

ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE

...in support of the ministries and vision of ECRC

YTD anticipated contributions: \$2,063,000

YTD actual contributions: \$2,057,133

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

WEEK AT A GLANCE

10-22	Sunday	10-25	Wednesday
9:00 am	Blended Worship	7:00 pm	GriefShare
9:00 am	Children's Worship	7:00 pm	Men's Fraternity
10:00 am	Coffee & Community		
10:00 am	Section 1 Reception	10-26	Thursday
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship	6:00 am	Men's Fraternity
	Children's Worship	9:00 am	Little Lambs
10:30 am	Coffee & Community	9:00 am	Coffee Break
11:30 am	Handbell Rehearsal	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
4:30 pm	Maximum Velocity	7:00 pm	Healing Prayer Service
5:30 pm	The Edge		
7:00 pm			Friday
	Monday	10-27	
10-23		Saturday	
	Tuesday	Prayer Group	
	Little Lambs	10-28	
10-24		8:30 am	
9:00 am	Coffee Break Leaders	10-29	Sunday
12:30 pm	Meeting		Blended Worship
	New Member Class	9:00 am	Children's Worship
6:30 pm		9:00 am	Coffee & Community
	Wednesday	10:00 am	Contemporary Worship
10-25	Little Lambs	10:30 am	Children's Worship
9:00 am	Coffee Break		Coffee & Community
9:00 am	Little Lambs	10:30 am	Section 4 Reception
12:30 pm	Coffee Break	11:30 am	Handbell Rehearsal
12:30 pm	Prayer Group	11:30 am	Maximum Velocity
6:00 pm	GEMS	4:30 pm	The Edge
6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm	
7:00 pm	Coffee Break	7:00 pm	
7:00 pm			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 22, 2017

Congregation members are invited to nominate Elders, Deacons, and Senior Leadership Team members. It's not about age or tenure, but about personal and spiritual maturity. It's about caring and compassion (deacon), shepherding and teaching (elder) and leadership and administration (SLT). We are looking for people to serve in these roles as defined by these qualifications, as well as those found in Titus 1:6-9, and I Timothy 3:1-17. Deacon nominees and SLT nominees may be men or women. Elder nominees are men only. Nominations will be accepted through November 19. Forms are available online at elmhurstcrc.org/resources/publications or at the Information Center in the atrium.

If you sit in **Section 1 (choir side) at the 9 am service** you are invited to a Coffee/Cookie Reception in the Garden Room on **today at 10 am**. If you sit in **Section 4 (balcony) at the 10:30 am service** you are invited to a Coffee/Cookie Reception in the Garden Room on **October 29 at 11:30 am**. These receptions are a great opportunity to meet Elders, Section Leaders, and congregants in your section!

Join us for **Visionary Parenting: God's Grand Vision for the Home**, November 10, 6:30-9 pm. The biblical purpose of parenting is to do all in our power to impress the hearts of our children with a love for God. The souls of our children are our most important Great Commission calling. Join Rob Rienow for this special seminar, helping you as parents with tools, tips and resources to encourage and equip you for this mission. Information and registration online at elmhurstcrc.org/events.

ECRC is hosting a **Go Local Workshop**, put on by Resonate Global Mission (<https://www.resonateglobalmission.org>), on November 18 from 9 am-2 pm. Go Local is a process by which participants learn and discern new ways to join God in their neighborhoods and follow God in mission together. Participants will discover what Go Local will look like and if our church would benefit from such an initiative.

A special **PrimeTime Christmas outing** is planned for **December 9** at 1 pm. A coach bus will take us to Pleasant House Pub in Chicago where we'll enjoy a late lunch of a British meat pie (beef or chicken) with potato, vegetable, salad, beverage, and dessert. And then we'll be off to "It's A Wonderful Life" at Stage 773 in the Thrust Theater. This stage play is a radio cast presentation of the 1946 classic film starring Jimmy Stewart. We have 38 seats for the lunch and theater, so sign up today after the service, or by phoning Bert or Celia DeJong at (630)530-2924 or dejong66@comcast.net.

MISSIONS

Do you know a **missions group or Christian service organization with a compelling project for 2018**? The Missions Team will award up to \$20,000 of its budget to fund grants of up to \$4000 to support local and global ministry projects. Christian ministries with ties to Elmhurst CRC can submit an application by November 1 at elmhurstcrc.org/missions. Contact missions@elmhurstcrc.org with questions.

On November 7 we will be returning to the **Cook County Juvenile Detention Center** along with Good News Jail and Prison Ministry. Please consider joining us. On October 29 we'll have a table set up in the lobby about what we're doing to bring the Jazz Gospel Messiah to a total of 8 prisons this year. Please stop by and ask us about the latest happenings.

Help 800 inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary receive a token of God's love this Christmas. PrimeTime is preparing a small gift bag with items they most requested: a bar of good soap (Irish Spring!), a toothbrush, toothpaste, a pair of socks, some writing paper, and envelopes. All of these gifts will be packed at the November 20 PrimeTime meeting. After we're done working we will enjoy lunch together at the church. The gifts will be given to the prisoners at the conclusion of a video-linked worship service on December 17. Sign up today at Elmhurst Church or call Bert or Celia DeJong (630)530-2924 or dejong66@comcast.net.

SERVE

The Java Stop will be open today between services. Stop in for your favorite coffee treat! If your family (with children age 12 and older) are **interested in serving at the Java Stop** please text Denise Mason-Smith at 708-650-0014 or Bethany DeHaan at 872-205-0005. No experience is needed!

Volunteers need to assist with our annual giving opportunity, **Glimmers of Hope**, to be held on December 3 & 10 from 8:30 am to 12 pm in the church lobby. We are raising money to support World Renew, Lampstand Ministries, Angola State Prison, and Families in Need. We need order takers and cash/check/credit card processors. If you are interested in serving, or want more information please email Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org

COMMUNITY

All **women are invited to *Unshaken* Illinois**, hosted by Moms In Prayer and taking place at ECRC on November 3-4, where you'll learn to seize God's promises and battle powerfully in prayer. For details and to register visit MomsInPrayer.org/events.

Love INC is presenting a **Country Musical Salute** to Veterans on November 11 at ECRC, featuring Darryl Worley and special guest Andrew Salgado. Tickets for this fundraising event benefiting LOVE Christian Clearinghouse & local Veterans' groups are available at www.love-cc.org/concert.

The annual Timothy Christian Barnes & Noble **Book Fair** is coming up on November 14, with special Timothy readers and other fun activities from 3- 8 pm. Get your Christmas lists ready and come join us at the Oakbrook Center Barnes & Noble! A portion of all purchases will benefit the Timothy Christian library.