

More Than Enough

2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign



"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." - 2 Corinthians 9:8



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Dear Southminster Presbyterian Church,

Over the last few years Southminster has undergone significant changes and transitions; and perhaps, now that I (Pastor Caroline) have moved into the pastor's office, we can all take a deep breath. I'm so grateful for all the work this congregation has done to stay engaged during this transitional time. But, even though we might have entered a new chapter, our work is not done. No matter the season, we are called to worship God together, to serve our neighbors, and to respond to the needs of the world. This work is ongoing, and I am grateful to get to partner with you.

In this brochure, you will find some of your leadership's hopes and dreams for 2025. Projects we want to undertake, things we want to accomplish, and the projected numbers to make these possibilities realities. Many committees have big dreams for 2025, including a greater investment in our online presence. Your leaders have thoughtfully discerned where God is calling us and how each of our ministries can support this work. In this document, you will find not only the numbers of the 2025 proposed budget, but also stories about what our congregation is doing now and what we are planning for the future.

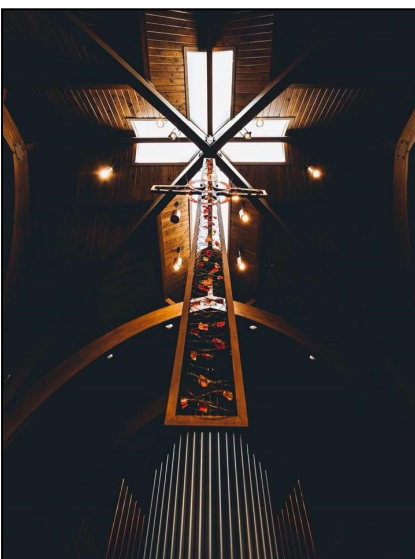
Thankful for your commitment and support, the session offers you this vision of Southminster's future. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to contribute your time, talents, and resources to this community, so that we can do the good work that God has set before us. When we share our gifts, which God first gave us, we are able to ensure that Southminster remains a congregation that works for compassion, justice, and peace for one another, for the community, and for the wider world. We will celebrate our commitment to God and this congregation on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024, with one worship service at 11:00a.m. followed by luncheon with speaker David Jorgenson, a senior video reporter for the Washington Post. We hope you will join us at this event and join us in making our commitments to Southminster for 2025.

Gratefully,

Rev. Caroline Barnett and the SPC Session



Southminster Presbyterian Church Narrative Budget



On the next page, you will find the narrative budget for 2025. It tells the stories of our life together as a community. It celebrates our accomplishments and points toward future goals. As you look through these narratives, we hope you will see the hope we have in this community, and on the back, the numbers that allow us to continue in our ministry.

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

Many thanks to our committee chairs, the Stewardship committee, and Paula Kane for their work in creating this year's stewardship materials!

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WORSHIP

Worship is the foundation of our faith life together. In 2025, we plan to continue worshipping God with music, prayer, and word. Whether it is on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., special services during Holy Week and Christmas Eve, or community-wide concerts, we hope our sanctuary is full of joyful voices. Next year's worship budget includes the resources needed for additional musicians, guest preachers, and new music, all of which will allow Southminster to participate in a wider breadth of worship experiences.

MISSION

Mission is a watchword at Southminster as we work to reach the hungry, the homeless, and the helpless in our community, nation, and world. We don't just send money, we 'do' missions as individuals, as teams, and as a congregation. Our Red Table mission center collects weekly for local mission partner needs. However, as a Matthew 25 congregation, we also work on larger projects such as annually furnishing a home for a refugee family, sending our youth on mission work trips, feeding hundreds at a food kitchen, and sending teams to assist area food pantries. In addition to the annual budgeted mission amount, members gave an additional \$23,000 in money and goods to mission partners. Thank you for your generous support of missions!

FAMILY LIFE

Family life members keep in touch with those who can't be with us in person with visits and deliveries of homemade soup and bread to those in need of TLC, phone calls, and our Angel Gift program, delivering gift bags to our shut-in family members several times a year. Cards are sent to members to celebrate joys, send well-wishes, and just to keep in touch. Transportation is scheduled for our church family members who don't drive. In addition to member care, Family Life coordinates fellowship events, including Coffee Hour each Sunday, potlucks and other table fellowship, and celebrations throughout the year.

ENGAGEMENT

Engagement is active in introducing the good people and deeds of Southminster into our community, and we are committed to becoming even more proactive in the coming year! While we will continue to project the ministry of Southminster through numerous banners, digital communications, *Dumpsters, Donuts & Donations* event, and much more, we strongly believe it is imperative to hire a professional marketing company who specializes in helping faith-based organizations increase their reach. Having professional assistance to help us stabilize, diversify, and grow will help us reach people where they are today, which is largely online. We believe the timing now is particularly good to take advantage of the excitement with our new leadership. Engagement has researched and vetted many such organizations, and our requested budget for '25 includes the necessary funding for that to happen!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Kick-Off introduced our 2024-2025 theme and new name, "The Path Forward: Faith Exploration." This describes both a new year with new pastoral leadership and new opportunities for all ages to grow in their faith. New this year is a once-a-month ALL-CHURCH event to celebrate special seasons of the church year. All ages are invited to explore their faith with dynamic Sunday school classes, thoughtful Advent and Lent devotionals, and other formation opportunities such as Godly Play & MASK summer camp for children and youth group and mission opportunities for the youth. We are grateful for David's Shoemaker's leadership as our new Director of Youth Ministry and continue to search for a Children's Ministry Educator to complete our team.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Looking ahead to 2025, your B&G committee is committed to being good stewards of our finances and our building. We continue to look to make both repairs and improvements to the whole facility, so that we can maximize the building's use. Much like members' homes, there is always something to be done, but with the help of the committee and volunteers, we will continue to work diligently thanks to the support we receive from the annual budget and the capital replacement fund. Plans are already underway to repair and repave both parking lots. The aging portions of the HVAC system continue to be repaired and replaced as necessary. Additionally, we will continue to work with other committees to encourage the full use of the building and grounds through engagement with the community, the arts, the neighborhood and our membership.

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

Building and Grounds:	\$119,150
Christian Education:	\$10,000
Engagement:	\$15,050
Family Life:	\$3,500
Stewardship and Per Capita:	\$16,100
Worship:	\$17,000
Personnel:	\$242,200
Mission Giving:	\$47,000

Total 2025 Proposed Budget: \$470,000



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 3, 2024. Thank you!