

first presbyterian *Corvallis*



GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY

A NARRATIVE BUDGET FOR 2018

Estimated Expense Budget for 2018: \$585,000



Lyle used to say where else can you go and make a mistake in front of a few hundred people and still be accepted – that is what the church, the body of Christ is all about to me. It may

be that you misspeak as you read the Scriptures on Sunday morning, forget a meeting, sing off key, or forget so many things but still know that you are surrounded by love and acceptance.

For me the church has been an amazing support system this past year by visiting with Lyle during his last months, bringing beautifully carved pineapple, offering to do errands, and most importantly praying. So when I consider what it means to support the church, it means supporting the people who have cared for me and taught me in real time the lessons of faith. So why do I support First Presbyterian Church Corvallis?

Because it teaches us to care for one another and put that caring into action. It is too easy to become a bit lazy, a bit cynical or too busy and forget the basis of our faith in action. I need to support the church with time, actions and monies to sustain my faith and prayerfully the faith of others. Thanks to all of you who have been such a support of this church and my family.

- Sharon Fries

New to Pledging?

A pledge is a commitment but not a contract. We understand that circumstances can change. Start with an amount that you are comfortable and confident about. For example, some begin with 1% of their net income or wealth. Over the years you will likely find that you can increase that number. It is a rewarding spiritual discipline.

Consider setting up automatic drafts and fill out an EFT authorization form available in the office



We support 1st Pres because it is important to us that our children are raised in a community of faith. We want them to know that they belong to God, to be grounded in the values and traditions of a Christian faith, and to be part of

an intergenerational community. The kids love the cookies at coffee hour! In their words, they said, “we should support the church because it’s a place where there are other people “like me” (who believe in God)”, and “because by giving we are more connected to the church and are showing that we support God.”

-Kendra Sharp and Dave,
Fiona, Josie, and Tessa Hill



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Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis,

You are a generous people in a long succession of generous people. For over 160 years, First Presbyterian has been a gathering of faithful people who found their way to the heart of the valley and made this church their spiritual home. They answered the call to build a beautiful sanctuary and different generations have been adding facilities for various ministries ever since. The latest of these is the John and Nancy Dennis Community Hall where you can see and learn about, through the History Wall panels, the many generations who have built and sustained this church.

As future generations look back how will they view our generation? So many of you have helped us improve, repair, and maintain our church. The historic Povey windows have come alive with color again thanks to years of dedicated volunteers raising funds to do so. The Allison room is now a beautiful place to seek closeness with God and for small services. Our sanctuary is now filled with the stunning sounds of a Steinway B piano that will delight and inspire people for generations to come. All of these due to donors who wanted to be sure this church would be here for the next generations. I know that future generations will be grateful.

Yet it takes more than a building to be a church. First Presbyterian must be a place where people can come and know that they belong to God, that they are loved, and that they can learn new ways of being as we follow Christ's way. This is done through our ministries led by staff and a small core of volunteers. To be a church for future generations is a challenge but I believe that God is building something vibrant here. We have a fantastic team and your regular yearly giving is what enables us to reach this current generation with God's Word and Love.

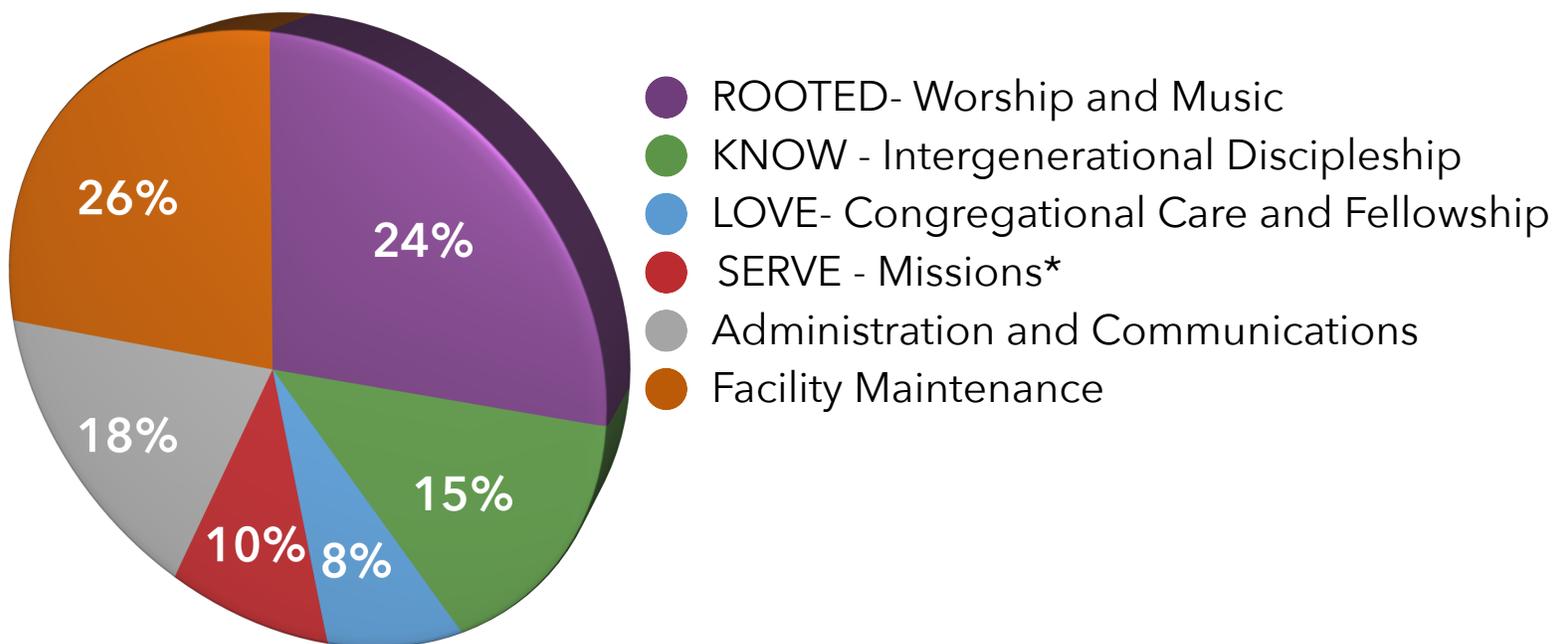
It is an uncertain time in the life of the church. I take comfort in knowing that generations before us also faced uncertain times. They had faith, persevered, and dug deep so that we could worship, know, love, and serve God. I hope you will join me in prayerfully considering your pledge for 2018 and continue the legacy of generosity at First Presbyterian Church.

Your pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Lyle", written in a cursive style.

How our budget breaks down

The purpose of this document is to give a summary of the major expense elements of an annual budget. Our church represents several generations of faithfulness to the Mission of the Gospel and our mission: to “**Rooted** in God’s grace, growing through spiritual understanding to **know, love** and **serve** Christ.”. The chart below shows our budget in terms of how your giving supports the ministries of First Presbyterian. We are grateful for those who came before us, building this church and making it what it is today. We are called to commit our own talents, time and treasure to be God’s church today, and to ensure that the generations after us will be able to carry it forward.



**in 2016 you also gave \$37,000 towards mission through Challenge Offerings and 2017 will likely be close to the same which makes our Mission giving 15% of all income.*

ROOTED

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

2018 \$140,400
(estimated)

Worship remains at the core of who we are. We come together to draw close to God, to be met in whatever joy or sorrow we are experiencing, and be strengthened and encouraged. We love our music and we have a core of talented staff who help lead gifted volunteers to help us maintain excellent standards in music and in the proclamation of the Word. We give so that we have vibrant and inspiring services where all have an opportunity to connect with God and with one another.



KNOW

INTERGENERATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

2018 \$87,750 (estimated)

As Jesus showed us in calling the first disciples, there is no requirement, other than a willing heart, to be a disciple. However, Jesus then invested in his disciples, loving them, teaching them and giving them experiences that helped them to grow into the leaders they became. We are fortunate to have capable staff who find creative ways to teach our children, youth, families, and adults of all ages. In addition, we stepped out in faith to increase our investment in our adult ministries, extending beyond a classroom and offering more experiential opportunities like outdoor adventures and yoga. We also continue to offer spiritual retreats. This year we hope to have a group go to Ghost Ranch for a week long retreat. First Presbyterian has always valued the growth mindset. Being a church that allows people to change and grow has been a breath of fresh air for many.



LOVE

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

2018 \$46,800 (estimated)

In the last 4 years we have invested in leadership for congregational care and have seen a wonderful and very loving

visitation ministry expand and grow so that all our congregants will know that they are loved and considered part of our community. Additionally, we have begun helping those with limitations that lead to them being excluded from many activities, go on day trips and adventures. Visitors check the the hospital every day and communion is brought to those unable to come to church. We also offer care and opportunities for people going through every sort of life transition. It's never easy to say goodbye to our loved ones and we are able to provide compassionate care and services to families who are grieving. It's important that memorial services celebrate the lives of those we love.



SERVE

MISSION

2018 \$58,500 (estimated)

Just as each of us must consider what portion

of our income we give to the ministry of the Gospel, we as a church also want to give outwardly. We do this through supporting the work of the Presbytery and other Presbyterian ministries both internationally and locally through our partnership giving. We also support WestM United Campus Ministries and with the Pastoral Counseling Center with budgeted giving. What is not reflected in our budget is the generosity you show above our budget through giving to challenge offerings. In reality we give close to \$40,000 more to various organizations, local and international. This increases our percentage of giving from income to around 15%. We also house and support a preschool which has a nearly \$700,000 annual budget and serves many in the community.



ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

2018 \$105,300 (estimated)

The administration of a church our size, with a preschool and constant activities is a ministry. Almost all staff are involved in administration in some form but our office staff faithfully serve this church daily, ensuring efficient operation and good stewardship of First Presbyterian resources. In addition, communication is vital to our church and the publication of newsletters, bulletins, emails and other materials help keep everyone in the know.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE 2018 \$152,100 (estimated)

Our sanctuary is a historic treasure and the subsequent editions over the generations have all been built to serve the needs of the church and community. Costs are going up. Electricity alone costs over \$20,000 a year. The cost of owning, repairing, and preserving a historic building can be daunting but it is part of our calling to honor what others have done before us and to be able to hand it off to future generations in great shape. The wider community benefits from our facility as we host many groups and activities.



BEYOND BUDGET

The Challenge offerings are not the only way people give beyond the budget. In 2017 we also received:

- ▶ An Anonymous gift of \$100,000 to purchase a Steinway B piano. This has already resulted in more community music events being scheduled at our church.
- ▶ Gifts in excess of \$40,000 to restore our historic Povey Windows. In the last 4 years over \$100,000 has been given/raised towards restoring the four large windows in our sanctuary. We still have many smaller windows to go but we are very close to having completed all of the 4 main windows.
- ▶ With Sharon Fries' permission, I can tell you that this year, as Lyle Fries faced his diagnosis of terminal cancer, they wanted to be able to do something that would assist this church for generations. They did just that by paying the \$191,000 mortgage remaining from the Dennis Hall project. This put over \$12,000 a year, for the next 16 years, back into our general budget. I am glad that Lyle was able to see the real impact that this had in enabling us to expand our ministries and enable us, along with funds from the endowment, to have a 75% time Stated Supply Associate Pastor. Estate and other gifts to the endowment also build stability for the church, and her future, and we will focus on this type of planned giving in the Spring.



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