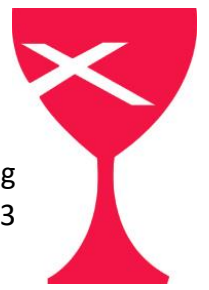


# Ponca City Christian

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## Devotional Christian

### Acts 7:55-60 ~ Stephen

This is a passage that is meant to make us aware of just how real and powerful the message of the Gospel truly is. The life and death of Jesus has given shape to Stephen's life. He extends the forgiveness, trust, and mercy that Jesus has inaugurated. Stephen became the first to die for standing up for the name of Jesus Christ and yet in his death, we can still see that there is a sense of hope and peace as he was dying. He marked the beginning of a long journey ahead for the Christians of that time. Yet it also brought about one of the greatest conversions and evangelists in the Scripture. His death did not stop the gospel, it helped further and advance it and it shows that God will not be stopped, even amid chaos.

### Prayer

*Lord, thank you for the beautiful example of Stephen whose love for Jesus was displayed in the life he lived and the death he died. Help me to walk in spirit and truth, and to trust in your never-failing goodness and grace every moment of the day. Amen.*

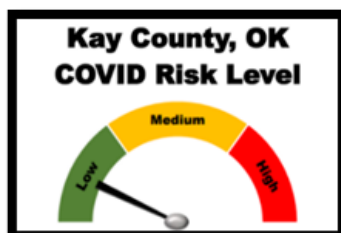
#### Giving in Review

As of March 31, 2022

Income Received YTD  
\$94,609.77

Budgeted Expenses YTD  
\$82,125.00

Actual Expenses YTD  
\$78,892.15



A big thank you to Judy Estlack and Allison Allensworth for their work in the nursery over the past years. They both need to step away from that responsibility, so we are considering ways to meet the need to have nursery attendants. For now, we welcome anyone with children to use the 2nd floor classrooms if their children need to take a break from worship. Changing tables are available in the bathrooms outside the classrooms. We will keep you updated with any changes.

### Intersections of Faith and Immigration

Aug 31-Sept 5

*The Intersections* trip returns this year visiting New York City. This trip is designed for adults 21 and older. The trip will focus on immigration, nations, and internationalism.

The Itinerary Includes:

- Ellis Island
- Tennant Museum
- 9/11 Museum
- United Nations

Fee Includes: Housing (shared room or single), Breakfast daily, Itinerary Entrance Fees, some ground transportation, and a Broadway show.

Participants cover travel costs to and from New York City as well as their meals.

Registration Opens May 15th.

Questions? Ask Stephen for Rev. Michael Davison's contact information.

The Monday prayer group has stopped meeting. We are now sending e-mail notifications to those who have signed up to receive them. Please let Brenna know if you would like to receive prayer request notifications.