



SUPPORT SYSTEMS — \$40,000 (14%)

These dollars are the foundation upon which all ministry happens. Investments must be made to keep the internet working, the copier churning, supplies on hand, conference staff supported, payroll taxes paid, and insurance in place. This is mostly “behind the scenes” stuff. But of this makes it possible to have our worship and be engaged with the community the way we are.

Celebrations from this year:

- Expanding our internet capabilities to support our increased streaming presence for Sunday worship.
- Increasing services for online engagement.
- That, and pretty color copies like this.



FACILITIES — \$112,000 (40%)

It should not be a surprise that “Facilities” is the biggest piece of our budget “pie.” Funds invested here support the maintenance and upkeep of our beautiful church home. Your gifts get AA into the building, keep the heat on for Recycle for a Reason, get the

bathrooms clean, make sure The Supreme Bean youth can froth milk for your latte, put in a new sidewalk, and help pay down our building loans. But all of these expenses are for real ministry that takes place in this building. “Facilities” is really mission and outreach and discipleship and worship all combined. And we have an awesome view.

Celebrations from this year:

- We had improvements to the parsonage with a change in pastors.
- We have made more earthquake repairs.
- After about a year away from our building, we did some major cleaning.

So, you see, while your gifts go to meet a budget, that budget means ministry. By supporting The United Methodist Church of Chugiak you are bringing God’s love and grace into the lives of people in our congregation, in our neighborhood, and all around the world.

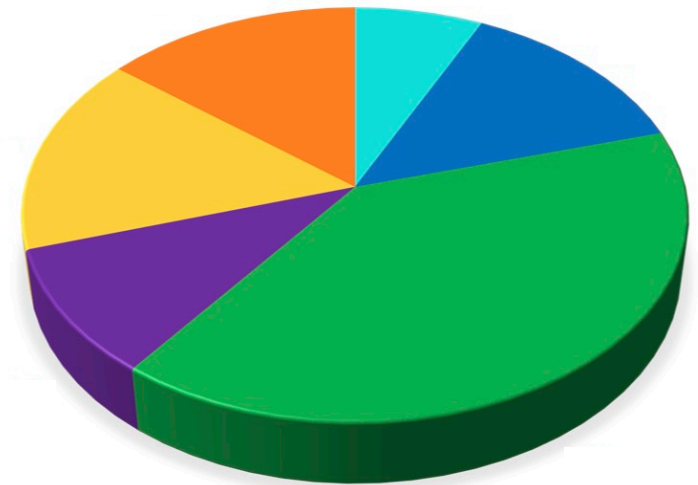
Thank you for supporting our ministries and thank you for supporting all the people who are recipients of these ministries.

This is how your gifts become ministry.



A Narrative Budget

How your gifts to a \$282,000 budget



BECOME MINISTRY

A NARRATIVE BUDGET

Rather than simply presenting a spreadsheet style budget that lists columns and columns of numbers under the heading of different departments such as "Property", "Personnel", "Office Supplies", and "Insurance"; the narrative budget (as the name implies) tells a story. **The story is the congregation's story of mission and service** and tries to show how the budget contributes to our community's faith and mission. It shows how every aspect of the budget is connected to ministry. It links every dollar to mission and every gift to faithful expression of the joy of giving and the generosity of our God. Therefore, instead of "Pastor's Salary" or "Administration" those line items are divided into ministry categories because it is ministry that is supported by the budget.

We are happy to supply the line items for you. But this narrative tries to show you how **you** fund **ministry**. **It shows you why your gift matters.**

In 2021, our budget at The UMCC (rounded to the nearest thousand) is \$282,000. That's a lot of money. But it's also a lot of ministry. Let's see how that gets sorted out in ministry.



WORSHIP — \$38,000 (13%)

Worship is one of the primary ministries of any church. Strong music, solid preaching, sacraments, a welcome place for children: these are just a few of

the ways we offer ourselves to God. This is where our pastor spends much of their time and where we make sure to reach out to both those in the pews and those joining online. It's also what takes up a lot of the time in the church office, just getting ready for Sunday each week.

Celebrations this year:

- After over a year of online only worship we have moved back into the sanctuary. Yes, there are still restrictions, but it's great to be together again. And it's great to have Terri at the piano again. Beautiful!
- We continue work on engaging our online worshippers and are adjusting aspects of worship to make a better experience for those joining from afar. Gavin's doing awesome. And thanks for viewing.



DISCIPLESHIP — \$20,000 (7%)

This is where we grow disciples. Your dollars support our studies, our online engagement, and our take-home material from our Sundays together. This part of church life has been a

real challenge during COVID and we look forward to more time together.

Celebrations from this year:

- Our Sunday book study remains an integral part to members' lives.
- The Supreme Bean is up and running again with the youth talking about what a rebooted Youth Group might look like.
- A Monday night online study has become an important time of growth and community for participants.
- We have a whole-church Stewardship series involving many members.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE — \$28,000 (10%)

The care of souls matters to our church family. This investment represents part of our pastor's and office staff's time caring for people, and numerous other expressions of love, listening, and support for people in need. That phone call, that prayer lifted up, that email is all part of this.

Celebrations this year:

- Continuing to reach out to those in need in our congregation, forming connections and looking towards fellowship times.
- We are in the process of getting our church directory together again so we can better keep in touch.



MISSION/OUTREACH — \$44,000 (16%)

Outreach includes the various mission projects our church and leadership support and also the various ways we reach out to the community through social media and advertising. A large part of this, however, goes well beyond our local church. Through our gifts to the conference we give more than \$32,000 to support the Greater United Methodist Church and much of that goes towards missions. So, we provide Christmas gifts for the CCS Head Start Program, socks for the homeless, yams for the hungry, assist with water for our neighbors across the street, and support ministries worldwide.

Celebrations this year:

- We celebrate that CCS has moved into our space and glad to support many children in our community in this way.
- We took up a special offering for Nome Community UMC and have even talked about a mission trip next year.
- Yams! Yams! Yams!
- And, of course, our "Recycle for a Reason."