



## SUPPORT SYSTEMS — \$30,261 (10%)

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 all of this makes it possible to have our worship and be engaged with the community the way we are.

Celebrations from this year:

- Adapting software and hardware to make our online worship what it is today.
- With more staff we have more payroll taxes that we need to pay.
- We are constantly looking for ways to improve our communication systems.
- And don't forget the pretty color copies like this.



## FACILITIES — \$102,494 (35%)

It should not be a surprise that “Facilities” is the biggest piece of our budget “pie.” This is the way it is for most ministry settings.

Funds invested here support the maintenance and upkeep of our beautiful church home. Your gifts get AA into the building, make sure we can play Pickleball on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 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, repave the parking lot to fix one of the last bits of earthquake damage, 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 everyone knows we have an awesome view.

Celebrations from this year:

- That repaired parking lot looks great.
- The heating system has been fixed a few times.
- Margaret is doing a great job keeping the building clean.
- And, while it's not really a “celebration,” with CCS out of the building we have a great opportunity to see what ministry God brings to us.

*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.*

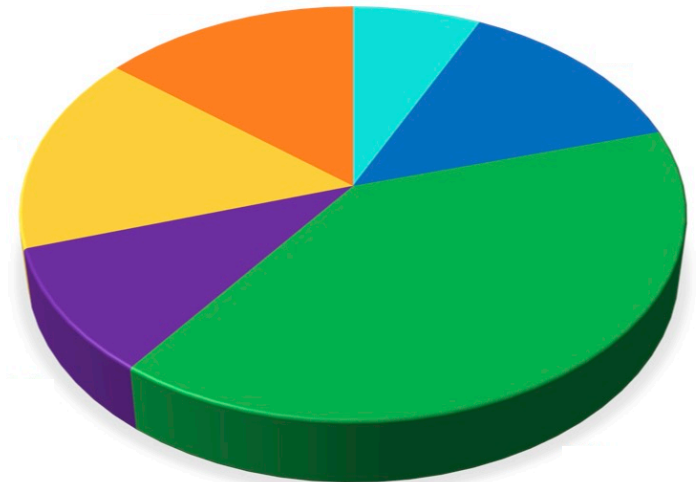
*When we give faithfully, God can bless it and we find we have more than enough.*

*Thank you for supporting our ministries and thank you for supporting all the people who are blessed by the ministry that happens here.*



# 2022 Narrative Budget

## Making ministry out of a \$297,000 budget



## See how your gift, whatever the size, supports the ministry of our Church.

## A NARRATIVE BUDGET

2022 has been a year of changes for The United Methodist Church of Chugiak. Ministry ramped up, with choir and youth group beginning, staff hired, two mission trips. But we also saw CCS leave, shaking up both our income and building use. In spite of this, your finance team believed that (like the “loaves and fishes”) God could take our gifts and multiply them so that there would be “more than enough” to meet the basic needs of ministry: that we could still look at things like a youth mission trip and opening up our space to other groups. And, while we could use another major building user, we have done “OK.”

The following is a narrative budget instead of a spreadsheet. It tells the story of our congregation’s mission and service and tries to show how the budget contributes to our community’s faith and mission. It shows how 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 2022, our budget at The UMCC (rounded to the nearest thousand) is \$297,000. That’s a lot of money. But it’s also a lot of ministry. Let’s see how that gets sorted out.



### WORSHIP — \$53,588 (18%)

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:

- We’re singing. The choir is singing. The pastor is singing. WooHoo!
- We continue work on engaging our online worshippers and are hiring staff now. Tommy is coming on as an employee to take over for Gavin who has blessed us with several years of volunteer service. *And thanks for viewing.*
- We’ve had creative worship services for the church seasons.



### DISCIPLESHIP — \$24,337 (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 is one area we’re still growing in as we come out of Covid. We’re learning how to be with each other.

Celebrations from this year:

- Our Sunday book study remains an integral part of members’ lives.
- Youth Group and Sunday School have been rebooted and the youth are planning a trip to Florida for Youth 2023 — a UM event held every four years
- A Monday night online study remains an important time of growth and community for participants.



### CONGREGATIONAL CARE — \$35,586 (12%)

The care of souls matters to our church family. This investment represents that part of our pastor’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. So is the staffing that makes it possible to keep records of financial contributions. We want to do our best to love our people.

Celebrations this year:

- We finally have a print directory for our members and friends.
- We have hired a bookkeeper to help our church be faithful with finances.
- We’ve remembered what it’s like to do things like Supreme Bean, Breakfast Pot Lucks for Easter, and Chili Cook Offs.
- Our weekly emails have been regular, keeping our membership informed.



### MISSION/OUTREACH — \$50,725 (17%)

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 Alaska Conference (through our “Apportionments”) we give more than \$32,000 to support the greater United Methodist Church and much of that goes towards missions. Along with this, last year we provided Christmas gifts for the CCS families, weekly donations to the food pantry, socks for the homeless, yams for the hungry, and assisted with water for our neighbors across the street and provided space for many groups. We support ministries both local and worldwide.

Celebrations this year:

- We were able to bless CCS families one more time before they moved out of the building (and we look for a way to bless families this Christmas.)
- We sent TWO (**Yes, TWO**) mission teams to Nome to work on flooring.
- Yams! Yams! Yams!
- And, of course, our “Recycle for a Reason.”
- We hosted three work teams for a group we had never heard about, *Praying Pelicans Missions*. And, while they did work in our church, hosting them meant we had a hand in the work done in several mission sites in the area.