

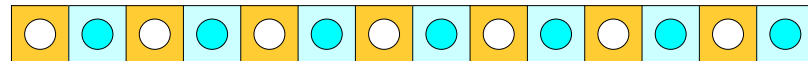
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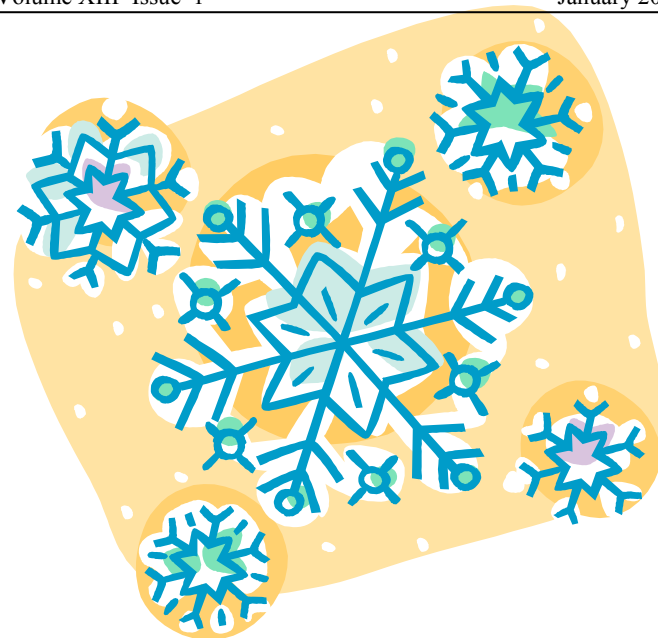
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!”
~ 2 Corinthians 5:17



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Living Faith Church of the Brethren

Continuing the work of Jesus...

Peacefully.

Simply.

Together.

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9:00 AM—Worship Service

10:15AM—Brethren Break, 10:30 AM Sunday School

Church Office:

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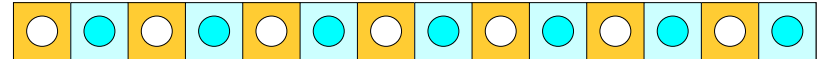
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Living Faith 2023 Church Officers, Ministry Teams, Committees, & Delegates:

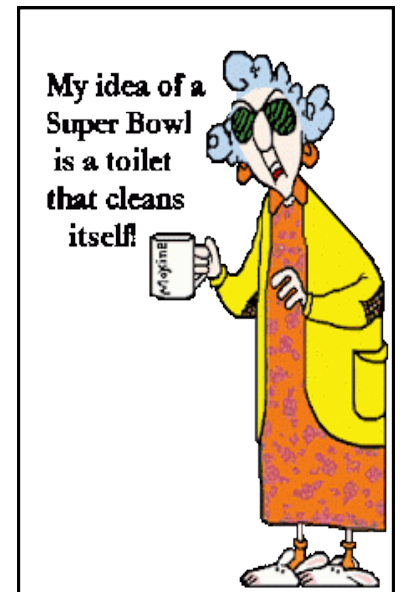
**Denotes the newly or second term elected 2023 Church Officers, Ministry Team & Committee members, and Delegates.*

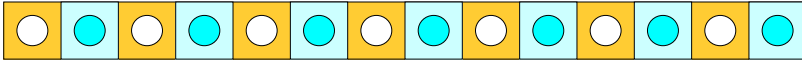
- Moderator:** Dana Hood
- CRT Facilitator:** Kris Seward
- Clerk-** **Open**
- Treasurer-
Asst. Treasurer-** Debbie Allbaugh
Joyce Sibbitt
- Financial Secretary-
Asst Financial Secretary-** Judy Roberson
Debbie Lipp
- Faith Development-** Pat Spence
- Hospitality & Evangelism** Joyce Simpson
- Stewards:** Kim Laxson
- Worship:** Joe Spence
- Women’s Fellowship Rep.:** Diana Mooney
- Disaster Relief Coordinator:** Rodger Replogle

- Pastoral Relations:**
 Rod Seward
 Vernon Cripe
 Janice Marvin
 Sandy Johnson
 Jerry Sibbitt

- Personnel-**
 Joe Spence
 Kim Laxson
 Tom Allbaugh
 Kris Seward
 Janice Marvin

- District Conf. Delegates**
 Pastor Guy
 Kris Seward
 Phil Tomson
 Tom Allbaugh (alt)





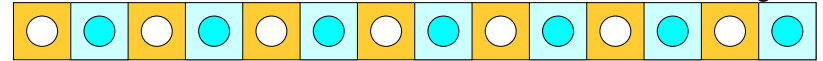
Question: Who is God?

Answer: This request is at once huge and wonderful. The question of who is God cannot be answered in one short paragraph. It is the inquiry of a lifetime, and even in the unbounded scope of eternity, fresh and thrilling vistas of who God is will unfold forever (Eph 2:7).

Since God is infinite, it is impossible for finite beings to define Him, but based on what He has revealed of Himself in scripture, the following is my feeble, brief, and yet joyful attempt to explain who He is. The One True God is the God of the Bible, and infinite and supreme being (Deut. 6:4), the Creator (Gen. 1:1), and sustainer of the universe (Heb.1-3) He is spirit, light, and love (John 4:24; 1 John 1:5; 4:8). He is invisible (1Tim 1:17), self-sufficient (Roman 11:33-36), unchangeable in His essential being (Ps. 102:25-27; Mal. 3:6, James 1:17), and eternal (Ps. 90:2; Rev. 1:8; 4:8),

The God of the Bible is the almighty (Rev. 1:8) and all-knowing One (Ps. 139:1-6), everywhere present in the fullness of His being (Ps. 139:7-12), He is living One — eternally vigorous, eternally flourishing, thriving, and gushing with the infinite oceans and springs of His own glorious life and goodness (I Tim. 4:10). He is the blessed One — inherently whole, overflowing with well-being and joy (Rom. 16:27), the three-times Holy One (Isa. 6:3), existing forever in the unity of His being in three distinct and inseparable persons or personal self-distinctions— the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). What a joy and privilege it is to know and serve God!!

By: Dr. Winfred O. Neely, Vice President and Dean of Moody Theological Seminary.



JANUARY

- 1 Joyce Simpson
- 2 Cheryl Shaffer
- 3 James Miller
- 5 Brenda Bonner
- 14 Todd Trent
- 19 Nancy Clingenpeel
- 21 Bunti Smith
- 31 Suzanne Hathaway
- 31 Travis Seward

FEBRUARY

- 1 Pat Spence
- 3 Karissa Tomson
- 5 Harley Adams
- 11 Emma Welch
- 12 Jamie Kinzie
- 17 Sue Stingley
- 18 Lacie Tomson
- 26 Lucia Sward
- 26 Gary Hollis
- 27 Vearl Turnpaugh
- 28 Sarah Hoss

THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY

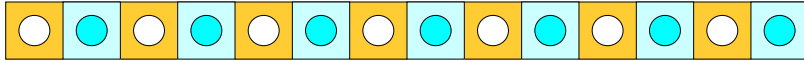
- 21 — Blake and Kirstin Seward

FEBRUARY

- 11 Kenny & Debbie Lipp



If your anniversary or birthday was not listed here for January or February, please notify the church office.



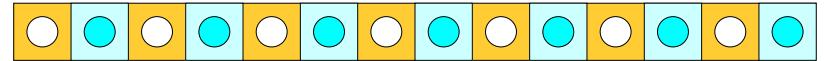
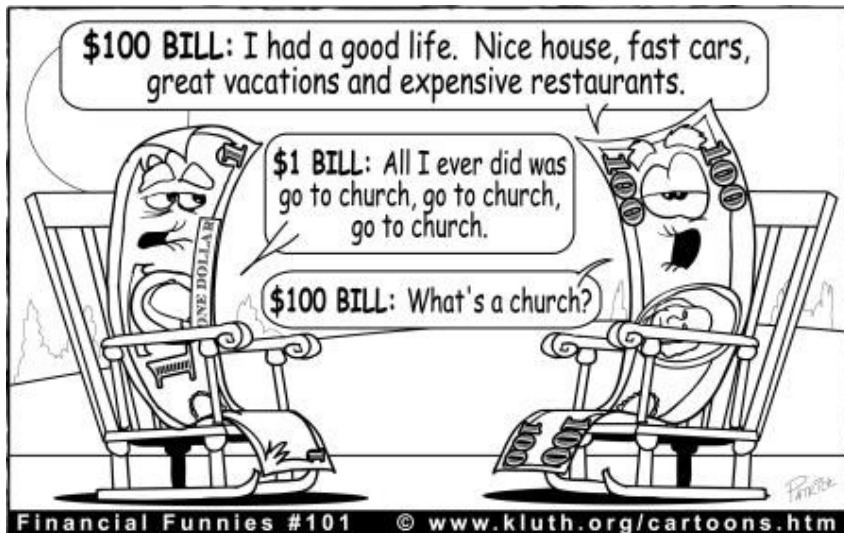
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

A few good resolutions for 2023:

1. Build a better budget
2. Practice mindfulness
3. Cook something new each week
4. Read more books/Bible more
5. Create a cleaning schedule and stick to it
6. Drink less alcohol
7. Commit to a healthier sleep routine
8. Join a club

Most popular:

- 1 Better sleep
- 2 Dating
- 3 Get. A raise
- 4 Meet new people
- 5 New. Job
- 6 Quit drinking
- 7 Read
- 8 Save money



Valentine Cookie Order Form

_____ TOTAL# of Cookies X \$5 = \$ _____

I will choose my own cookies & pick up on February _____

Please have cookies ready for pick on February _____

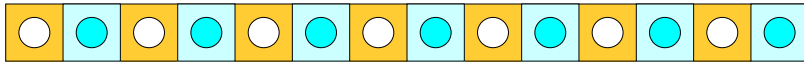
Would like Special Delivery (contact number needed)

Cash or check made payable to Living Faith Church.
 Living Faith Church of the Brethren
VALENTINE COOKIES

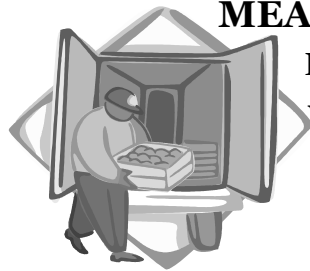
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Cookies will be available at the church on the following dates:

- Saturday, February 11..... 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Sunday, February 12..... before & after worship
- Monday, February 13..... afternoon



MEALS ON WHEELS



Living Faith will be providing volunteers to deliver meals to shut-ins in the Flora area on **January 30-February 3** in the Flora area.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Graffiti Wall.

Buddy Bags schedule for rest of school year

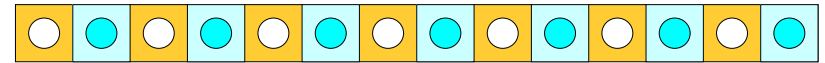
- January 5, 2023*
- January 26, 2023*
- February 9, 2023*
- March 9, 2023*
- April 5 & 27, 2023*

We ran across an old newspaper clipping when going through Margaret’s pictures and papers. I don’t know how old this article is:

Entitled: 26 Acres of Grain

If you’re the average American, here’s what you will have eaten by the time you reach 70 years old:

- 150 head of cattle
- 2400 chickens
- 225 lambs
- 26 sheep
- 310 swine
- 26 acres of grain
- 50 acres of fruit and vegetables.

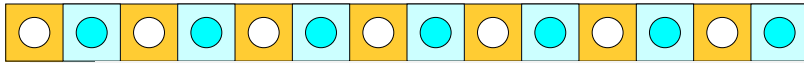


Schedule of Events

Happy New Year!

- January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- January 5 5pm Buddy Bags
- January 11 6:30pm CRT meeting
- January 15 Following Church-Birthday Celebration
Carry-in meal. Birthday cake will be furnished
- January 18 6:30pm Deacon Meeting
- January 22 Food Pantry Collection
- January 26 5pm Buddy Bags
- January 30-Feb 3 Meals on Wheels
- February 8 6:30pm CRT meeting
- February 9 5pm Buddy Bags
- February 12 Women’s Fellowship Valentine luncheon
- February 11, 12,13 Valentine Cookies for Sale
- February 15 6:30pm Deacon Meeting
- February 26 Food Pantry collection Sunday





SERVING THE LORD IN JANUARY

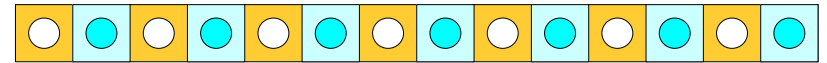
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1 Acolyte: Debbie Lipp

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8 Acolyte: Kim Laxson

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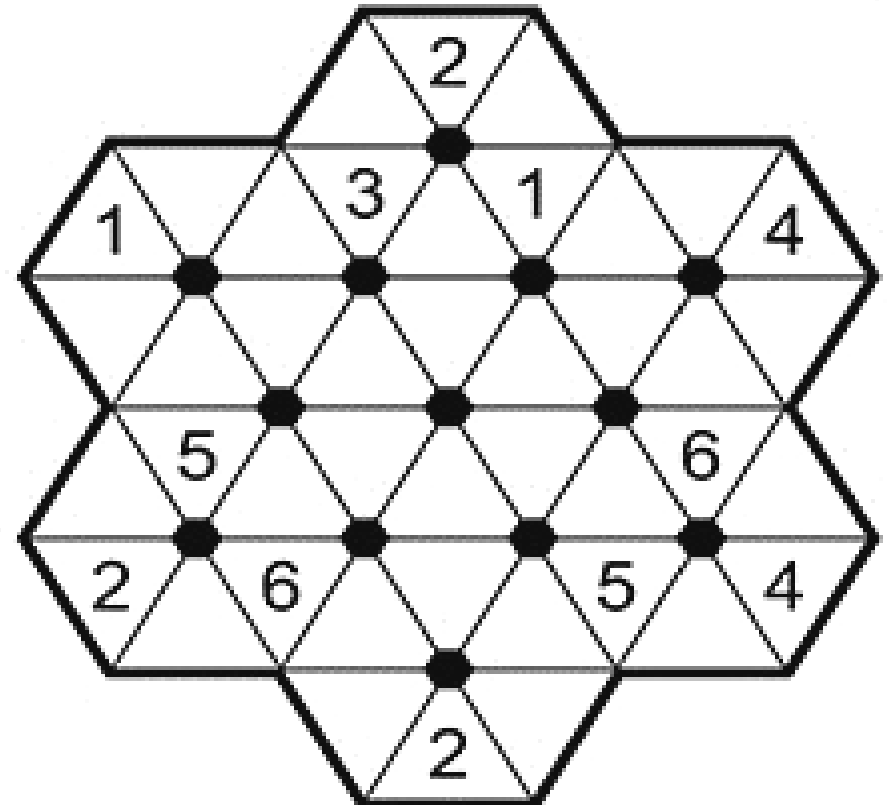
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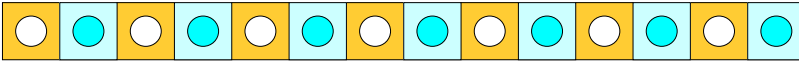


SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.





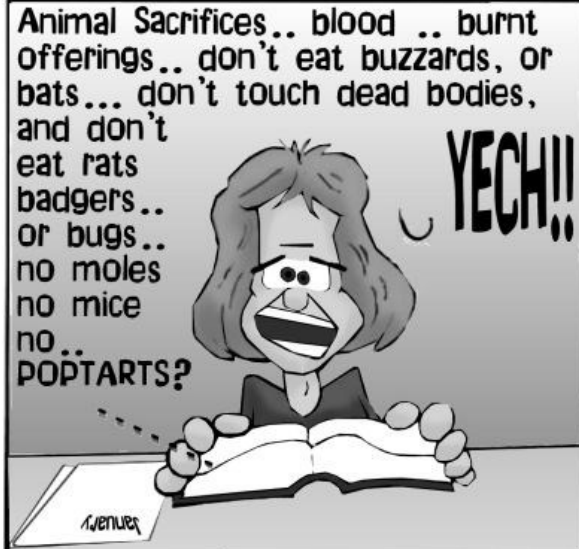
*** In Our Prayers ***



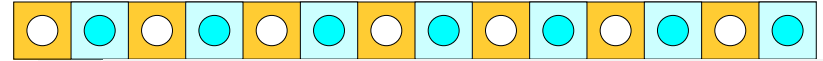
Church friends and family lifted up in prayers during the month of December:

Virginia McKnight, Joyce Simpson, Carol Replogle, Jean Hughes, Melissa Goodnight, Joan Kenworthy, Matt Atkins, Sandy Johnson, Diane Johnson, Owen Trent, Betty Nelson, Lee Simpson, Kathy Miller, Todd Busch, Phil Johnson, Bob Johnson, Kim's Granddaughter, Phil Kaufman, Greg Lareau, Paige Smith, David Johnson, Betty Ramer family, Derrick Sibbitt, Adams family, Randy Busch, John Wagoner family, Carol Cox

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Janice starts out every year like so many intending to read thru the Bible.. BUT.. becomes bogged down around the time Leviticus shows up on her schedule.



SERVING THE LORD IN FEBRUARY

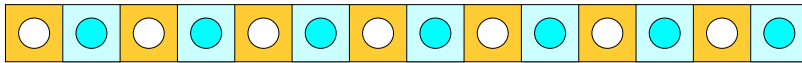
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E	<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Kris Seward
B	<i>Media Tech:</i>	Deb Allbaugh
12	<i>Acolyte:</i>	Joyce Simpson

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B	<i>Media Tech:</i>	Joe Spence
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



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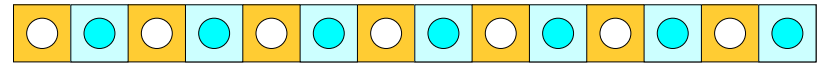
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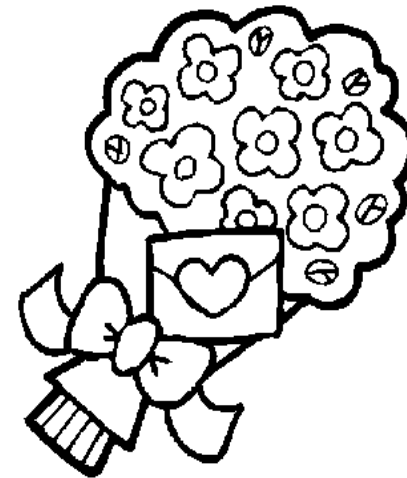
5:00-7:00pm



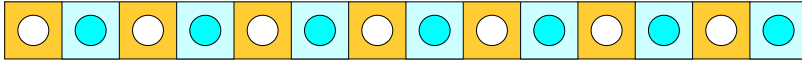
Valentine's Day Word Search

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CANDY
CARD
CHOCOLATE
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HUGS
KISSES
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OPERATION SHOE BOXES

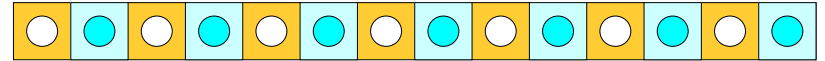
Shoebox gifts are collected in Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States.

After collecting 10.5 million shoeboxes globally in 2021, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach 11 million children in 2022, with 9.4 million of these boxes coming from the U.S.

Over 498,000 volunteers worldwide—with nearly 200,000 of those in the U.S.—are involved in collecting, shipping and distributing shoebox gifts. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. Samaritan's Purse currently works in more than 100 countries to provide aid to victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine.

Eternal Impact

Delivered into the hands of children through local churches, every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share about Jesus Christ and God's Love.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There will be no women's fellowship meeting in January. February's committee for the Valentine Meal is: Nancy Clingenpeel, Joyce Simpson and Joyce Tomson

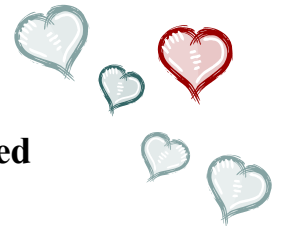
ALL-CHURCH

VALENTINE DAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

February 12, 2023

Following Worship
Please come and enjoy the fun,
food, and fellowship

Everyone is Invited



**Pot Pie Noodles
FOR SALE**

28 bags left!

Also some cooked

Pot pie

Now On Sale

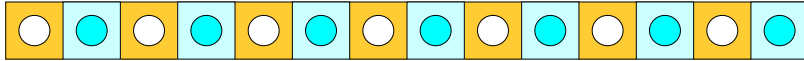
Priced

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\$6/bag or quart

Women's Fellowship
Funeral Dinner Work Schedule
DEC, JAN, & FEB

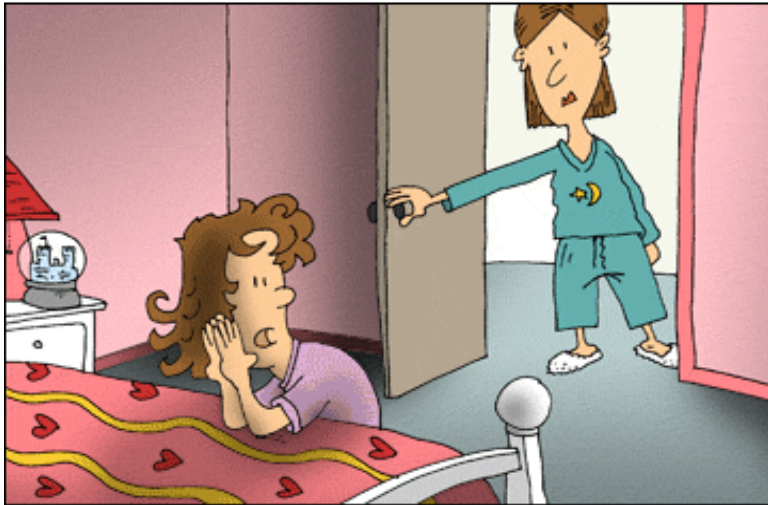
Pat Spence
Dianna Mooney
Frances McGill
Sandy Cripe



Welcome!!

We welcome Lee Simpson to our church family. Lee was baptized on November 27th. May God bless you!

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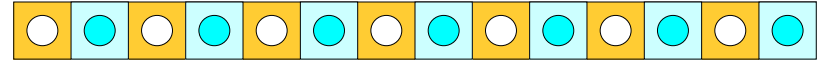
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Clerk	<i>volunteer needed</i>	2023, 2024, 2025
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Assistant Treasurer	Joyce Sibbitt	2023
Financial Secretary <i>(appointed by CRT)</i>	Judy Roberson	2023
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Worship Facilitator	Joe Spence	2023,2024,2025
Women's Fellowship <i>(appointed by Women's Group)</i>	Diana Mooney	2023.2024.2025
Pastoral Relations Comm.	Jerry Sibbitt	2023.2024.2025
Pastoral Relations Comm.	Sandy Johnson <i>(appointed by Pastor)</i>	2023.2024.2025
Annual Conf. Delegate <i>(Cincinnati, OH July 4/8/2023)</i>	<i>volunteer needed</i>	2023
District Conf. Delegate	Phil Tomson	2023
District Conf. Alternate	<i>volunteer needed</i>	2023

Please note that the office of clerk is vacant. We would love, if someone fills the calling to step up and fill this position.