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Rejoice School of Ballet presents “The Little Engine Who Could” an original ballet celebrating resilience and friendship. Dancers from Rejoice's pre-professional track and Nashville Ballet's adaptive dance program will perform this kid-friendly, original ballet. Show dates are February 21 and 28 at 7 p.m. and February 22, 23, 29 and March 1 at 2 p.m. in the 4th Story Theater. Tickets available at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).

## Multigenerational Living Communities

Interested in intentional multigenerational living communities? Angelika Schäfer, dear friend of Hal and Linda Moses, will be with us at dinner at 5:15 p.m. on February 19 for an informal conversation about community building and living. If you are interested in joining her as she shares her experience of living and community building in Germany, we will be at a reserved table in the fellowship hall that night. Look for the table tent. RSVP for dinner at [westendumc.org/rsvp](http://westendumc.org/rsvp) and let Stacey know at [sharwelldye@westendumc.org](mailto:sharwelldye@westendumc.org).

## January Financials for West End UMC

	January	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Difference YTD
<b>Pledged Giving</b>	135,509	135,509	147,487	(11,978)
<b>Non-Pledged Giving</b>	21,288	21,288	26,538	(5,250)
<b>Other</b>	17,187	17,187	2,239	14,948
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,984</b>	<b>173,984</b>	<b>176,264</b>	<b>(2,280)</b>

## Prayer Requests and Concerns

Dot Byassee	David Kinnard	Skip Malone
Barbara Cragg	Price Taylor	Sam Garrett