



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.

The Stewardship Committee and Session would like to invite the membership of Southminster to engage together in a challenge goal for our ministry in 2022. That goal is a simple one: To pass a balanced financial budget for our ministry needs in 2022. That means we need to raise approximately \$29,000 over our 2021 pledged and other income.

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 x .1	\$7,500
5% Half Tithe	\$75,000 x .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 is at the very heart of our community. All of our ministry within and outside our walls is connected to our time together in worship. The return of in-person worship is a wonderful blessing, and our live-streaming capability allows for us to do a new thing - connecting virtually with our church family and friends near and far. We are able to pray, sing, and hear and read the Word of God proclaimed together and apart. Our worship life is blessed and enhanced by the musical offerings of our congregational and community musicians. The generous contributions from this congregation allow for continued support and development of our musicians, and allow for Southminster to collaborate and support local musicians within our greater community. Our budget also supports the maintenance of our fine instruments and the creative beauty of our liturgical environment. Looking ahead, we hope to continue Jazz Worship on fifth Sundays, foster and encourage participation and leadership for worship and music ministry, and challenge each other to sing a new song or try a new thing to the glory of God.

Budget Total: \$116,585

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. Late last year and earlier this year, with a professional website developer, we completed a new, visually-appealing website with greater functionality to communicate effectively about our ministry. Your generosity to the church allowed us to fund this effort. We are now able to welcome visitors to our worship service in person and we’re very grateful for receiving a new member during this pandemic. We continue to seek to project the ministry of Southminster into our community through the use of yard banners and social media efforts. We look forward to in-person community outreach at our Fall Festival and in the New Year!

Budget Total: \$60,918

PASTORAL CARE

As the congregation has moved through a second year of the global pandemic, the pastoral staff and the Family Life committee have worked diligently to stay in touch with our members in all ways possible. Some hospital, nursing home, and home visits have been possible, and we continue to utilize phone calls and digital communication to reach out to our folks who are in need. Hopefully as we move into 2022, the risks associated with in-person contact will continue to diminish and we can resume a more regular rhythm of pastoral care delivery.

Budget Total: \$77,497

MISSION

The mission of Southminster into our wider community and the world continues to be strong and vital. This year we have begun to focus on our commitment to the Matthew 25 initiative of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in three areas: congregational vitality, systemic racism, and ending structural poverty. In the spring of 2022, 19 members of our congregation will travel to Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama to explore the history of civil rights in the South. Working groups are in dialogue about how our congregation can enhance and expand our mission efforts in these three areas. In August, a team visited southern Mexico to repair the non-functioning Living Waters filtration system at Berea Seminary in Palenque, Chiapas. We were able to successfully repair the system so that it continues to provide safe, clean drinking water to the students and faculty of the seminary. We also consulted with our partners in Cardenas, Tabasco where the system there is producing clean, safe drinking water for the wider community six days each week. The mototaxi we financed in 2020 drove in while we were there, filled with empty 5 gallon jugs to be cleaned and refilled. In partnership with Central Presbyterian we were able to provide \$1750 to fund a system expansion so that our partners can serve even more people. We renewed our multi-year partnership with Ministry Leadership Initiative, led by Matt Vaughan. All commitments to local mission partners and the wider mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) have been fulfilled thanks to your generosity. In-kind donations in support of our local mission partners have overflowed the red table. Thank you for your generous and faithful support of these life-giving ministries!

Budget Total: \$105,597

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Christian Education committee oversees educational opportunities for all ages. As we continue with Pandemic, Christian Education and Formation has tried to teach in safe and new ways. The CE committee has had many events outside in order to have fresh air - Club 456, Youth Group, and summer Vacation Church School. We sponsored some campers at Heartland Presbyterian Center and also had a family pool party at the camp. Church School classes for children and youth did begin again this fall, but with the wearing of masks. Our new Second Sunday Funday will allow us to gather intergenerationally and sit in family units for a time to explore the monthly faith practice. Adult Classes also are continuing, but use social distancing and masks for in-person, and Zoom for participants who remain at home. Our new theme is "Follow Me," and uses the new curriculum from the PC(USA). Each month focuses on Biblical practices for faithful living. 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: \$91,403

TOTAL 2022 BUDGET: \$452,000

2022 PROJECTED EXPENSES

Building and Grounds:	\$104,015
Christian Education:	\$10,100
Evangelism:	\$9,100
Family Life:	\$4,300
Stewardship and Per Capita:	\$19,775
Worship:	\$7,900
Personnel:	\$250,760
Mission Giving:	\$46,050
Total 2022 Budget:	\$452,000

Overall, this is a 2.0% increase 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 Fund received a number of gifts in 2020, including one of the largest ever from the estate of Maxine Burner, that pushed the total accumulated gifts in the Fund above \$1 million.**

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.

Please return pledges by Sunday, October 31, 2021. Thank you!

2022 Annual Stewardship Campaign



"See, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

-Isaiah 43:19



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All Are Welcome

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