, peanut butter, canned meats (such as Spam, salmon, tuna, beef stew), cereals, one pound bags of rice, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce and noodles(pasta), all types of canned vegetables, and toiletries.

Collection containers are located in front of the church office.



Choral Corner

Nathan Hale was a schoolteacher, fresh out of college, teaching in a one-room school in New London, Connecticut, when the American Colonies went to war against the British in 1775. Inspired by the cause of independence, he joined the fight and quickly rose to the rank of captain. But the colonists faced a series of defeats in the early months of the revolution, and victory did not seem likely. It was in these circumstances that General George Washington asked for volunteers to spy on the British forces. It was a dangerous mission, and being captured would mean certain death. At first no one volunteered. Then 21-year-old

Nathan Hale—alone—stepped forward.

Disguised as a civilian schoolmaster, he slipped behind enemy lines on Long Island to gather information on the opposing troops. The disguise worked for over a week, fooling multiple guards, until finally he was recognized, captured, and identified as a spy. He was immediately sentenced, without trial, to be hanged in the morning. A British officer who witnessed the execution reported Hale’s last words: “I only regret, that I have but one life to lose for my country.”

Today statues of Nathan Hale stand in the cities of New Haven, Hartford, Chicago, and New York. But of course, he isn’t the only patriot who gave all he had for freedom—and then wished he could give more. The pages of American history are filled with the accounts of such patriots, and the story is still being written through the heroic acts of today’s patriots. Nathan Hale’s dying words expressed what many of us feel—that freedom is as precious as life itself and the opportunity to defend those freedoms is an honor and a privilege, even if it is also a sacrifice.

(Commentary from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rX4kIT-4Dcw&t=362s>)

In celebration of Independence Day 2021, I hope you enjoy this video of the Emmy-Award-winning Southern California Children’s Chorus in a virtual choir performance from May of 2020. It includes patriotic songs and the Armed Forces Medley. Happy 4th of July!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2h6FdxhhX4>

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