

KALKASKA CHURCH of CHRIST

2025 ANNUAL REPORT
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2025 NUMBERS

BAPTISMS

56 IN 2025

32 Baptisms in 2024

29 Baptisms in 2023

23 Baptisms in 2022

MEMBERSHIPS TRANSFERRED

0 IN 2025

8 in 2024

1 in 2023

10 in 2022

GIVING IN 2025

\$729,167.39

\$726,989.86 in 2024

\$652,629.00 in 2023

\$645,574.28 in 2022

BAPTISMS

Kaden Kimball	Kim Stewart
Abigail Brewer	Landis Stewart
Isabelle Brewer	Rob Krause
Megan Harvey	Katherine Nation
Isabelle Babcock	Deb Swoverland
Lisa Jasper	Kendra Nagy
Olivia Jasper	Skyler Flannery
Wyatt Woodin	Taylor Flannery
Isaiah Sebaly	Andrea Hill
Donna Hoot	Gabbi Johnson
Lyndsey O'Dell	Gracie Jerry
Colt Phipps	Kaelei Chesebro
Deborah Daniels	Lucy Lortz
Meg Babich	Mackenzie Johnson
Adam Victory	Kelsey Dalton
Brandy Victory	Elly Maher
Dustin Lewis	Roberta Bloomfield
Joe Seckinger	Stephen Bloomfield
Cindy Seckinger	Philip Jacobson
Erik Belongia	Scott Jacobson
Cheyenne Love	Tammy Jacobson
Alec Mikolaiczik	Zander Winn
Gabe Gauthier	Braden Bluer
Heather Wood	Branden Bluer
Makenzi Russell	Holly Bluer
Mitchell Russell	Bryce Eyre
Dixon Guggemos	Rachel Eyre
	Joshua Gerstenberger
	Mercedes Patterson

KALKASKA CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT

12/31/2025

Beginning Balance (cash & cash equivalents)	\$	527,356
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Contributions

General Fund Contributions	\$	730,452
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Misc. Contributions & Reimbursements		56,545
Memorial Fund		1,450
Restricted Funds misc		19,802
	\$	808,250

Other Income

Interest earned (Solomon)	\$	21,018
Sale of Church Bus		0
Building Use		1,371
	\$	22,389

Liabilities

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Total contributions/income/liabilities	\$	1,357,995
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Expenses

Budgeted Expenses	\$	737,810
Misc. directed giving		14,582
Restricted Fund Expenditure		15,250
Total Expenses	\$	767,642

Ending Balance (cash & cash equivalents)	\$	590,353
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Any questions contact Mike Babcock or Dick Ickes

SUMMARY 2026 BUDGET

Employee Salaries & Benefits	\$	404,432.00	52.8%
Office Expenses	\$	42,626.00	5.6%
Building & Property	\$	107,000.00	14.0%
Christian Education/Evangelism	\$	124,680.00	16.3%
Funerals	\$	3,000.00	0.4%
Missions	\$	84,296.00	11.0%
Totals	\$	766,034.00	100.0%

See Mike Babcock or Dick Ickes if you have questions.



Andy Bratton
SENIOR MINISTER

2026 LOOKING AHEAD

We began 2025 rolling out our three-year strategic plan called the “One Plan.” The highlight of that plan was that we are challenging our church family to Reach One, Teach One, and Lead One. Meaning we are asking everyone to share their faith with at least one person over the course of the year, partner in discipleship, and mentor or pray for one of our youth.

As part of the plan, we launched our Plus One program for new believers, have integrated youth into our Sunday morning worship times more often, and focused our sermon

series on how to interact with others to disciple them for Christ.

Some challenges still before us are space for our youth, specific evangelism training, and small group discipleship. All of those areas will be addressed in 2026.

From the “pulpit,” we taught from Nehemiah, 1 and 2 Timothy, and the book of John. Topically, we addressed how we interact with each other, money and finances, and my favorite, what the Bible says about baptism. And, wow, did people ever respond. At last count, we baptized 56 people in 2025! I was blessed to hear some amazing stories of how God worked in people’s lives to draw them to Him.

As for 2026, I am looking forward to presenting what God has laid on my heart to share with you. As of right now, it will include a study of God’s love, the book of Hebrews, people who had specific conversations with Jesus, the life of a prophet, war stories in the Bible, and a study this summer called “A Soggy Gospel,” where we look at how the Gospel played out close to or in the water.

Thank you for being an awesome church family. I can’t wait to see what God does next.

ROOTED & REACHING

The Kalkaska Church of Christ is healthy and alive! I'm honored to be a part of it. I see the spiritual health of the church by the number of people involved in our discipleship programs, such as Basecamp for men, Titus 2 for women, KCC Wired for middle & high school youth, weekly children's programs for elementary age children, and Anchored Bible Study for both men and women. These programs are consistently reaching and teaching Christian men, women, and young people the Bible and how to live it.



Tim Severance
ASSOCIATE MINISTER

The church is alive because we have witnessed spiritual births with over 50 baptisms this past year! Other ways to know it is alive are through seeing mature Christians continue to read through their Bibles all year long, thrive in small Life Groups, and worship on Sundays both in-person and online.

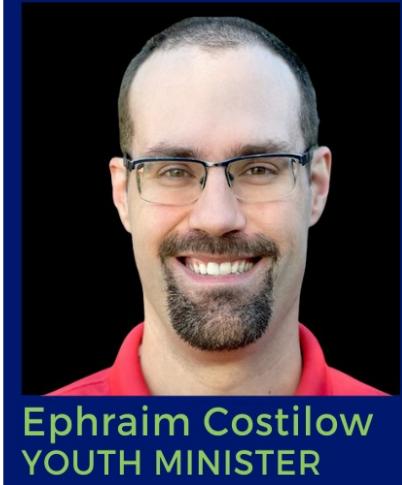
My aim on the church staff is to consistently support all of our current ministry endeavors, of which there are well over 50, through technology, volunteerism, and service. Just one aspect of using technology in ministry is our Sunday morning live-stream. Since early 2020 we have been sharing our Sunday morning worship services on Facebook, YouTube, and Church Online Platform (CHOP). This past year (2025) we've estimated an average of eighty to ninety individual viewers each week. Some are shut-ins or ill at home and can still stay connected to the church in this manner. Others have moved out of the area, but still enjoy seeing familiar faces and worshiping with us. Still others watch out of curiosity. We had one couple watch for an entire year before attending a service in-person. It's a privilege to share worship and the Gospel message in this way.

Ministry at KCC takes teamwork. We ask that everyone take a PART in it no matter how large or small. Use your gifts for God's Kingdom and help us reach more people with the love and grace of Jesus Christ. During 2025, there were well over 34 new volunteers looking to play a PART with the church. We saw new volunteers in areas such as our children's department, first impressions, and technology. Since the church is like a living body, there are always new PARTS to be filled as people come and go. If you found your PART with us, thank you! If you haven't yet, visit our website to get started.

Personally, my wife, Anita, and I celebrated 25 years of marriage this past September. Our oldest child, Scott, graduated from Michigan Tech University with a biomedical engineering degree. He and his wife, Gina, live down in Novi, Michigan. Our daughter, Kaylin, will finish her degree in Human Biology in April 2026 from Michigan Tech. She is engaged and plans to marry a young man from Grand Rapids, Michigan in May 2026. They met at a Michigan Tech Campus Ministry. God has blessed our family.

Thank you for allowing me to serve our great Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, alongside you for over 24 years now. May He come quickly!

KCC WIRED YOUTH



Ephraim Costilow
YOUTH MINISTER

It truly felt like there was something happening almost every single day this year: events, retreats, youth group nights, D-Groups, Fellowship of Christian Athlete huddles, weekly lunches at the Middle & High Schools, cheering our youth on at their extracurricular activities, and even spontaneous hangouts at our house or the houses of our other adult leaders. Ministry didn't stop at scheduled programs; it happened in everyday moments and relationships, which is where some of the most impactful

growth took place. Many of our youth faced personal battles in 2025 that quickly revealed areas of spiritual strength and weakness. Walking alongside them through those seasons and watching several come out the other side renewed, resilient, and more grounded in their walk with Christ, has been incredibly impactful to me. God has been at work in deep and meaningful ways.

One of the highlights of the year was our Middle School mission trip to serve the Native American community in Wisconsin. This experience stretched our students beyond their comfort zones and gave them a firsthand look at what it means to serve others selflessly. They learned, grew, and returned home with a greater awareness of God's heart for people and communities beyond their own. Leadership development continued to be a major focus as we had 20 student leaders actively pouring into their peers and into each other. These students stepped up in various ways while learning how to use their God-given gifts in ministry. It has been incredible to watch them grow in confidence, responsibility, and spiritual maturity as they learn what it means to lead like Christ. Our Wednesday night youth group attendance continued to grow this year, not only in numbers but in consistency. In past years, attendance often ebbed and flowed with sports seasons and community activities. Another exciting development was the Fall expansion of our weekly D-Groups to include Middle School students. These discipleship groups meet every Sunday night for an hour and a half to dig into God's Word and discuss it together. These smaller groups have become a place for honest conversation, accountability, and meaningful spiritual growth.



Our Fall and Winter Retreats were once again major highlights. The Fall Retreat at Statewide remains a favorite, and there is nothing quite like seeing our youth pour their hearts out for Jesus in a gymnasium filled with students from across Michigan. For the Winter Retreat, we returned to Starwood Ranch, where students loved hunkering down together under one roof. No matter where we go or what we do, these students love being together and they love growing in Christ. That is incredibly exciting to witness.

Above all, this year has been about growing our youth in Jesus. We've seen iron sharpening iron as students mentor one another, encourage one another, and challenge each other to go deeper in their faith. They are learning how to own their faith personally, not just borrow it from others, and they are discovering what it means to walk with Christ together. This included several instances in 2025 of our youth calling their Christian peers to walk the straight and narrow path. Watching our youth lovingly hold each other accountable, while showing grace to those who maybe weren't being so loving, was another highlight for me. Life and relationships are hard.

These youth are learning valuable skills and I know it will only help them later in life. We are deeply grateful for what God has done in and through KCC Wired Youth this year! I want to give a shoutout to our adult leaders below who tirelessly poured their time, knowledge, and heart into these youth. In the fall, we introduced 4 L.I.T's (Leaders In Training) to our leadership team. These are young adults who felt called to continue pouring into this ministry. It has been wonderful watching them walk alongside our other adult leaders and being a light to our youth. We've already seen a deeper level of accountability and connection with our youth because of this addition. God is continually growing and refining this ministry.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

2025 has been an incredible year of growth, community, and spiritual transformation in KCC Kidz. Across WASP, Octane, Sunday mornings, and VBS, we have seen God work through our kids, families, and volunteers in powerful ways.

ATTENDANCE & ENGAGEMENT:

KCC KIDZ REMAINS A VIBRANT
AND GROWING MINISTRY



WASP K - 2ND 45 weekly
OCTANE 3RD - 5TH 45 weekly
SUNDAY MORNING 35 weekly
2025 highest attendance 48

VBS 150
children/volunteers
TRUNKorTREAT
reached nearly
1,000
children in our community

VOLUNTEERS:

Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of everything we do. This year we were especially blessed to see many former KCC Kidz—now teenagers—return to serve.

WASP VOLUNTEERS
5 adults 6 tweens
OCTANE VOLUNTEERS
5 adults 3 teens
SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS 12
a rotating team of

VBS 40 volunteers

We are deeply grateful for each person
who gives their time, energy, and heart to this ministry.

WHAT WE LEARNED:

Throughout WASP and Octane, kids memorized Scripture and learned about emotions—how to manage them, talk about them, and rely on God in those moments. We also walked through the life of Moses, exploring how God helped him through challenges and how He helps us today. Sunday mornings continued to focus on biblical foundations and stories that help kids understand who God is and how He works in their lives.

We also celebrated key events such as our Palm Sunday program, our upcoming Christmas program, and our community presence at Blazer Bash.

SERVING OTHERS:

Our Octane students modeled Christlike compassion in meaningful ways this year. They visited sick and elderly church members, offering encouragement, prayer, and handmade cards.

Their heart for service was also evident at VBS, where they helped lead the effort to raise \$1,348.25 for Hurricane Helene flood relief. The donation was sent to IDES to support families recovering from the disaster.

SPIRITUAL MILESTONES:

This year's Baptism Class had around 10 kids, helping them understand faith, repentance, and the decision to follow Jesus. A couple of students chose to be baptized, and many more seeds of faith were planted—seeds we often see bear fruit years later.

In April, 13 students and 8 adults traveled to Detroit for the SuperStart retreat, with plans to attend again in March 2026 in Columbus, Ohio.

A CARING, PRAYING COMMUNITY

More than any program or event, the biggest blessing this year has been the heart of our children. They faithfully pray for one another, bring prayer requests for their friends, and rejoice when God answers. Each week, we saw kids praying for a classmate whose dad was deployed overseas—and the whole group celebrated when he returned home safely.

Many parents shared videos and pictures of their children singing worship songs long after Sunday was over. And to me personally, the handmade cards, notes, and crafts the kids bring are so meaningful to me.



Darrell Boger
WORSHIP MINISTER

KCC WORSHIP

This year has been a really encouraging season for our Worship Ministry, marked by growth, renewed focus, and a continued desire to lead our church family in meaningful, Christ-centered worship.

One of the big wins this year was re-implementing Multitracks into our services. This has brought greater consistency and confidence to our teams each week, especially as we've added several new musicians and vocalists. Seeing people step into their gifts and serve faithfully has been a huge encouragement. As Psalm 33:3 says, **"Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy."** That verse has felt especially true this year.

We've also continued to raise the bar—musically and spiritually. Our goal is excellence, not for performance, but for worship that honors God and serves the church well. Colossians 3:23 reminds us, **"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."** We want every rehearsal and every Sunday morning to reflect that heart.

Looking ahead to next year, we're excited to keep building strong team culture, developing leaders, and growing spiritually together. We want to be more intentional with prayer and scripture as a team, trusting Psalm 95:6: **"Come, let us bow down in worship."** Our prayer is that everything we do continues to point our church to Jesus.

We're deeply grateful for our worship and tech volunteers and for the continued support of our church family. We look forward with expectation to what God will continue to do in the year ahead.

PRESCHOOL

The year 2025 was busy and fun. On Sundays we averaged 10 to 15 kids. We enjoyed a lesson from Little K and Kia, along with a craft afterward. The kids enjoyed learning about Jesus and playing with all the toys. (especially the sandbox.) Yes, I have a sandbox in the room.

VBS this year was True North. It was a Northern Lights and camping theme. We had a bear, moose, eagle, crab, and an otter teach us Scripture. We did crafts, games, group lessons, and had a theme snack each day. We were blessed with 18 kids and lots of fun, and can't wait till next year.



We scheduled Tadpole Day Camp the Sunday after VBS out at Wilderness Christian Assembly camp. It was a rainy day, so no one came out. We will be having it again next year, so be on the lookout for sign ups.



Matthew Phillips, Crystal McMichael and my fill in youths.

The VBS team includes Sonya Reimer, Matthew Phillips, Isabella Wegener, Nicholas Wegener, Nikki Phillips, and Aurora Tracy. YOU ALL ROCK! Keep doing the work of Jesus.

Thank you, church, for supporting the youth in our church and community the way you do. They are our future. Let's keep teaching them about Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR: Kina Moore

At our Bridge Over party in August, we had 10 kids graduate to Ms. Sara's room. They move up once they start kindergarten. We enjoyed pizza, popsicles, and each other's company.

Our room seems different now, going from 15 kids to 6 on an average Sunday. We transitioned from 4-5 year olds, to 3-4 year olds, and from mostly boys to primarily girls.

All this couldn't be achieved without the great people that help make it all happen. On Sundays taking turns Nancy Ickes, Alicia Sloneki, Sonya Reimer,



THE BRIDGE



2025 has been an incredible year of growth and faith-building for The Bridge. Our group has grown substantially, with 18 young adults now regularly attending events, Sunday morning Faith Training, or both. It has been encouraging to see new faces and deeper connections forming throughout the year. This year, we introduced a new weekly curriculum from 'Answers in Genesis', and it has been a tremendous blessing. The young adults have engaged deeply with Scripture, asking thoughtful questions and strengthening their understanding of God's Word. Because of this, we are confident they are equipped to share and defend the gospel message with clarity and boldness.

Over the course of the year, The Bridge gathered for 25 different events, along with a weekly Bible study and consistent encouragement. These opportunities have helped build strong relationships and a supportive faith community. One of the most exciting developments has been seeing several of our young adults begin to plug into other areas of our church, serving and getting involved beyond The Bridge. Watching them take ownership of their faith and invest in the wider church body has been incredibly rewarding, for them, but also for us. Jason Tracey and I have truly loved walking alongside these young adults on their journey with Christ and within our church.

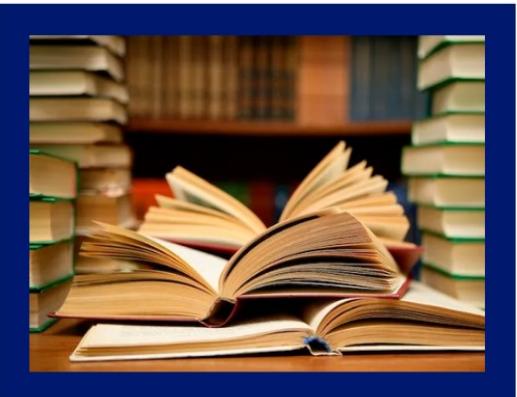
We are grateful for what God has done this year and look forward with anticipation to what He will continue to do through The Bridge in 2026! We already have a group of 16 headed to Rock Lake Christian Assembly for their February young adult retreat!

BRIDGE COORDINATOR: Molly Costilow



LIBRARY

This past year has been a truly wonderful one for the KCC Library. Cheri and I have been grateful for every opportunity to share new books with the congregation and to explore fresh ideas for keeping our collection vibrant and up to date. During the summer of 2025, we hosted the Garden of Readin' program for children in Pre-K through 5th grade. The Lord blessed us with a joyful group of young readers, and it was a delight to spend that time reading and learning together. We look forward to bringing even more engaging and meaningful experiences to the library in 2026.



In 2025, we added a total of 133 new books to our collection. These include a wide range of titles from new and local authors, as well as books on evangelism, mental health, devotionals, teen and young adult literature, children's books, and new large-print selections. We were also blessed with several beautiful book donations throughout the year, and we extend heartfelt thanks to those generous givers who prefer to remain unnamed.

The KCC Library saw 175 books checked out in 2025, and we welcomed five new patrons into our library system. Our collection now includes more than 3,000 items, including books, DVDs, and in-house reference materials. I encourage everyone to stop by and explore all that the library has to offer. I would also like to celebrate our most dedicated readers of the year. Karin Hulbert read an impressive 51 books in 2025, with Cheri Cavanaugh close behind at 29 books. Thank you both for your enthusiasm and love for reading – you are an inspiration to us all.

As we look ahead, our prayer is that the library continues to be a place of growth, encouragement, and connection – a space where God uses stories, learning, and community to bless every person who walks through our doors.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord..." – Colossians 3:23

LIBRARY COORDINATOR: Christine Johnson

BENEVOLENCE



2025 was an interesting year, to say the least. The needs and requests were higher than in past years, using more of the budget than in the recent past. The needs were varied, heating fuel assistance, gas, overnight accommodations, and groceries.

Home repair projects also increased, as well, both from benevolence as well as the 2:14 projects of ramps, roofing repairs, and interior home repairs. Most of these projects done by KCC were in conjunction with Freedom Builders.

There are ongoing needs, when helping people who've had serious losses, that are nowhere near remedied. So, prayers are coveted for those issues. KCC will be working alongside Freedom Builders soon on another ramp project for a family that had an auto accident, leaving the dad in the hospital with broken bones, and the family with a totaled vehicle. Another family lost almost everything in a house fire.

As we look at another year of serving in this ministry, join me in praying that those we serve may decide to find a church home, if they don't already have one.

I appreciate prayers that I may be the best steward of the benevolence account, using the funds in the best way possible. I want to thank you all for giving, so we can help others in their time of need.

I thank each and every one of you for your participation in serving others in our community, whether they are members of KCC or not.

BENEVOLENCE COORDINATOR: Steve Mathis

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Filling the cups of our sisters with His Extravagant Love by meeting their needs right where they are! This has been the women's ministry mission statement over the past few years and every year we wonder if we need to update it but with each year, we are finding that our Heavenly Father guides us to stay on this course of filling the cups of our sisters in Christ with His extravagant love.



The women's ministry team has been working hard to try to add to ways to be reaching out to the visitors and newest members to help them feel welcome and part of the Kalkaska Church of Christ family. We have some very strong programs in place to help our ladies go deeper in His Word and to help us fellowship with one another. Between the weekly Bible studies, quarterly events and our monthly Titus 2 program, we are reaching more than 200 ladies.

Our first winter event was our Secret Sisters. We spent the month of February getting to know our sisters through loving on them secretly, with the big reveal taking place the first Sunday in March! We are really looking forward to adding to our number of participants this year, so keep your eye out for sign-ups coming very soon!



In the spring, we had "Cookie Decorating with Sue Wolschon". We spent the morning learning tricks and techniques for decorating the most beautiful spring-themed cookies. Sue put together a little decorating kit along with a half dozen cookies for us to decorate. I'm not sure who had more fun, the ladies decorating the cookies or the men/children in their lives eating those delicious cookies.

We also implemented a new ministry, "Battlefield of the Mom," led by Andria Trumble. This is an outreach to Moms, young and seasoned, in hopes of walking together in the motherly role God has gifted us with. We met on three different occasions with approximately 20-30 ladies at each. We have hopes to continue this in 2026 with the thought of having these quarterly.

During the summer, recognizing that families were being spread in too many directions, we chose to stay focused on family time throughout the summer. We decided not to add a summer Bible study or activity, but instead encourage our ladies to find ways to enhance and embrace their family times. In our downtime, we were planning our "Harvest Celebration" family picnic event for late summer. It was a hit with yummy food, great fellowship and so much fun for our young ones.

We have also been very busy making plans for our 2026 In-House Women's Conference. Please look forward to upcoming details and registration for this event coming very soon! We ask that you be in prayer about this event as our hope is that we'd be able to not only reach the ladies of our church but that it would be a beautiful outreach into our community and beyond.

Our other fall event this year was a progressive dinner! We had 35 ladies come out and participate. We were blessed with three stops along the way where we served the yummiest food around with such fun and flair, our hosts outdid themselves. Along with great food, there was wonderful fellowship and friendship-making as well. It's these kinds of events that bring us all closer to each other and to God as we share in our worldly struggles and also our victories in Jesus!



Our last event for the year was our Annual Christmas Tea, where we had 28 beautifully decorated tables and around 280 ladies in attendance. We continue to hear rave reviews of our entertainment and speakers for this event. Some of our very own ladies from within Kalkaska Church of Christ blessed us with the talents that God gave them and helped guide us into preparing our hearts for the true reason of Christmas. Through the testimonies of our sisters in Christ, we were brought to a place that gave us courage to persevere in the tough times and brought us to worship our Lord even in the midst. Jesus was a true example of this, and that was a great reminder in this Christmas season. Through the Christmas Tea, the Kalkaska Baby Pantry was blessed with a very generous love offering of items and monetary donations.

We are also still loving the Baby Blessing Basket and Meal Train program, and boy are we busy with that! We sure do love watching all the new babies coming our way. Keep praying, as they are the future church!

Lastly, our College/Military boxes are going to start forming in January, so please keep your eyes and ears open for how you can help bless these loved ones of ours.

In 2026, we hope to continue all the above and add some outreach events while we continue to focus on filling the cups of our sisters in Christ with His extravagant love! The women's ministry is completely blessed by some amazing organizers, who volunteer their time and use their God-given gifts to bless those around us. I can't thank you all enough for your driving forces, and I truly look forward to seeing what God has in store for 2026!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Lisa Cummings



MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry hosted similar events in 2025 as in the past. The clay pigeon shoot brought just under 30 men and boys together in April. We continue to have first-time shooters, which is always fun, as they receive proper training from some skilled men who volunteer to teach.

Unfortunately, the river float had to be canceled in 2025. The temperature and overall weather were not conducive to getting out on the river. We had about 30 men and boys sign up for that event as well.

We are keeping our two-mile stretch of Highway 72 free of clutter since adopting the section of highway two years ago. We continue to have a handful of people show up to help us keep it clean. We could always use more hands. We have

three official cleaning times throughout the spring and summer. We will continue to let the church family know when those dates are upon us.

We were asked by the women's ministry to assist in the annual church picnic. We were able to help with corn hole and setup and tear-down of the event. We also hosted one of the KCC euchre nights in February. It was a small turnout, but fun, nonetheless.

The church was able to partner with Freedom Builders on nine different projects in 2025. Freedom Builders works in a five-county area and calls us when they have a project in Kalkaska County or Antrim County. We built wheelchair ramps, put roofs on, and repaired kitchens and bathrooms.

All of this activity becomes a conduit for more and more men to attend Basecamp. We averaged around 65 men at Basecamp in 2025, and it continues to grow! In the fall of 2025 we started a study on the book of James.

The final highlight is that we have added more men to the Men's Ministry leadership team. We are excited about the new ideas that may come about and the extra hands to help pull our events together.

We look forward to a great 2026 as we continue to reach men and boys for Jesus.



MEN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR: John McMichael



BABY PANTRY

If I could wrap up 2025 in just one word it would be "GROWTH". The Kalkaska Baby Pantry was "Blessed to be a Blessing" and was "Blessed" with love and generosity!

The Pantry is open to serve the families in our community on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Families are welcome to come in and get essential needs for their children FREE OF CHARGE. We supply clothing, diapers, wipes, baby wash, baby lotion, outerwear, bibs, blankets, food, formula.

In addition, several times per year we have special items for the children and provide educational opportunities for our families. This year, we supplied: sunscreen, new socks, new underwear, blankets, books, toothbrushes, PJs, and winter outerwear.

At the end of 2024 the pantry decided to add additional support to our families by increasing the number of diapers that each child received per visit from 24 to 36. Little did we know that we would also have a 30% growth in families coming to the pantry. Our community continues to bless the pantry with donations and financial support.

Our volunteers are the core of what makes the Kalkaska Baby Pantry so special. They spend countless hours shopping, washing, sorting, organizing, cleaning, packaging diapers, helping families, fundraising, and so much more! Bless each and every one of YOU!

To the Kalkaska Church of Christ... Thank you for allowing the Pantry to be a part of the Church body. The space that you provide in the basement of KCC allows for quick setup, organization, and allows our families to provide for their children in a safe location that is judgement-free. Thank you to the congregation for your continued love and support.

Please continue to pray for the Pantry, the Families, and the children of our community.

Blessed to be a Blessing!

BABY PANTRY PRESIDENT: Kim Stephens



We look forward to serving HIM in 2026!

Kalkaska Baby Pantry Board:
Kim Stephens - President
Diane Watson - Vice President
Mickie Castle - Treasurer
Linda Crawford - Secretary

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him."

Psalm 127:3

MISSIONS

The Kalkaska Church of Christ **Missions Committee** is composed of **Tim Severance, Michelle Price, Alison Neihardt, Steve & Patti Mathis, Kara Herrick, and Karey Bart**. It is open to any KCC Member with a heart for missions. Visit KCCWired.com to apply. Objectives for the Mission Committee include overseeing and corresponding with current missions and missionaries supported by KCC, highlighting them to the congregation monthly, and coordinating visits.



Jeff Badgero Teaching
in the Dominican Republic

KCC currently **supports 15 missions and missionaries monthly**. These missions are local, national, and international. Also under the Missions umbrella are: Benevolence, Community Outreach, and Short Term/Miscellaneous Missions. The Benevolence category is managed by Steve Mathis and primarily responds to local needs within our church body. The Community Outreach category is managed by Andy Bratton and is used for outreach-type community events in Kalkaska County. The Short Term/Miscellaneous line item is managed by the mission committee and is used as random, unexpected mission-related expenses arise throughout the year.

See the next page for a full list of Missions and the church's monthly gifts to them. In **2025** we gave away **\$82,579** through Missions, which was roughly **11%** of budgeted giving for the year. Your generous giving to the church allows us to continue to reach out in this manner.

The church body in 2025 gave well beyond our budgeted missions. In addition to giving their time and talents, they also gave monetarily to **Wilderness Christian Assembly Food Drive, Socks & Underwear School Drive, Short-Term Mission Trips, IDES Food Drive, and Operation Christmas Child**.



Sowashes in Honduras

2025 Recap

In March, **John & Cheryl Sowash** traveled down to Guatemala to work with God's Child Orphanage for 10 days. In January 2026, the Sowashes will be in Tela, Honduras working with local ministries there. Keep them in your prayers.

In April, **Justin & Rebecca Wright**, explained their vision to reach Muslim migrants in Rome when they spoke at our monthly Lunch Bunch small group. Follow their mission and work at <https://www.wrightmission.com/>. Justin is the son of Jeff & Debra Wright, who both attend KCC.

Also in April, **Jeff Badgero of HOPE Mission**, traveled to the Dominican Republic in hopes of crossing the border into Haiti for a week. Sadly, due to unrest in the country, he was only able to visit for one afternoon. Keep the people of Haiti in your prayers!

In July, KCC began supporting **Ray & Hannah Fettes** monthly. Hannah is the daughter of church member Wanda Fritzsche and grew up at KCC. They work with His House Campus Ministry at Ferris State University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Also in July, **Carmen, John, & Bella Niehaus from Sonlight Ministries** visited KCC. It's the first time representatives from Sonlight had come to Kalkaska. They shared during worship service their work in Haiti and enjoyed lunch with the Missions Committee afterwards.

In August, we sent a team from KCC down to **Go Ministries** in the Dominican Republic to work alongside FAME Medical Evangelism for a week. The team included **Alison Neihardt, Dawn Strahan, Sara & Willow Crawford.**



Ray & Hannah Fettes
Campus Ministry at FSU

In August, **Joe Heins, Executive Director of the Woodburn Christian Children's Home**, shared with us the amazing work of the mission in Indiana.

In September, Bill Warren, Executive Director of FAME Medical Evangelism, shared their mission with the church and the work they are doing around the world.

In November, **Simeon Kraster, with Hope for the Balkans** in Bulgaria spoke to the Missions Committee about his ongoing discipleship work. Pray as the committee ponders on supporting Simeon in the future.

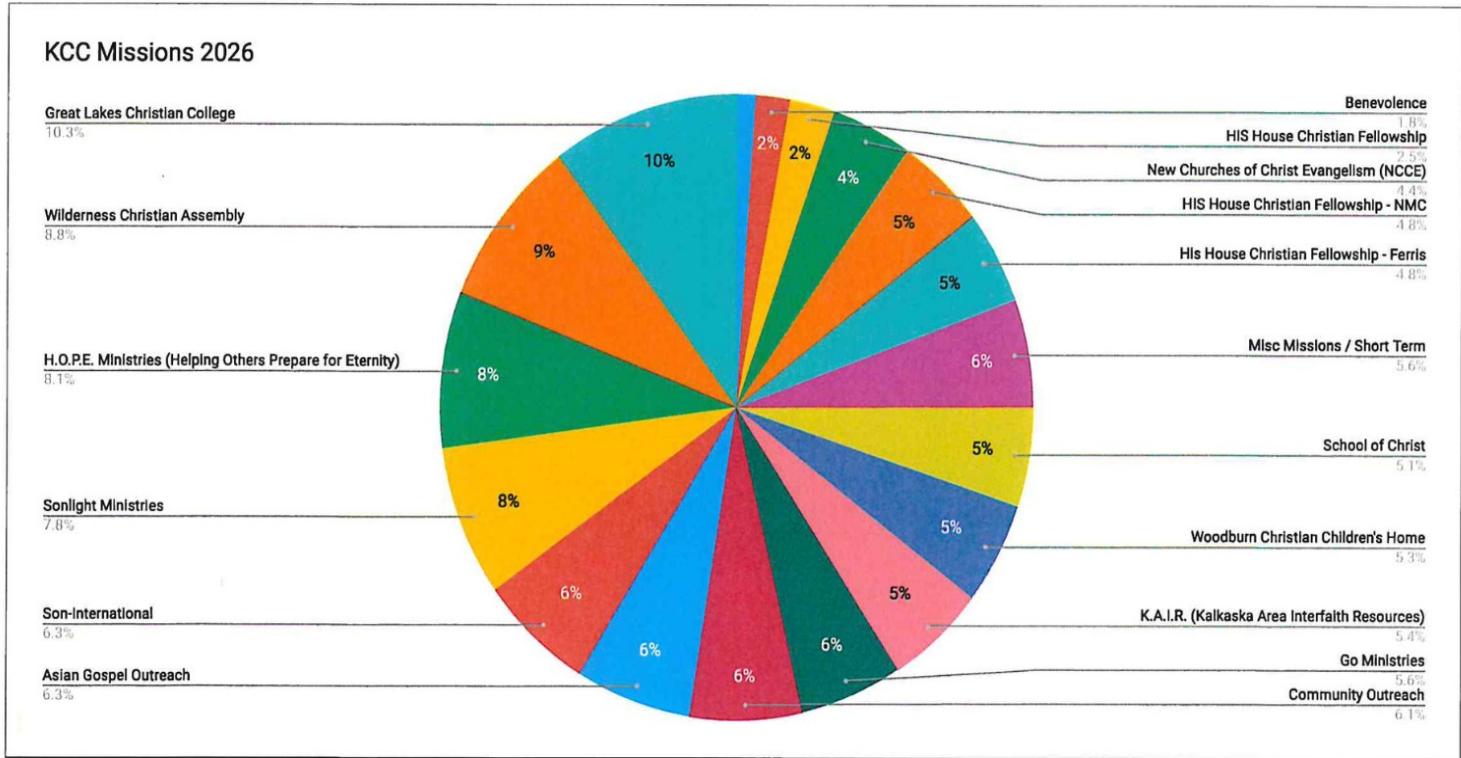
In December, we gave **Annie Ponstein** \$1000 towards her bridge year and short-term mission work with **Bridge Street Ministries** in the Dominican Republic. She'll be on the field January - March 2026.

Looking Forward to 2026

KCC is sending a team in June for the first time to Tanzania, Africa, to visit **Son International** and missionaries **Todd & Ann Ziems**. The team consists of **Matt & Michelle Price, Dr. Richard Hodgman (KCC Elder), Troy & Dawn Strahan, Sara & Teddy Crawford, Norma Jean Krumlauf, Kara Hendricks, and Doug Bomersheim.**

If you would like to know more about Missions at KCC or join the Missions Committee, contact Tim Severance at [tim\(at\)kccwired.com](mailto:tim(at)kccwired.com).

MISSIONS SUPPORTED BY KCC - 2025



Missions KCC Support

2026 Budget

Mission Name	Website	Missionaries	Month Highlighted	2025 Year	Monthly Gift	Percent of All
White as Snow	https://wasministries.com	Becky McDermont	-	\$825.00	\$68.75	1%
Benevolence		Steve Mathis	-	\$1,550.00	\$129.17	2%
HIS House Christian Fellowship	His House Christian Fellowship	Scott Austin	August	\$2,100.00	\$175.00	2%
New Churches of Christ Evangelism (NCCE)	https://www.ncce.cc	Matt Schantz	December	\$3,708.00	\$309.00	4%
HIS House Christian Fellowship - NMC	http://nmc.hpcf.org	Pat Hill	August	\$4,080.00	\$340.00	5%
His House Christian Fellowship - Ferris	Welcome">https://www.hpcf.org/fsu>Welcome	Ray & Hannah Fettes	August	\$4,080.00	\$340.00	5%
Misc Missions / Short Term		Mission Team	-	\$4,700.00	\$391.67	6%
School of Christ	https://www.facebook.com/jacquesmytel	Jacque Mytel	September	\$4,332.00	\$361.00	5%
Woodburn Christian Children's Home	http://www.wccchonline.org	Joe Heins	July	\$4,452.00	\$371.00	5%
K.A.I.R. (Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources)	https://kalkaskakairs.com	Kathy Somes	November	\$4,572.00	\$381.00	5%
Go Ministries	https://gomin.org	Tim & Samira Krauss	February, October	\$4,692.00	\$391.00	6%
Community Outreach		KCC	-	\$5,150.00	\$429.17	6%
Asian Gospel Outreach	Asian Gospel Outreach	Ahtapa Sinlee	January	\$5,316.00	\$443.00	6%
Son-International	SON International	Todd & Ann Ziems	March	\$5,316.00	\$443.00	6%
Sonlight Ministries	www.sonlightministries.org	John & Carmen Neihaus	June	\$6,552.00	\$546.00	8%
H.O.P.E. Ministries (Helping Others Prepare for Eternity)	http://badgerosinhaiti.blogspot.com	Jeff & Carol Badgero	September	\$6,804.00	\$567.00	8%
Wilderness Christian Assembly	http://www.wildernesschristianassembly.org	Ted & Heidi Peasley	April	\$7,416.00	\$618.00	9%
Great Lakes Christian College	http://www.glcc.edu	Phil Beavers	May	\$8,652.00	\$721.00	10%
Totals				\$84,297.00	\$7,024.75	100%

KCC ELDERS UP FOR RE-ELECTION

3 YEAR TERM THROUGH 2028

ELDER BIOS:



Andy Bratton

TESTIMONY - HOW I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

I grew up at KCC. My father was the Senior Minister here for 17 years. When I was 9 years old he offered a class for young people about becoming a Christian. After that class was over, and I realized that I was a sinner in need of a Savior and that Jesus died on the cross to be that Savior, I walked down the aisle in October of that year, gave my life to Christ and was baptized.

FAMILY LIFE

I have been married to my wife Lisa since May 30, 1992. We have two sons and we are expecting our first grandchild this month.

OCCUPATION

Senior Minister at KCC

EDUCATION

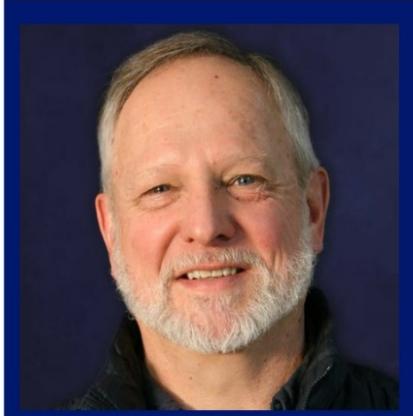
B.S. in Business from Milligan; M.B.A. in Leadership from Butler University; M.A.R. in Ministry Leadership from Cincinnati Christian University.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

2 Samuel 24:24 - "I will not offer anything to the Lord my God that costs me nothing."

TESTIMONY - HOW I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

I was born into a Christian family, which dedicated me as an infant to be raised in a Godly way of life. I asked Jesus to be my Savior and Lord at age 4 and was baptized at KCC at age 14. I have known since childhood that God expected me to work in and for His Church. To keep vocational ministry an option, I attended Milligan College to get Bible basics and attain a Christ-centered worldview. My wife Connie and I moved to Kalkaska in 1991. Connie has worked at the Hospital and I worked in the family surveying business ever since.



Dean Farrier

FAMILY LIFE

I am married to Connie Farrier. We have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

OCCUPATION

Land Surveyor

EDUCATION

B.S. in Education, B.S. in Engineering

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

Ephesians 6: 10 - 11 - "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."



Scott Kniss

TESTIMONY - HOW I BECAME A CHRISTIAN

Growing up on a farm, my family only occasionally attended Spencer Church of Christ. As I got older, I knew something was missing and was looking for something, but didn't know what. In 2005, it was very clear to me that I was a sinner in need of a Savior. My wife, Clarissa, and I were married and were baptized together at New Hope Community Church. We then began our new chapter and journey together, never looking back. We found KCC in 2015 and have made it our church home, serving in different areas of the church. We are humbled and blessed to be a part of this family.

FAMILY LIFE

I am married to my wife Clarissa. Together, we have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

HOBBIES

I love being a husband, father and Grandpa/Poppy. I also enjoy building things and hunting.

OCCUPATION

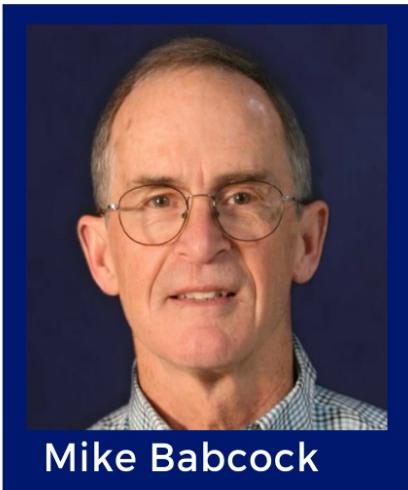
Management in Operations - DTE Energy

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

KCC ELDERS

3 YEAR TERM THROUGH 2026



Mike Babcock

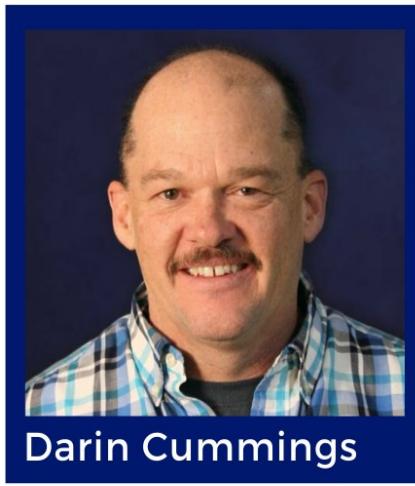


Kevin Davis

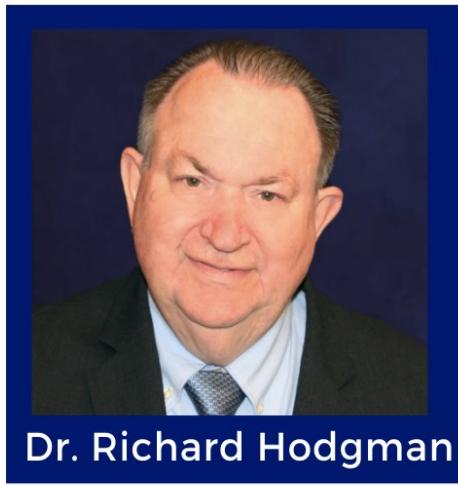


James Trumble

3 YEAR TERM THROUGH 2027

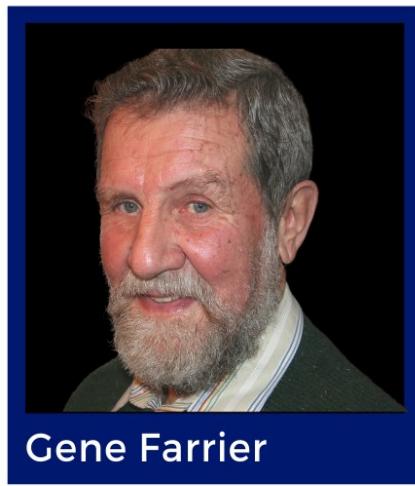


Darin Cummings



Dr. Richard Hodgman

ELDER EMERITUS



Gene Farrier



Maurice "Fuzzy" Guy