

Running the Race with Perseverance



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

-Hebrews 12:1-4

2021 Annual Stewardship Campaign

Dedication Sunday | October 25, 2020

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Tithing, Proportionate Giving, and Pledging

The leadership of Southminster continues to engage in prayerful deliberation about the ministry of Southminster during the disruption of a global pandemic. We are grateful for your steady and faithful support. Stewardship is a spiritual discipline—how we return a portion of the gifts and resources with which God has blessed us for God’s work in this world. A community that embraces Stewardship as a spiritual discipline takes seriously the biblical call to tithe our blessings back to God, to give 10% of our resources—time, talents, and money—to be a part of building God’s Kingdom. There are so many ways that we are part of building God’s Kingdom through our ministry, including committing over 10% of our overall budget to mission outreach.

As in past years, we encourage every member of our community to prayerfully consider where each of us are on our journey toward a biblical tithe of 10% of our household resources to building God’s Kingdom.

The following example is based on a household income of \$75,000 and shows the simple math to determine what percent of your household income you are presently giving.

Current Pledge	Computation	Percent Giving
\$1,200	$1,200/75,000$	1.6%
\$2,000	$2,000/75,000$	2.7%

As you prayerfully consider the percent of your household income you would like to give, the following formula and example is presented.

Example Pledge Percentages	Computation	Annual Pledge
10% Full Tithe	$\$75,000 \times .1$	\$7,500
5% Half Tithe	$\$75,000 \times .05$	\$3,750

We are grateful for every gift of time, talent, and money to our ministry. Your willingness to support our common ministry financially means a great deal to us! Sharing our financial gifts together for the ministry we share, we will be able to adequately fund our work for Christ for the coming year and we will joyfully share our time, energy, and talents so that our community is enriched in faith and we continue to work for compassion, justice, and peace in our own community and the wider world.

Grace and Peace,
Your Session & Stewardship Team



Southminster Presbyterian Church Narrative Budget

Our budget is more than how we pay to keep the lights on in the building; it is how we help to shine the light of Christ into the greater world. This narrative budget not only tells about our life together as a community, it celebrates accomplishments and points toward future goals.

WORSHIP

Worship will always be the center of our life together as the people of God. While we are not able to gather for worship in-person due to the pandemic, our live-stream capability has been an even more vital element of our worshipping community. We continue to pray, sing, and hear the Word of God read and proclaimed virtually. We are blessed, and our worship is enhanced, by all of the musical offerings given to the Glory of God. Going forward, we want to provide support for our musicians with the resources to obtain new music, continue jazz worship, and support musicians in the greater metro community. The worship budget also supports the maintenance and repair for our Casavant organ, pianos, and support for the visual arts in worship. A large portion of our staff resources are dedicated to planning, preparing, and leading worship each week.

Budget Total: \$114,385

EVANGELISM

Evangelism allows us to reach out into the community and world around us with the good news of Jesus Christ and invite people into the work that God is doing in and through Southminster. Our big project this year has been working with a professional website developer to create a new, visually-appealing website with greater functionality to communicate effectively about our ministry. Your generosity to the church allows us to fund this effort. We look forward to having a new website completed and live before the end of the year. Although the pandemic has meant that we are not able to welcome visitors into our worship service in person, we continue to seek to project the ministry of Southminster into our community through the use of yard banners and social media efforts.

Budget Total: \$58,718

PASTORAL CARE

The effects of the pandemic have drastically impacted our traditional ways of delivering pastoral care to our congregation. We have had to rely on phone calls instead of personal visits, and our ability to be present with our member families who have experienced grief has been difficult. We are grateful for all the ways that our membership has responded to this situation faithfully and creatively so that our connections of love and caring continue to be nurtured.

Budget Total: \$75,297

MISSION

The mission outreach of Southminster into our wider community and the world has remained strong in spite of the disruption of the pandemic. In addition to meeting our regular commitments to assist our local mission partners and support the work of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Board of Deacons has been able to offer special assistance to other ministries as well. We provided a special grant to Heartland Presbyterian Center to help them overcome the loss of income from their conference and camping programs. We provided a grant to Ministry



Leadership Initiative, led by our friend Matt Vaughan, as they continue to provide support and training for churches of all sizes to develop educational leadership. We were able, in partnership with Central Presbyterian Church, to send needed funds to Cardenas, Mexico for the purchase of a “moto-taxi” to be able to deliver 5-gallon bottles of purified water from the Living Waters system there to their clients. During a stressful and uncertain time, all of our hands-on ministries—IHN, Crosslines Food Kitchen, Harvesters—have continued unabated. Thank you for your generous support that enables these life-giving ministries!

Budget Total: \$103,397

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As followers of Christ, we are all called to participate in Christian Formation. Our Christian Education committee oversees educational opportunities for all ages. During the pandemic, Christian Education and Formation has continued in new ways. The CE committee delivered “Church in a Bag” to the doorsteps of our families. The bag was filled with ideas and resources so parents could help children continue in faith formation. As the pandemic has continued, CE pivoted to use the church website as a place of engagement. Vacation Bible School was online for the month of June and engaged through online activities, Facebook Live, and Zoom check-ins each week. This fall, Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary students is online. Club 456 and Youth Group shifted to Zoom as the pandemic began. This fall, we have met outside and socially distanced as weather has permitted. Adult Education is through Zoom on Sunday mornings and Pastor Jeff’s class is a hybrid model. CE continues to seek new and creative ways to engage with the congregation as we all seek to grow as Christ’s disciples.

Budget Total: \$89,203

TOTAL 2021 BUDGET: \$441,000

2021 PROJECTED EXPENSES

Building and Grounds:	\$97,400
Christian Education:	\$10,100
Evangelism:	\$9,100
Family Life:	\$4,300
Stewardship and Per Capita:	\$20,150
Worship:	\$7,900
Personnel:	\$246,000
Mission Giving:	\$46,050
.....Total 2021 Budget: \$441,000	

Overall, this is a 7.7% decrease in spending from last year.



The Southminster Presbyterian Church Endowment

The Southminster Presbyterian Church Endowment is an important part of our funding for mission. The Endowment allows us to take advantage of ministry and mission opportunities that are not included in our regular budget. Some of the components of our Endowment are designated—Music, Mission, Christian Education, and Church Facilities. The largest component of the Endowment is the General Endowment which does not have a specific designation, giving flexibility to finance special opportunities in mission that may arise. Thanks to the prudent oversight of our Endowment Committee, the Endowment Fund continues to grow.

The Southminster Legacy Society has been established to honor the act of giving to God and assuring the future of our ministry to people in Christ's name. It provides an opportunity to commend and graciously thank those who have made a financial commitment in their estate plan for our church. Several members have since joined the Legacy Society and have participated in both educational and social opportunities as a result. Anyone can become a member of the Legacy Society by notifying Southminster that you have included the church in your will or estate plan.

Don't Forget! PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 25, 2020