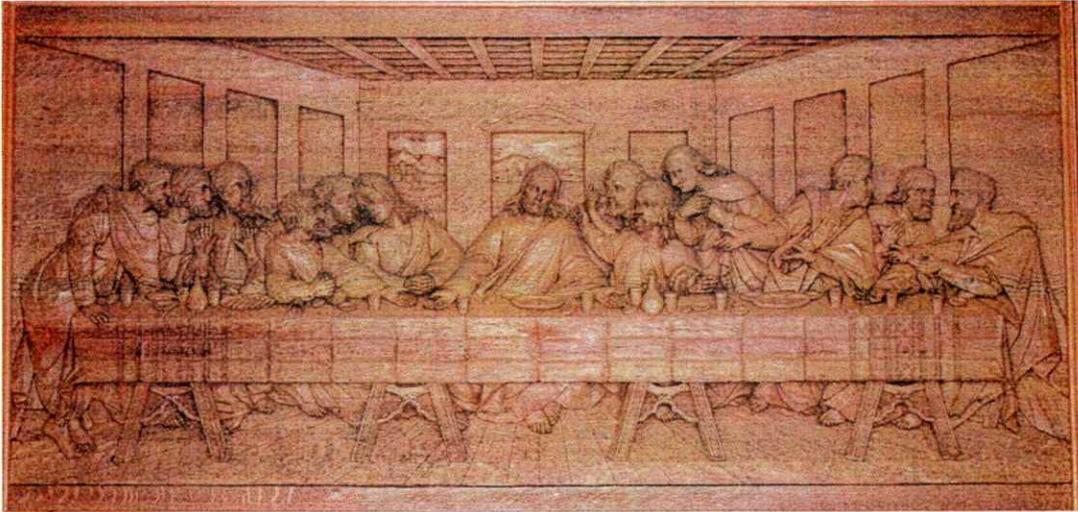


“Go into all the world
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Mark 16:15



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Every Sunday, at the top of our worship bulletin are printed the words of our church's mission statement.

“We seek to continue Jesus' mission of:
Reaching out, Embracing everyone, Enriching all,
Becoming living examples, Bonding all with
the love of God.”

It is there to remind us that our purpose as a church is our mission. According to the Gospel of Mark, Jesus' last words before his ascension were “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all of creation.” Jesus gave his followers their mission, to share his good news – we are here to continue doing just that.

Sometimes this passage is misconstrued to mean that we are to be out on the street corners telling people about Jesus. When we think of mission like this we overlook the many everyday ways we are preaching the good news to all of creation.

In the pages that follow you will see the various ways we at United Evangelical Church are in mission together. A church budget can best be described as a mission spending plan; it is a plan on how to be in mission. This booklet helps us to see how every time we put money into the offering plate we are in mission, we are living out the mission Christ gave us.

For 2011 we anticipate needing \$213,072 to do the mission Christ is calling us to. It is an ambitious challenge as \$18,512 is currently unfunded. Even though having an under-funded mission plan is not new for this church, it does emphasize that there is much work ahead for us; work that will ensure our mission in Canton continues to grow. There are as yet unexplored ministries that would strengthen our presence in the community and help us grow as a faith community. It is through our service to others that we will grow as a church.

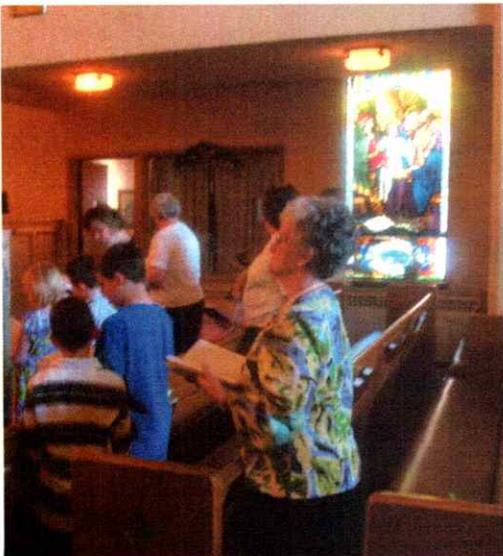
By the faithfulness of God and the generous hearts of many, we continue Jesus' mission into our 138th year. May this booklet be helpful as you prayerfully reflect on your part in Christ's mission.

In Christ,

Your Stewardship Team
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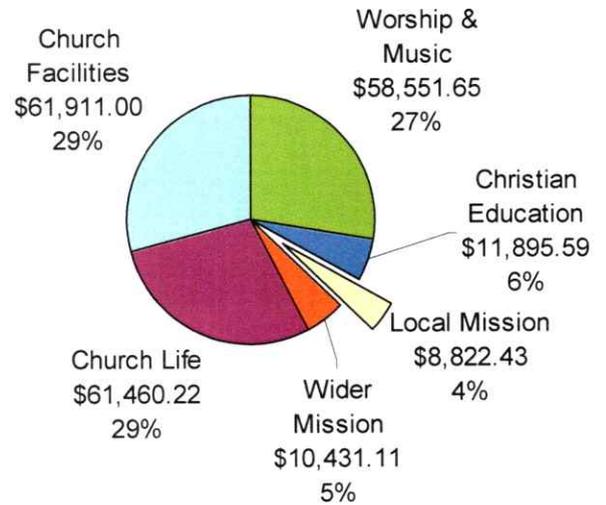
Local Mission

\$8,822.43

4% of total budget

Our mission in the local community is perhaps most visible in our support of Earl's place where we can see men's lives transformed from hopeless to hope-filled. And at the Canton Food Bank, we can see the food that helps our neighbors stretch their budgets to make it through the week or the month. Yet there are many other ways we preach the good news to our neighborhood. The PACT preschool program helps young families get their children off to a good start; the Pastor is involved in programs at the Hatton Senior Center, our youth bring Christmas joy to the residents of the Canton Harbor nursing home and participate in neighborhood clean-ups. We are home to the Canton Community Association, as well as a Young Mother's Co-op. Opening our doors and reaching out in our community are all part of preaching the good news.

- PACT
- Canton Food Bank
- Earl's Place
- Canton Community Association
- Hatton Center
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
- Christmas Caroling at Future Care
- Canton/Highlandtown Ministerium
- Young Mothers Co-op



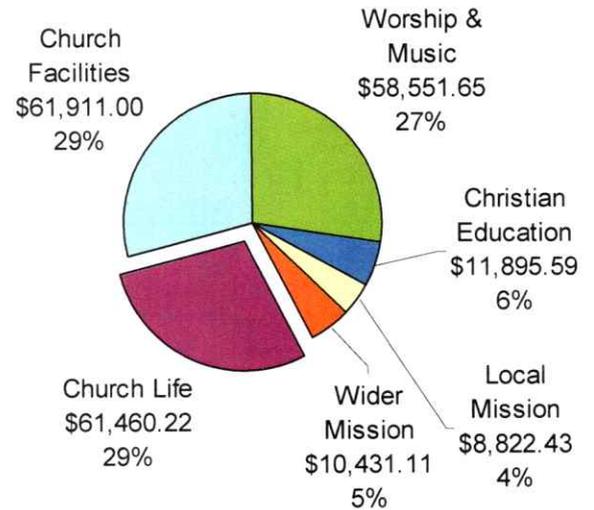
... Embracing everyone ...

Church Life

\$61,460.22

29% of total budget

Church life can perhaps best be described as all the things that happen when we share God's love with one another. From hospital and home visits by the Pastor, to our Lenten soup and sandwich fellowship, to Oktoberfest, to birthday cards in the mail, to pastoral support in emergencies, in all of these ways, and so many more, the love of the church comes alive. Our church life also touches the lives of those beyond our walls. When the bells ring, people know the church is alive, when The Endeavor comes in the mail people know the church is alive, when people call the church and someone is there to answer they know the church is alive. In our life together we witness to the risen life of Christ



- Home/Hospital Visitations
- Endeavor Newsletter
- Ladies Organization
- Family Pastoral Support
- 50th Confirmation Reunion
- Lenten Soup & Sandwiches
- Youth Fund Raising Events
- Coffee Hour
- Tinsel Sunday
- Oktoberfest
- Choir Shows
- Bingos
- Pancake Breakfasts
- Spaghetti Dinners
- Secretarial Support
- Web Site



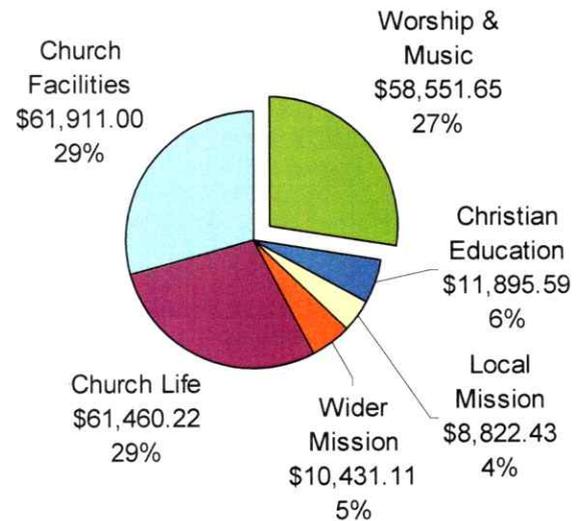
... Enriching all ...

Worship & Music

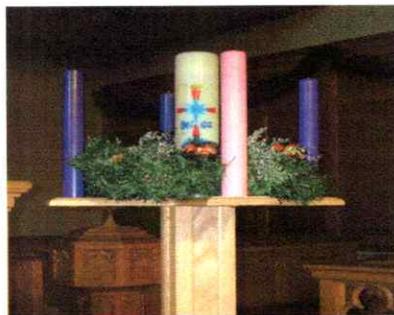
\$58,551.65

27% of total budget

Sunday morning worship is the launching point of our mission. In his ministry, Jesus was known to often go off to a deserted place to pray. He understood that the strength for his mission came from time spent in communion with the Father. The same is true for us. Worship is our core; it is where we are inspired, rejuvenated, refreshed, uplifted, reassured and empowered to continue on our faith walk. Every week we are blessed by a talented organist, a gifted pastor, a committed choir and a dedicated secretary who, together, prepare for our time of meeting with the Holy One.



- Pastor
- Music Director
- Choral Program
- Guest Musicians
- Sunday Worship
- Bulletins
- Communion
- Baptisms
- Confirmation
- Weddings & Vow Renewals
- Funerals & Memorial Services
- Totenfest
- Christmas Pageant
- Christmas Eve Worship
- Ash Wednesday Service
- Last Supper Tableau
- Lenten Worship Services
- Maundy Thursday Service
- Good Friday Service
- The Living Cross
- Easter Worship
- Sanctuary Decorations
- Bell Tower Chimes



... Becoming living examples ...

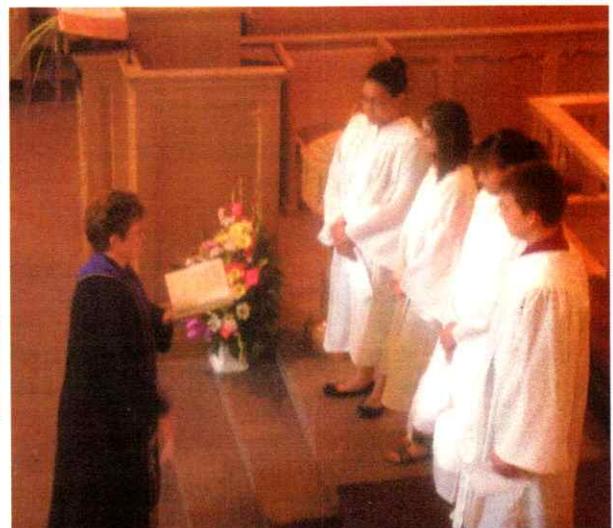
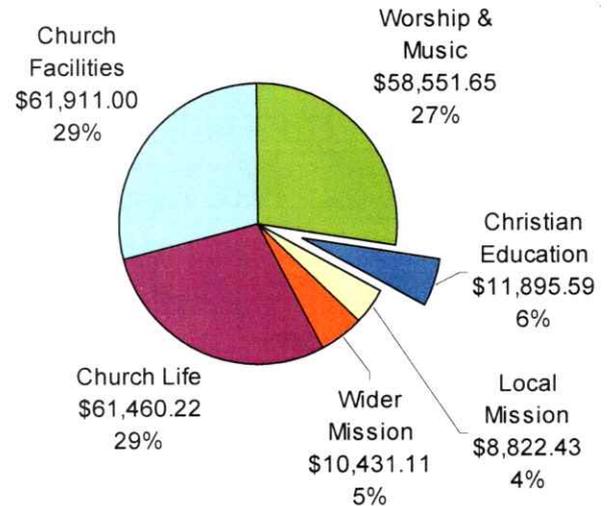
Christian Education

\$11,895.59

6% of total budget

The words of a well known hymn are *"I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love."* Christian education is one of the vital ways we tell the story of Jesus and his love. Paul asks in Romans *"How are they to believe in One of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?"* We proclaim him not only in Sunday school classrooms and in Bible study classes, but also through the hands on learning experience of the youth work trips. Faith formation is one of the greatest privileges and joys in which we participate as Christians.

- Confirmation Class
- Bible Study Classes
- Faith Discussion Groups
- Sunday School
- Youth Group
- Youth Mission Trips
- Youth Worship Service
- Youth Lock-Ins
- Upper Room Devotional
- Curriculum & Educational Material



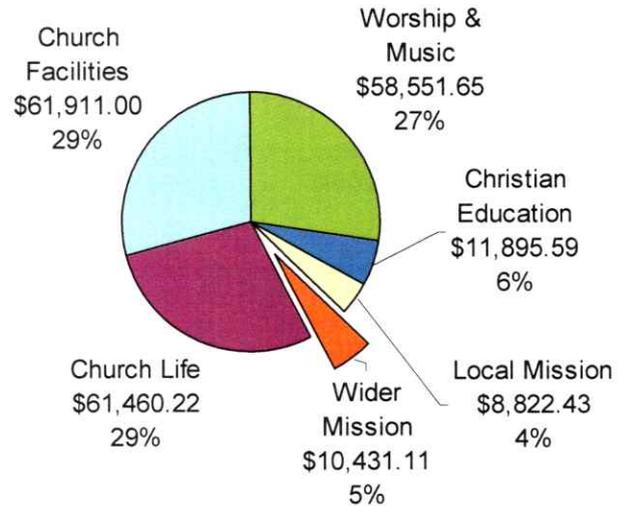
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Wider Mission

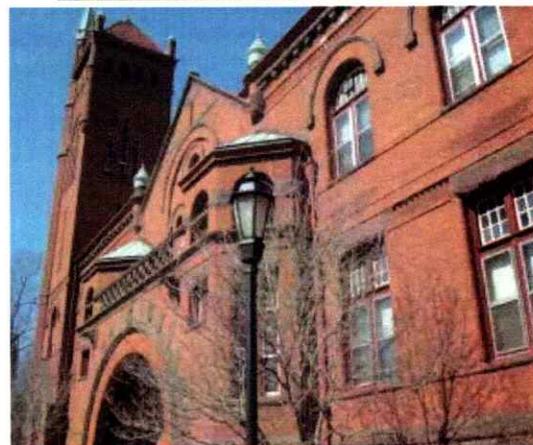
\$10,431.11

5% of total budget

Jesus' image of the vine is a wonderful way to envision the ministry we do far beyond our doors. Through Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), Neighbors in Need, and One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) we are in mission throughout the world bringing immediate relief in disaster as well as ongoing economic development, education and justice work. Our support of Lancaster and Eden Seminaries ensures that the Gospel will be preached to the next generation. Through Christ our vine, our connection goes around the world.



- Homewood Homes
- Hoffman Homes
- Neighbors in Need
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Church World Service
- Our Church's Wider Mission
- Crop Walk
- Youth Mission Trips
- Lancaster Seminary
- Eden Seminary



To the Glory of God...

Church Facilities

\$61,911.00

29% of total budget

All of the ministries in which we engage are made possible because of our facilities. Having a place to gather and share in fellowship, having a place to gather and worship God, having a place to gather and study the Bible, sometimes goes unrecognized as a vital partner in ministry. The buildings are maintained by hardworking council members and other volunteers, as well as by our custodian and maintenance man. Your financial support opens our doors to continue Christ's mission to the glory of God.

- Custodian
- Maintenance Man
- Refrigerators
- Ice Machine
- Ovens
- Stoves
- Air Conditioning
- Heat
- Fellowship Hall
- Gymnasium
- Stage
- Meeting Rooms
- Class Rooms
- Office Space
- Sanctuary

