

2024 Annual Stewardship Campaign

The Path Forward



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Stewardship begins with thanksgiving. The leadership of Southminster is grateful for the steady and faithful support of the congregation throughout the years and again during this past year.

We continue in this important time of transition of exploration and expectation as we prepare for a new installed pastor who will lead us into our next decade of service and ministry. In this season of preparation and anticipation, we are reminded that the giving of resources is a spiritual discipline, where we offer our time, talent, and finances to God and in support of our ongoing work as a congregation.

As the Psalms reminds us, the Lord shows us the path of life, and in God's presence, we find the fullness of joy. Over the next few weeks, the members of Southminster are asked to consider their pledge in support of our church over the next year. As you prayerfully consider your pledge, we invite you to consider increasing your support over your previous year's gifts.

In the following pages, you will find a description of the needs of Southminster for the upcoming year, including our expectations for its facilities use, programs for the congregation and community, and outreach and service beyond our walls.

Thankful for your gifts, we offer this narrative for your prayerful consideration. Sharing from the gifts God has given us, ensures that Southminster remains a place where we can walk together in our faith journeys, continuing to work for compassion, justice, and peace in our community and the wider world.

Grace and Peace,
Your Session and the Stewardship Team



Southminster Presbyterian Church Narrative Budget



This narrative budget tells about our life together as a community; it celebrates accomplishments and points toward future goals. As you look through the narrative budget, you will find that the Building and Grounds and the Personnel budgets are woven into each of the five areas to account in some manner for building use and staff time and involvement.

The proposed budget that is adopted by the Session each year is a tool to help the leadership and the committees of the church estimate what costs will be incurred during the year. Mission giving, Sunday School curriculum, engagement outreach, fellowship, building upkeep, and paying our staff are all part of the costs we estimate from year to year.

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WORSHIP

Shouts of acclamation; joyful singing of hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs; proclaiming the Word, prayers for healing and thanksgiving; celebrating communion—these are just some of the pieces of the liturgy that we practice together in worship at Southminster Church. Our worship together in-person and online is the foundation of all our ministry within and beyond the walls of Southminster Church. We are many voices bound together in one song. Our weekly worship services include our Morning Light service in the Chapel, which offers an intimate and informal experience of the spoken and sung Word, and our Choral Service in the Sanctuary is an expression of welcoming ritual and participation. Our musicians, artists, lectors, and worship assistants are grateful for the sustained and generous contributors of this congregation. Your offerings allows for excellent and creative worship ministry including collaboration with community partners. Let us encourage each other, and our neighbors, to sustain and enhance our spirit-filled worship lives together.

Budget Total: \$120,000

MISSION

Southminster's outreach in mission to our wider community and the world remains strong and vital, continuing our commitments with our local mission partners and to the wider mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Southminster continues to focus on our commitment to the Matthew 25 initiative of our denomination. In 2023 we worked with Della Lamb to help relocate a refugee family of six from Somalia. Many hands and generous gifts were involved in support of this service. In addition, the Red Table overflows each month for our mission partners. We're striving to increase our total mission giving from 10% to 12% of our total budget. Thank you for your generous and faithful support!

Budget Total: \$115,000

ENGAGEMENT

Engagement moves us out into the community and world with the good news of Jesus Christ and invites people into the work that God is doing in and through Southminster. We continue to seek to project the ministry of Southminster into our community through the use of yard banners and digital communications. In the past year we have held the Fall Festival and a Dumpster, Donuts, and Donations event as a way to reach out to our neighbors. We are excited to see what other ways we can find to share who we are with the community.

Budget Total: \$55,000

PASTORAL CARE AND FELLOWSHIP

The pastoral staff and the Family Life committee continues to provide ongoing care for our members. Committee members remain in touch through visitations, phone calls, and emails. Family Life makes soup, which is delivered to members in need of some TLC, and we are working to return to a robust fellowship life together, both inside and outside of the church building.

Budget Total: \$77,000

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education committee is devoted to enriching the spiritual development of all members at Southminster, from those hearing Bible stories for the first time, to those who have spent decades in our pews. Opportunities for our youngest disciples continued this year thanks to exceptional volunteer leadership—Godly Play helped our kids explore creativity and faith, children's church school introduced kids to Scripture, Club 456 provided community and connection, and Youth Group gathered weekly for fellowship and their annual youth summer mission trip. The upcoming year's Sunday School theme, "Getting to Know You," was launched with an intergenerational kickoff program in August, helping members of all ages learn about each other's lives and experiences. Additionally, Christian Education began work with Director of Children & Youth Ministry, Hannah Ratliff, when she joined Southminster staff in the fall. The Seekers Adult Education group continues to grow in faith through discussion of TheoEd videos, special forums, and the "Get in Good Trouble" class. CE is excited to continue the rewarding work of exploring what it means to be a faithful Christian in 2024 and beyond!

Budget Total: \$90,000

TOTAL 2024 BUDGET: \$457,000

2024 PROJECTED EXPENSES

Building and Grounds:	\$115,250
Christian Education:	\$9,100
Engagement:	\$7,850
Family Life:	\$3,500
Stewardship and Per Capita:	\$16,000
Worship:	\$9,600
Personnel:	\$241,000
Mission Giving:	\$54,700
Total 2024 Budget: \$457,000	



The Southminster Presbyterian Church Endowment

The **Southminster Presbyterian Church Endowment** continues to provide valuable resources for our mission through the gifts provided by Southminster members. The Endowment holds four specific components for ministry—Music, Mission, Christian Education, and Church Facilities—as well as the General Endowment which allows flexibility for special opportunities in mission that may arise. We are thankful for the support for the endowment by members past and present, and for the careful oversight of the Endowment Committee. The Endowment has a balance which exceeds \$1 million.

The **Southminster Legacy Society** honors the act of giving to God and assures future ministry of this congregation in Christ's name. Through its service, the Legacy Society commends and graciously thanks those who make a lifetime gift through their estate plans. One may become a member of the Society by notifying Southminster that you have included the church in your will or estate. The Society offers both educational and social opportunities to its members.

Please return pledges by Sunday, November 12, 2023. Thank you!