

# ***Ministry of our Church Through the Annual Budget***

## **Worship**

*Our ministry of worship includes:*

- *Ministry personnel in leadership grounded in sermon and music preparation;*
- *Chancel, treble and bell choirs;*
- *Special accompanists and guest directors throughout the year;*
- *Decorations of banners and special lighting of the sanctuary;*
- *Holy communion and baptism;*
- *Holiday events;*
- *Funerals, memorial services and weddings;*
- *Sanctuary furnishings*

## **Christian Education**

*Our ministry of growing in faith includes:*

- *Child care;*
- *Curricula for all ages;*
- *Creative confirmation resources & trips;*
- *Programs for children, youth & adults;*
- *Adult membership classes;*
- *Baptism orientation classes;*
- *Youth groups for teens;*
- *Ministries guided by our Director of Christian Education, our Program Manager, and the Senior, Associate and Music Ministers.*



## **Mission & Outreach**

*Our ministry of mission and outreach includes:*

- *Our Mission Committee and First Church Sacred Earth Committee;*
- *More than 30 ministries and mission opportunities such as Crop Walk, Faith Mission, Building Responsibility Equality And Dignity (BREAD), Letting Kids Succeed (LKS), Good Samaritan program, CATALYST, etc;*
- *Special projects by children, youth and adults;*
- *Church and community educational opportunities and leadership by our Senior Minister;*
- *Participation in the mission of the wider church through the Central Ohio Southeast Association and the Ohio Conference of the UCC*

## **Ministries of Care**

*Our ministry of care includes:*

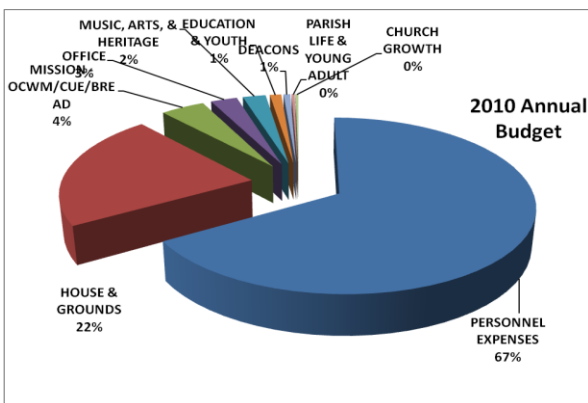
- *Stephen Ministers;*
- *Pre-marital and bereavement counseling;*
- *Visitation in homes, hospital and nursing homes;*
- *Social gatherings to build friendships;*
- *The work of our Pastors, Staff, Deacons, Council, Parish Life and Church Growth Committees.*



## **Administration**

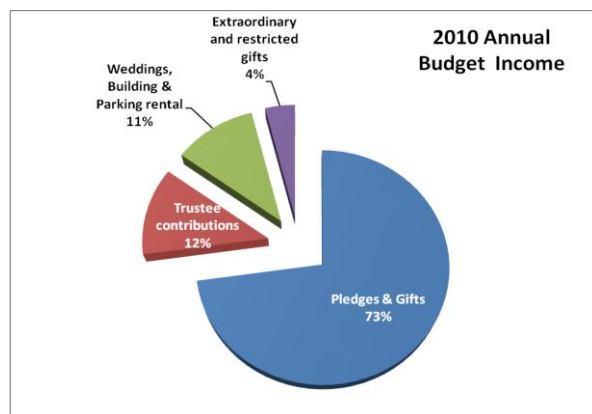
*Our enthusiastic and caring staff work diligently to ensure that the operational needs of the church are met consistently and professionally. Administration includes such things as:*

- *Project production and coordination;*
- *Our Business Administrator;*
- *Our Office Manager;*
- *The church's website designed to keep us informed and connected as a congregation while welcoming on-line visitors to come and worship and serve God together.*



## Ministry Income

	2009	2010
Pledged Commitments	\$ 654,112	\$ 646,975
Trustees	\$ 99,435	\$ 108,265
Weddings/Building and Parking Rental	\$ 96,866	\$ 98,628
Restricted & Special Gifts	\$ 32,681	\$ 35,053
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$883,322</b>	<b>\$ 888,921</b>



## A Message From Stewardship

Greetings!

We hope this brief overview of our 2011 church budget will help you gain insight into how our congregation's gifts are used. We thank each of you who make our ministry possible through your many commitments and contributions. Ministry happens through First Church because of you!

Our 2011 budget will be similar in structure to that of 2010. However, our initial projections and economic trends along with a few modest increases reflecting new horizons in our ministries will result in an **8 percent increase** in the current budget. Our ministry can only happen if we can also anticipate an eight percent increase in ministry income.

We believe this may sound ambitious, but it is a goal within our shared reach. It will require generous giving not only by those presently supporting the ministries of our church, but also by those who have not yet shared in this collective responsibility until now. We ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving by one percent of your income.

We invite you to present your commitment card **along with your canned goods for mission, in worship on Commitment Sunday, November 21.**

If you are not able to be with us that day, your envelope may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You also can easily make your commitment on our church Web site. We know God will provide, through each one of us, more than enough!

Sincerely,  
John Matchett and Jen Provenzano  
Stewardship Co-Chairs

# Faith and Finances

## A Look at our 2011 Budget



*First Congregational Church is a faith community:*

- *Called together by God, the Creator and Sustainer of life, to worship, pray and serve;*
- *Let by Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior, to learn the faith and welcome all God's children;*
- *Empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness to God's love and justice between ourselves, and throughout the world.*

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