

# THE PULSE

MCFARLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

a church with heart - weekly newsletter

*"I will put my teaching in their minds and write it on their hearts..."*  
Jeremiah 31:33

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 2020

Worship Using Zoom Technology 10am at this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97010988439> Note: Because of the threat of "Zoom Bombing," Sunday Morning Worship is password protected. If you would like to join us, and do not yet have the password, please email our very warm and friendly choir director Tom Ludwig at [tludwig.rn@gmail.com](mailto:tludwig.rn@gmail.com).

Bible Study 11:45am <https://zoom.us/j/262314649>

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### MONDAY thru FRIDAY

Devotion & Check In  
8:00 am

We will continue to have morning devotion time Mon. through Fri.

Link Here:

<https://zoom.us/j/624201194>

(more information below in Pastor Bryan's note)

### WEDNESDAYS

Midweek Inhale  
6:30 pm

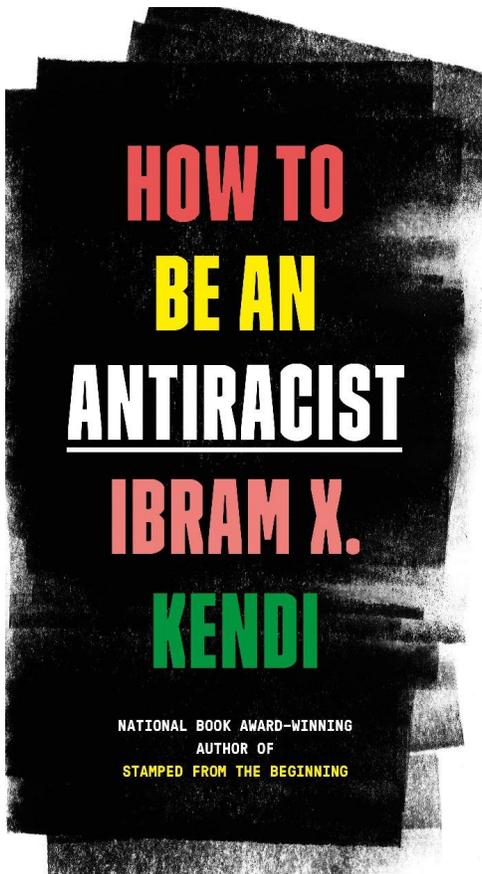
We focus on spiritual practices that help nurture our connection to God & help us stay grounded in the Spirit.

Link Here:

<https://zoom.us/j/123020606>

(more information below in Pastor Bryan's note)

# HAPPENING NOW!



## Racial Justice Book Group

email [office@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:office@mcfarlanducc.org) to join!

Many of us have been touched by the racial injustices that we've seen over the past several years, but this year - particularly with the George Floyd killing in Minneapolis - these events have really hit us in the core of our faith.

We feel the need to educate ourselves on what has happened and is still happening to people of color in our country, and one way to do this is to educate ourselves by gathering information that we may not have been aware of.

We've formed a book group to discuss some of the books on this subject, and the first book we're reading is "How to Be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi. Our first meeting (over Zoom) will be in mid-September (specific time and date TBD).

Please send an email to Melissa ([office@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:office@mcfarlanducc.org)) if you would like to join. All are welcome, and we're looking forward to a great discussion.



# a few words from Pastor Bryan...

Hi everyone,

I trust you are enjoying summer as it flies by in whatever ways you can. I'm already seeing a few leaves changing here and there, and we all know what that means! Hopefully we'll have a nice long, warm, beautiful Fall, at least as far as the weather goes. As this pandemic experience continues, I do wonder how we can best stay connected as a church community. We are not going to be in our building anytime soon I'm afraid. Some of you are taking advantage of all the zoom programs we're offering. I've been delighted that so many of you are choosing, even in the summer months, to join zoom church on Sunday mornings. I really look forward to seeing you all and being together in that way. Thanks for making it a priority to be present to and with each other that way, and I'm grateful to many of you for the positive feedback I've received regarding our online worship.

I'm also well aware though that zoom worship on Sunday mornings just isn't going to work for a number of you. And so I want to invite you to offer suggestions, if you have any, for additional ways of staying connected, without actually gathering together physically. Please call me (608-577-8716) or email me ([pastorb@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:pastorb@mcfarlanducc.org)) if you have any specific suggestions. I did mention on Sunday morning that I'd be open to holding a second Bible Study at a time other than Sunday morning at 11:45 if that would appeal to any of you. I've received one "yes" to that invitation so far. I think we need a nucleus of about 5 people in order to make this happen, so if you are interested in this please let me know.

As always, please be in touch if there are any ways that I or our congregation can be of service to you. God bless you and I hope to see you soon one way or the other.

Pastor Bryan

# CONNECT WITH US

## CHURCH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

**Pastor Bryan Sirchio**

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608-577-8716

**Melissa Mendl**, Office Admin

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## SaLT

(Servant & Leadership Team)

[salt@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:salt@mcfarlanducc.org)

NOTE: this email address goes out to all SaLT Members listed below:

**Hélène Benink**, Moderator  
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**Colleen Krattiger**, Vice Moderator

**Joan Jacobsen**, Treasurer  
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**Anne Gerke**, Clerk  
[clerk@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:clerk@mcfarlanducc.org)

**Lavon Geasland, Ann Ross, Cindy Wendorf**, SaLT Members

## FINANCIAL

### SECRETARIES

[finsec@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:finsec@mcfarlanducc.org)

**Sue Haeffner & Ann Ross**

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Other Helpful Email Addresses You Might Like to Have

**N.I.O.N.** [nion@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:nion@mcfarlanducc.org)

**Eco-Justice Green Team** [ecojustice@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:ecojustice@mcfarlanducc.org)



# IT'S ALL ON THE WEB!

## CALENDAR with QUICK UP TO DATE EVENT INFO

[mcfarlanducc.org/calendar](http://mcfarlanducc.org/calendar)

## EVENT DETAILS

(easy to share with friends)  
[mcfarlanducc.org/upcoming-events](http://mcfarlanducc.org/upcoming-events)

## ONLINE DIRECTORY

(password protected to respect privacy of those who offered their personal information. Call or email Melissa in the office for the login password)  
[Mcfarlanducc.org/directory](http://Mcfarlanducc.org/directory)

## FORMS

(Church Building Use, Ministry Idea, etc)  
[Mcfarlanducc.org/forms](http://Mcfarlanducc.org/forms)

## ALL CURRENT SIGNUPS

[Mcfarlanducc.org/signups](http://Mcfarlanducc.org/signups)

**Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

General Fund Summary Aug 2019 - July 2020  
 (Funds for general operating expenses)

SaLT review 08/06/2020

Month	Revenue	Expenses	Variance
Aug-19	12,438	7,516	4,922
Sep-19	15,065	13,613	1,451
Oct-19	14,889	16,320	(1,431)
Nov-19	14,404	10,896	3,508
Dec-19	17,458	15,375	2,084
Jan-20	12,853	12,029	824
Feb-20	16,125	12,226	3,899
Mar-20	12,564	12,099	465
Apr-20	16,656	16,683	(27)
May-20	14,261	10,159	4,102
Jun-20	15,758	11,085	4,673
Jul-20	14,692	19,905	(5,213)
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,163</b>	<b>157,906</b>	<b>19,257</b>

**2020 Budget**

\$174,273

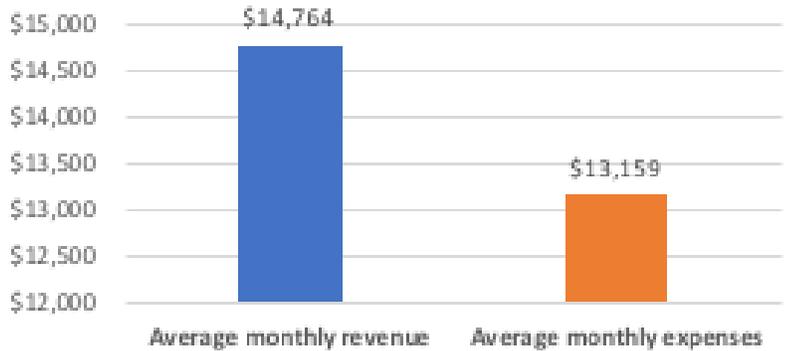
**Average Monthly Revenue  
 Needed to Meet Budget**

\$14,523

**Actual Average Monthly  
 Revenue Aug 2019-Jul 2020**

\$14,764

**Last 12 Months - Average**



**MUCC Monthly Operations - Last 12 Months**

