



Stowe Community Church Annual Report

2024

Annual Meeting
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PASTOR'S REPORT

There are moments in a congregation's life that change its trajectory and future. 2024 was one of those years. Last year, our congregation approved with enthusiasm to embark on an historic capital campaign to address much needed improvements in our church buildings. These upgrades, enhancements and additions are helping make our church safer, more accessible and usable for more people across all ages and stages. Additionally, we want to ensure our buildings and grounds continue to be beautiful beacons of light on Main Street.

I want to thank Nancy Jeffries-Dwyer and Walter Frame, who serve as co-chairs of the fundraising team for successfully raising over \$1.65 million dollars this past year.

I also want to thank Scott Noble and our Development team for their incredible work identifying the fourteen major projects and managing the construction.

Thank you to all who graciously donated for this historical campaign as we have already seen the results in a new front deck and the refurbishment of our iconic church steeple.

As our congregation continued to grow in terms of membership and stewardship, we increased our mission giving to \$25,000 representing 10% (of a tithe) of our 2024 stewardship goal and expanded our outreach and partnerships.

Our average Sunday worship attendance also grew this past year and included special services such as Easter Sunday, Pageant Sunday, Earth Day Sunday, Blessing of the Animals and a Christmas Eve that welcomed over 900 people in four services.

Easter Sunday was glorious and memorable as over one thousand people attended our sunrise service on Mount Mansfield and over 300 participated in our morning worship service at church. The children enjoyed a fun easter egg hunt at Parsonage Park thanks to our Women's Fellowship.

Our welcoming ushers, beautiful sanctuary, inspiring music, and moving testimonies all inspire people to connect with God and deepen their faith.

Throughout the year, we had multiple sermons series including "The Minor Prophets", "Psalm 23", a Lenten series called "The Way", "The Lord's Prayer", and a three-month series entitled "Women of the Book". The choir helped lead two special "Music Sundays" with a theme of spirituals in February and female composers in November.

Our congregation was blessed to learn from guest ministers whose unique insights inspired us and deepened our knowledge of the Bible. I want to thank Michael Caldwell, David Vanderlinde Abernathy, and Barbara Purinton for their ministry with us.

Additionally, we had two weekend spiritual formation retreats in 2024. In February we welcomed Dr. Sarah Drummond, the founding Dean of Andover Newton Seminary to talk about the future of American Christianity and the role of the Church, and in October, we invited Dr. Cyndi Parker, the Director of Education and Conversation at Resurrection Philadelphia. Dr. Parker presented about the importance of Biblical context and how the geographic land helped form God's people. Both of these remarkable women preached amazing sermons, and we held receptions for each. During Lent, we organized a dinner movie event and watched the film "The Way" about the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Europe. Additionally, on Good Friday, we created interactive prayer stations all throughout the Sanctuary as part of our Holy Week experience. This past year, our church offered three different Bible studies and "the Circle" small group began.

PASTOR'S REPORT CONT.

Also in 2024, a new Green Team was formed to help our congregation learn about environmental stewardship and live more eco-friendly as we partner with God to care for creation. We also created a Care Team, that reaches out to members and friends with support and resources including home and hospital visits, meals, cards, prayer, phone calls and provides support during times of difficulties, illness and loss.

Our ecumenical partnerships with JCOGs and St. John's Episcopal Church strengthened as we shared Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, "Silent Night", Advent Lesson and Carols, Hanukkah, and multiple Shabbat services together. Additionally, Rabbi David and Fr. Rick and I hosted "Quiz the Clergy" interfaith gatherings.

Lauretta and I enjoyed hosting dinners, worship services, and events at the Parsonage and are grateful for the renovations currently taking place. Once completed, the Parsonage will be better suited for our family's needs and better equipped to host church gatherings indoors and outdoors.

At the center of everything we do is our purpose:

Stowe Community Church
develops loving followers of Christ who
celebrate through worship
connect through fellowship
grow through teaching
care through service and
share through outreach
to our community and world.

We have remained committed to living out God's purposes for our congregation and life together as loving followers of Christ.

Everything that we shared, experienced and accomplished this past year has been made possible by the support of so many volunteers and our dedicated staff. Thank you to Mary Lou Durrett, Karen Miller, Taryn Noelle, Chris Vigneau, Rev. Dr. Barbara Purinton, Rebecca Spaulding and Brenda Convery.

I am grateful for the ministry of our two church presidents this past year: Chris DeRienzo and Amanda Song.

Our church board and staff are devoted and committed to God's work and this congregation. Each individual inspires me to serve in faith, hope and love.

Thank you to my wife Lauretta and our boys Jack and Blake for being a constant source of encouragement, affirmation, and love.

One of the mottos of the UCC is "That they may all be one". This is the prayer of Jesus for all of his followers. I believe that Stowe Community Church is called to be a united and uniting church and am dedicated towards that vision.

I am honored to serve as your pastor and look forward to learning and growing in the year ahead as we work together towards a just, compassionate, and peaceful world that honors each of God's children and all of God's creation.

Grace and peace in Christ,
Pastor Dan

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

With the incredible leadership, inspiration, and assistance of our Christian Education Committee Members, Lauren Jennings, Chris DeRienzo, Dr. Bob Arnot, Kat O'Neil & Oana Louviere, I am honored and grateful to have the opportunity to look back and celebrate our Pastor, our families, our congregation, our board and community!

We started the Winter Semester of 2024 with another successful set of Children's Worship Lessons using our Holy Moly Curriculum, through Sparkhouse, on Sunday mornings, and while our attendance sometimes varied, we often had two teachers, (sometimes a parent) assisting with one of the age groups, and on weeks where it was needed, we stayed all together in Fellowship Hall for an all-ages class.

We also had the amazing Molly Bryan serving as a volunteer as our incredible Nursery Care provider. Infants, toddlers, and their families were all instantly so comfortable with Molly, and she has been such a Blessing for our Church. Later in the year, we also were blessed with the amazing Mena Spaulding joining us as a volunteer in the Nursery!

As the winter progressed, we had two sessions of the Spark afterschool Ministry class, as well as I continued to work with the youth group students and our families on monthly gatherings. Those ranged from making a meal at one of our middle schooler's homes, and then delivering to the Lamoille Family House, from making posters for a hat and sock drive, to card making, games, bike rides and pizza at Picasso's.

We also had a few Copley Woodlands Kids Club events, with great help from the amazing Molly Gaines leading us from things like cookie decorating, cards, and conversation for Valentine's Day to snacks, board games/ card games and great conversations in the spring.

Easter time is always an amazingly full and beautiful time at our Church, and this past year, both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday were filled with so many eager and amazing children wanting to learn, participate, and gather in faith, worship, and fellowship. In the downstairs Fellowship Hall portion of Easter Attendance alone, I believe we had over 60 children downstairs ranging in ages from 2 to 15!

Throughout the year we had an amazing rotation of adults from the congregation sharing amazing and inspiring children's messages, and those are always filled with so much joy, teaching, humor, and love. The Children's Messages Speakers were delivered year-round by our amazing Pastor Dan, Lauretta Haugh, Heather Stowe, Amy Cobaugh, Sara Reed, Amanda Song, John DeRienzo, guest speakers more!

We also had an amazing rotation of students who led The Lord's Prayer multiple weeks in a month, all year long. Here are just some of those students who led us in prayer throughout the year in 2024: Kaya Wise, Jack and Blake Haugh, Bella Snyder, Madeline, Annelise & Juliette Schmidt, Shea Loomis, Liam Stowe, Madeliene Copeland, Cate Copeland, Madison Dahl, Evie Song, Cami Cobaugh, Spencer King, Allisdair Arnot, Sophie & Caddis Martiny, Lili Spaulding, Teagan and Piper O'Neil, The Jennings Family, The Karger Family, Molly Bryan and Mena Spaulding just to name a few!

As spring rolled into summer, we had a fun end-of-year "Fun Day, Sunday Celebration" for the children who were moving up to another year of school, in many cases those were milestone celebrations, in that many 5th graders were becoming rising 6th graders, and kindergarten students entered 1st grade, as well as multiple 8th graders became rising 9th grade/high school students.

As summer was truly upon us, both the amazing Rebecca Spaulding and Brenda Convery led the Church's participation in the 4th of July Parade, with both walkers and riders. Our children waved flags and tossed candy to the thousands of smiling attendees and visitors!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONT.

July swiftly moved into August and with the help of our amazing John DeRienzo, who designed special Family Service Bulletins, and Pastor Dan led a series of wonderful Summer Family Worship services.

Before we knew it, it was time for Bible Camp, and we had an amazing curriculum with an epic, underwater “SCUBA” theme, and with many adult and student volunteers, parents, church staff and again, the amazing Pastor Dan, had a phenomenal faith-filled, joyful and inspiring week! We had a combination of about 20 children and youth ranging in ages from 5-14 as participants, plus a few high school students joining us as well as camp counselors.

From Bible Camp to our Big Bouncy House Celebration Sunday and the ever-amazing annual “Blessing of the Backpacks”, just like that we were all back to school!

From the end of summer joys and warmth, we had our crisp, cool and ever-beloved “Blessing of the Backpacks” and Halloween to look forward to. We also had a lovely fall apple picking event at Lori and Bernie Wyman’s beautiful apple orchard in Waterbury Center.

Molly Gaines once again led a super fun and festive Halloween event at the Copley Woodlands, and meanwhile, our SCC Youth Theatre students were mid-rehearsal for this past year’s musical, Disney’s “Frozen Junior”!

“Frozen” had an incredible cast of 20 children, ranging in age from 6 to 14, with a tremendous team of volunteers, staff, helpers, parents, families and community members, all transforming our beautiful Church into Arendelle! Over 500 people attended the four performances, and got to witness and experience the joy, love, and magic that these incredible children create and share.

From the frosty, festive fun of Frozen, we then launched right into our annual Christmas Pageant with an amazing cast of about 30 children ranging in ages from 3 months to 14 years old! We once again had an amazing group of leaders from directors, staff, volunteers, parents, and our amazing KIDS! With incredible scenic support from the amazing John DeRienzo and Sandy Noble, Bethlehem was a gift to behold once again!

We also had one more Copley Woodlands Event, which was caroling with bells, sing-along lyric sheets, treats, and snacks. Molly Gaines and I so joyfully led that event together after school on Monday, December 16th.

Only a week or so later, Christmas Eve was upon us, and while I only participated and was in attendance for the 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm services, I was so incredibly grateful to have the incredible Chris Vigneau back with us, as well as to have had the incredible Lisa Macalaster leading us with her family, alongside the incomparable Dan Bruce...as well as three incredible middle and high school youth singers! Beyond that, I have heard tell of the record numbers of congregants in attendance for Christmas Eve, and I can only share that this is of little surprise. With a Pastor like the one we are so blessed to have as our leader, to this beautiful Church in a beautiful town, to such incredible children and families and a truly amazing community, it is of little wonder that we had over 900 people in attendance on that one oh so magical and special night.

As I look back on the past year, I am filled with gratitude, and I cannot wait for the many milestones, adventures, faith, fellowship, and inspiration that I know are just around the corner.

Submitted with great gratitude and appreciation to Pastor Dan, the Board, the staff, our C.E. families, congregants, and the community.

With Blessings and Love,
Taryn Noelle
Director of Children’s Ministries

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Mission Statement:

“It is our mission to expand our communication reach beyond Stowe into our surrounding community while continuing to strengthen our current communication channels to better serve existing and prospective church members as we go about Christ’s work in the world. We do this by assisting church staff, committees, and ministries in developing, implementing, and maintaining communications that support our church mission and strategy.”

2024 Statistics:

- There are 399 subscribers to The Quest, SCC’s weekly e-newsletter.
- There were over 7500 new or first-time visitors to our website stowecommunitychurch.org
- 6100 visits to our Facebook page, up 10.6%
- 844 Facebook followers
- Over 50,000 Instagram account views
- Close to 3000 people have interacted with posts on Instagram
- Currently, 795 Instagram followers
- Stowe Community Church Community, a private Facebook account, has 135 members
- 316 “sessions” were viewed on Christmas Eve through livestream

Front Porch Forum continues to be a challenge in that it is financially prohibitive to have a SCC account and the number of posts per month are limited for personal subscribers.

Rebecca Spaulding has done a great job with social media content and has created a consistent cadence of posts for both.

Mort Butler has done an incredible amount of work on our website and will be passing this torch to Rebecca in 2025. Also, we are proposing a budget to include the development of a new website and, if approved, will start working with CW Creative, in Barre, in February.

The Stowe Reporter articles have been consistent in 2024 and will continue in 2025. When possible, Greg Popa, former editor, shared several of our articles with other newspapers in their group of publications.

Respectfully,

Heather Stowe, Chair, Communications Committee

Members: Mort Butler, Greg Morrill and Courtney Percy

DEACONS

In 2024, the Deacons welcomed three new members: David Roy, Ashley Finlen Copeland, and Amy Marshall. With Brad remaining the only deacon from the previous year, he helped the others with better understanding the deacon role, particularly in setting up for communion.

The Deacons continued to set up for the monthly Communion services and assist Dan in celebrating Communion, including ushering during the Communion Sunday services. One or more of the Deacons also supported other services, memorials, funerals, events, etc. The Deacons were also available to support sharing Communion with those who cannot make it to Church in person, but as has been the case in the past, there seemed to be very few (if any) requests for this outreach. The deacons (at Amy and Ashley's suggestion) created a guide for the communion set-up, as well as for memorial services. These should be most helpful for future deacons.

Focusing on our continued service to the church and the community, and through both our personal initiative and our positions on other committees within the Church, the Deacons supported church Missions, reaching out to and visiting those who were sick or just in need of conversation, and donating time, funds, and goods to local and global causes (homelessness, food insecurity, winter fuel, school supplies, etc.)

The Deacons also continued to assist Dan with baptisms and with welcoming of new members.

A big "Thank You" to everyone (too many to list) who filled in on a few occasions for Deacons who were not available on Communion Sundays.

Finally, we bid farewell to Brad Osborne from the role of Deacon. He will be missed, but the Deacons look forward to continued friendship and fellowship with him!

Brad Osborne, Chair, Deacons

Members: David Roy, Ashley Finlen Copeland, Amy Marshall, Brad Osborne

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Capital Campaign and Building Improvement Program

The Development Committee is delighted to share the progress and success of our ambitious efforts to preserve and enhance our beloved Stowe Community Church properties.

In mid-January 2024, we developed a thorough analysis of the Church and Parsonage buildings, which provided the foundation for our plan to raise capital to fund 14 critical projects proposed for the restoration and maintenance of our historic Church buildings. These projects were identified as essential to sustaining their functionality, structural integrity, and beauty for generations to come, and increasing the accessibility for all ages and stages of life inside and outside the Church building.

In May 2024 we presented our fundraising proposal to the congregation for its review and approval. The congregation voted to authorize the Committee to run a Capital Campaign to obtain cash and commitments of \$1.65 million. This bold decision underscored the congregation's shared commitment to ensuring the success of these efforts.

We are thrilled and grateful to report that so far, we have raised \$1,708,558 through pledges and payments for our capital projects! This extraordinary achievement is a testament to the exceptional generosity and dedication of our Church family and friends.

As a result of the Capital Campaign's success the Church began a Building Improvement Plan to renovate and make its properties more usable and accessible. The Church has completed projects to completely rebuild the front entrance deck, strengthen the sanctuary roof, and renovate the steeple. During this work it was discovered that the top 20' of the steeple spire was totally rotten, so it was removed and will be replaced in the Spring. This avoided a very hazardous situation! Other projects underway are the renovation of the 180-year-old Parsonage pastor's home, and contracts being issued to upgrade the Livestream system, and completely renovate the Church kitchen. This Building Improvement Program, consisting of 14 major projects, may take up to 3 years to complete, but it will enable the Church properties to serve its future congregations for perhaps another 160-plus years!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to committee members Matt Anderson, Phil Bongiorno, Anne Bongiorno, Robi Hodge, Petie Peterman, John DeRienzo, Chris DeRienzo, Charles Burnham, Skip Wentz, Mort Butler, Ed Pearson, Frank Springer, Meg Scotti, Kathe Rhinesmith, Pastor Dan and Lauretta Haugh, and to our Burlington architect Doug Viehmann, AIA. Their steadfast leadership and unwavering support have been instrumental in the success of this entire effort. We also express our deep appreciation to the many donors who have given from their hearts and their wallets to sustain the legacy of our historic Church Properties.

The success of this entire fundraising and development effort reflects the spirit of community and faith that defines Stowe Community Church. Together, we have ensured that our Church will continue to be a place of worship, fellowship, and inspiration for many years to come, offering new opportunities for the community at large to enjoy more fellowship and events in our historic buildings, located in the heart of Stowe Village.

Nancy Jeffries-Dwyer
Walter Frame
Scott C. Noble

MISSIONS AND SERVICE COMMITTEE

“Serving God by helping others in need.”

The overall goal of the Mission and Service Committee for 2024 was to increase our support and help to those in need in our community and beyond. The committee met each month, typically on the second Thursday, with a focus on expanding our support, increasing awareness and deepening partnerships with organizations that serve others. This year, we vetted all of the mission organizations by reviewing financial information, leadership structure, funding, the goals of the organization and the impact of on community well-being, especially locally. Other than Kenyan Orphans, we focused on local missions who might not be getting much funding except through state or local funds and donations.

The only international organization supported was Kenyan Orphans. A trip was organized in July with significant funds donated to help Pastor Ouma and the school he runs. The trip deepened the church’s relationship with the Kenyan Orphans, revealed their significant needs and how SCC’s donated funds are being spent. We hope to bring Pastor Ouma to Stowe in 2025 or 2026.

To support those in need locally, we sent funds to the following organizations: Lamoille Community House, Lamoille Family Center, Lamoille Community Food Share, Meals on Wheels, Clarina Howard Nichols Center, Lamoille Home Health and Hospice, Central Vermont Refugee Action Network, Salvation Farms and the Stowe School Emergency Fund.

The Community Emergency Action (CEA) committee, part of the Mission and Service Committee, handed out mostly food cards and a few gas cards (\$1300). The Lamoille Family Center seems to have plenty of gas cards to hand out due to a grant. We also contributed \$5,000 to the Benevolence Fund which is administered by the United Way to provide emergency funds for local families in need.

2024 Mission Moments and Service Projects:

January: *Benevolence Fund*

February: *Lamoille Community House.* Hat & Sock drive with over 300 items donated. Youth made meal and delivered. Church members made and delivered meals during Lent.

March: *Central Vermont Refugee Action Network.* Coordinated with Taryn and the kids who made Craft Kits for children.

April: *Lamoille Community Food Share.* Congregation filled 30+ bags of food!

May: *Children’s Literacy Foundation.* Book donations made.

June: *Lamoille Home Health & Hospice*

July: *Salvation Farms*

August/September: Summer break

October: *Department of Children & Families (DCF).* Angel Gift Tree

November: *Clarina Howard Nichols.* Christmas/Housewarming gifts for guests.

December: *Lamoille Family Center.*

MISSIONS AND SERVICE COMMITTEE CONT.

Additional Mission Projects:

Karen Monsen and the Kenyan trip members gave a wonderful presentation after church to talk about their trip to see Pastor Ouma and the school.

The committee took full responsibility for Thanksgiving baskets this year including coordinating with the schools and Blessed Sacrament to gather donations and create a list of families in need. Women's Fellowship made and donated pies. Extra items were setup for families to "shop" and all remaining food was taken to the food pantry. A record number of families (30) received Thanksgiving baskets.

This Christmas, we set up an Angel Tree to collect donations for 4 different organizations. Our incredible congregation provided gifts for DCF children, teen gift cards for Lamoille Family Center and numerous gifts for Clarina Howard Nichols center including kitchen and bath items. In addition, we gave out \$2000 in food gift cards to local families.

Our congregation continues to support the Food Shelf with members bringing non-perishable food to the collection box each week. Additional missions included a Backpack drive.

Thank you to Dan, Amanda, Taryn and many others at SCC for inspiring the committee to deepen our reach into the community and beyond. We also have gratitude for and are humbled by the generosity of the congregation who donated time, food, toys, funds. A special thank you to Rebecca, Marylou, Mort, and Skip for help with finances and payments. Together, our church can be a beacon of hope and healing to those in need in our local and international community. We look forward to serving God, our church and our community in 2025.

Blessings,

Amy Cobaugh

Chair, Mission Committee

Members: *Karen Monsen, Lana Burkhardt, Dian Williams, Brad Osborne, Betsy Waine, Sandi Kuhl, Nancy Money*

MUSIC

The Music Committee was delighted to feature two Music Sundays in 2024 – “Spirituals” in February and “Women Composers” in the fall. Lots of great response from the congregation for these worship events, and we’re planning to have two more this year.

The church was gifted a beautiful set of chimes by Charlie and Susanna Burnham this year. Susanna played them several times during the year, and particularly during the Advent and Christmas seasons. We dedicated them in November and enjoyed them on Sundays and Christmas Eve and a very special service between Christmas and New Year’s Day. Thanks Susanna and Charlie!!

We celebrated the Eclipse in April with a fun concert by Vermont Brookside in our Sanctuary. It was a fantastic wrap-up to a most marvelous day. Our summer music featured many of our choir members in solo and small group arrangements. Thanks much to them, as well.

After losing our chance for the Messiah Sing-In in 2023 due to flooding, we were thrilled to bring it back this year. We were joined by our returning soloists, our loyal and excellent orchestra, and a congregational “chorus” of many great singers! Our newly formed Messiah Team is now looking forward to next year’s event – stay tuned for information.

We had more fun with our traditional Christmas Carol Sing-Along led by Greg Morrill and accompanied by Karen Miller. This family-friendly event is a great addition to everyone’s Christmas traditions.

And finally, many thanks to the musicians who graced the four completely different Christmas Eve services.

A reminder that all Sunday services, and many special services, including all the Christmas Eve services are saved in our online Archive, from the link on the home page of our website.

Our sincere hope that 2025 is a joyous year for you, and one full of music!

SCC Music Committee,

Mort Butler and Janet Godin, Co-chairs

Dr. Bob Arnot, Lisa Macalester, Karen Miller, Greg Morrill, Carol Peterman and Taryn Noelle

2025 NOMINATIONS

POSITION	NOMINEE
President	Nancy Jeffries-Dwyer
Vice President	Nancy Small
Clerk	
Treasurer	Skip Wentz
Head Usher	Nan Myers
Trustee	Maggy Dunphy Jake Emerick Dave Myers Jim Peterman
Deacon	Ashley Finlen-Copeland Amy Marshall Nancy Money David Roy
Nominating Committee	Ashley Finlen-Copeland Janet Godin Nan Myers Greg Morrill Dian Williams

PASTORAL RELATIONS

The Pastoral Relations Committee serves as an advisory group to the pastor and offers support for his leadership. The current committee members have formed this committee for the past two years. Committee members were all appointed by the Pastor. As a group we get together on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings scheduled as needed.

Primary discussion points this past year have been focused on work/life balance for the Pastor. Several continuing ed opportunities have occurred this year, including a week-long conference in Arizona. Other opportunities have included both in person and online training opportunities.

Planning has occurred specific to the pastor's schedule to ensure that extra events are covered both by the pastor as well as other contracted supports.

Current planning discussions are around the Pastor's 2026 summer sabbatical.

Submitted by Christina Young, Chair, Pastoral Relations Committee

Members: Jerrine Gangras, Greg Morrill, Pastor Dan Haugh and Lynne Von Trapp

STEWARDSHIP

We are pleased to present the Annual Stewardship Report for 2024, reflecting the ongoing efforts and progress of our fundraising campaign this season. As a co-chair of the Stewardship Committee, I am honored to share the details that highlight the generosity and commitment of our congregation.

Campaign Overview: Our stewardship campaign began on October 13, 2024, and remains ongoing until we reach our ultimate fundraising goal of \$300,000. We have currently raised \$250,000, representing 80% of our goal, therefore we are still seeking additional funds to fully support our annual budget for 2025.

We understand that this has been a year where we have asked so much of our congregation, having run two fundraising campaigns for the church simultaneously. It is important to remember that the capital campaign is a once-in-a-lifetime ask, involving not only our members but also the entire community. In contrast, the annual stewardship campaign is generated entirely through our congregation and funds the day-to-day expenses of operating our church.

Campaign Tools:

- An initial letter to past pledgers, members, and church friends outlining our goals and asking for their support was mailed mid-October.
- A newly designed brochure with graphics and detailed information was added.
- Stewardship messages were delivered during worship services by devoted members who shared their reasons for supporting our church. Thank you to Nancy Money, Jann Perkins, Liam Stowe & Taryn Noelle, Greg Morrill, Sawyer Smith and Charlie Burnham for their inspiring words.
- Phone calls and follow-up letters helped ensure we reached as many members as possible.
- Ongoing support from Pastor Dan through his weekly sermons.

Key Achievements: Through the collective efforts of our congregation, we have raised \$250,000 to date. Over 60 members and friends have contributed through pledges and tithes. While we celebrate this milestone, we continue to prayerfully look to our congregation to help close the gap and achieve our full goal of \$300,000.

Expressions of Gratitude: We extend heartfelt gratitude to every member of our congregation who has contributed to this campaign. Your generosity and dedication not only bring us closer to our financial goal but also strengthen the bonds of our community.

Looking Ahead: As we reflect on the progress of this campaign, we are inspired by the unity and spirit of our church. We prayerfully ask our congregation to continue supporting this effort so that we may sustain the enormously successful work accomplished so far. Every gift, no matter the size, is a beautiful expression of love and commitment to our church family. Total participation is what truly matters, as this is *our* church, and together we can ensure its strength and future for generations to come.

Blessings and Grace,

The Stewardship Committee Nancy Jeffries-Dwyer, Nancy Money, Nancy Small

TRUSTEES

PARSONAGE

- Supported and general oversight of the Parsonage renovations to include:
 - Porch painting
 - Patio upgrade
 - Roof replacement
 - Interior renovations
- Parsonage tree removal
- Clean gutters
- Fall leaf removal
- Parsonage lawn care
- Pest Control
- Collaborated with Finance to establish 2025 Trustees Budget for Parsonage

CHURCH

- General church maintenance to include:
 - Painting and replacing heater duct screens
 - Set up and take down of Sunday service items including fans and holiday decorations
 - Install church office and parsonage air conditioners
 - Snow removal/ice melt
 - Purchase of maintenance equipment
 - Removal and disposal of large items that have worn out or are no longer usable
 - Heater servicing
 - Call services to repair appliances, sanctuary light replacement, carpet cleaning, etc.
- Collaborated with Finance to establish 2025 Trustees Budget for Parsonage
- Negotiating oil and propane contracts, lawn care, and other outside maintenance services
- Monitor outside church security cameras and take calls from the service provider 24/7 regarding questionable behavior around the church property/sudden heat loss, etc.
- Collaborated with Finance to establish 2025 Trustees Budget for Church

Respectfully submitted by Maggy Dunphy and Jim Peterman

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We started out the year greeting Dr Sarah Drummond to a wonderful display of brunch food after service on February 4th. We also had similar events like this throughout the year for other special guests and some beloved SCC women.

Again, this past year the women stuffed one thousand Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt that happens right after service.

Cookie making is our specialty and we made cookies for our church visitors for the total solar eclipse, July 4th and for the Christmas Fair Bake Sale.

We put together a parsonage park garden team to keep the garden looking pristine.

We had several activities and crafts including hiking, angel and birdhouse ornament making.

Our pie baking event went incredibly smoothly this year where 26+ pies were donated to those in need and we sold another 25 pies.

The Christmas Fair and Wreath Sale is our main fundraising event and all the women who helped in that fundraiser are so dedicated and giving of their time. We dearly appreciate all of them.

Respectfully submitted by Meg Scotti and Laretta Haugh

FINANCIAL REPORT

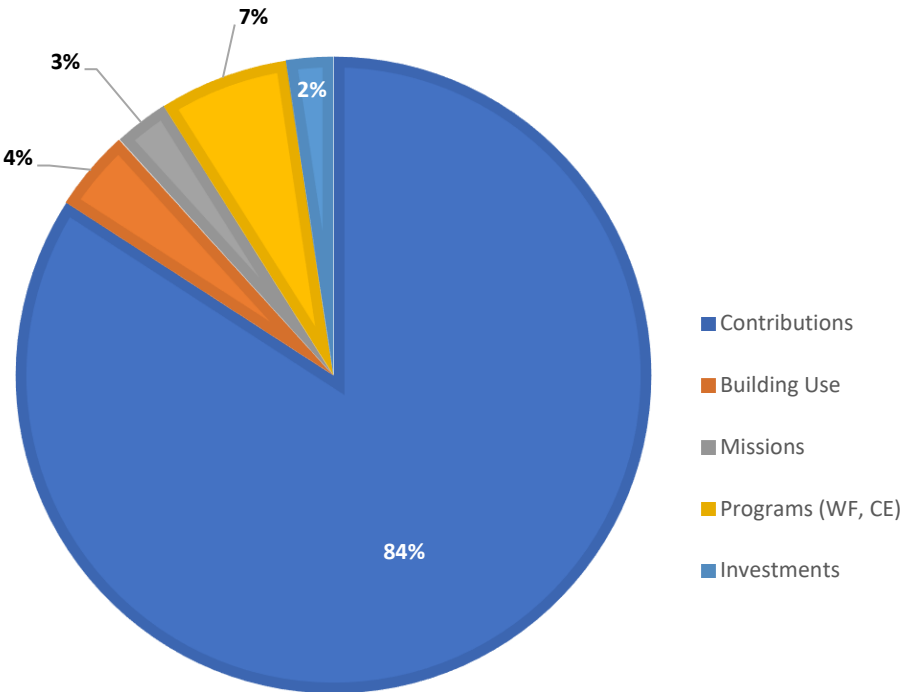
Financial Summary 2024 and Budget 2025

	2024 Budget	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget
INCOME			
Contributions	\$356,500	\$362,578.64	\$361,111
Building Use	\$19,000	\$17,760.00	\$18,649
Missions	\$850	\$12,037.00	\$1,575
Programs (WF, CE)	\$14,300	\$28,376.76	\$28,382
Investments	\$7,575	\$10,196.14	\$8,608
Income from other investments			\$59,000
TOTAL	\$398,225	\$430,948.54	\$477,325

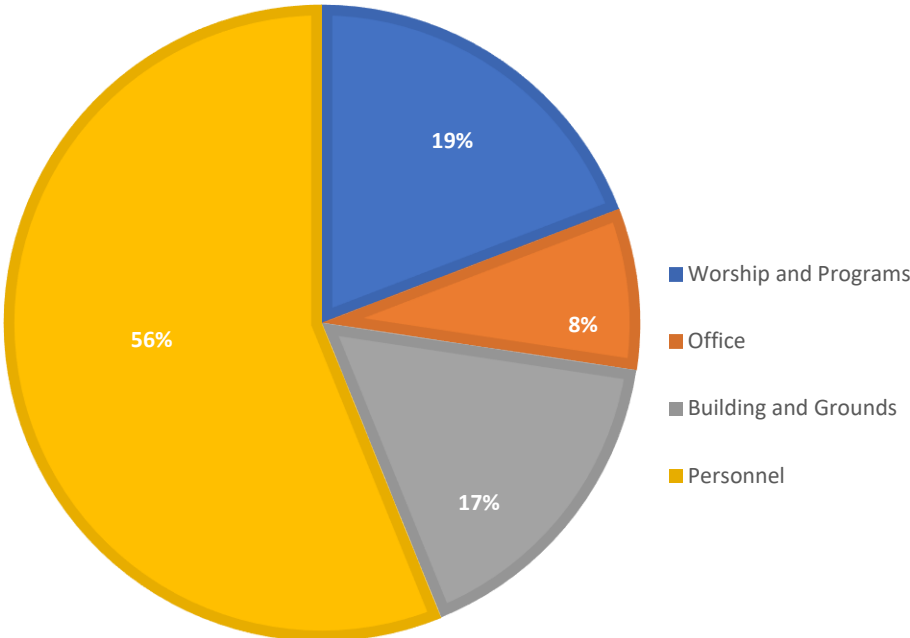
EXPENSES			
Worship and Programs	\$57,800	\$79,629.30	\$81,200
Office	\$27,800	\$34,077.74	\$35,232
Building and Grounds	\$77,340	\$68,454.89	\$73,670
Personnel	\$247,101	\$233,037.85	\$286,044
TOTAL	\$410,041	\$415,199.78	\$476,146
NET	(\$11,816)	\$15,748.76	\$1,179

ACCOUNT BALANCES	12/31/2024
Morgan Stanley two accounts 2555	\$236,975.78
TD Bank - Building Preservation - 0499	\$40,238.72
TD Bank - Steeple Fund 9486	\$312,011.19
TD Bank -Steeple Fund Checking - 5174	\$38,685.69
TD Bank - General Ck 3487	\$43,565.42
TD Bank. - Money Market 4289	\$14,183.56
UnionBank - Local Missions 8984	\$889.60
UnionBank Checking -Credit Card 4095	\$15,236.53
Women's Ministry-0421	\$24,133.85
Total	\$725,920.34
Means Bequest	\$1,969,181.88

2024 INCOME



2024 EXPENSES





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Our purpose is to develop loving followers of Christ who
celebrate through worship, grow through teaching,
connect through fellowship, care through service, and
share through outreach to our community and world.