

Generosity in Smaller Congregations

Rev. Mary Beene & the congregation
of Windsor Presbyterian Church

Rev. Mary Beene

Pastor for 15+
years

Fundraiser/Board
Development for
3 decades

Windsor Presbyterian Church

Windsor, CA

Finishing a Year
of Living
Generously

60 members: in-
and-out

Many without a
"traditional"
church
background

Windsor Presbyterian Church

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\$185K
expense
budget



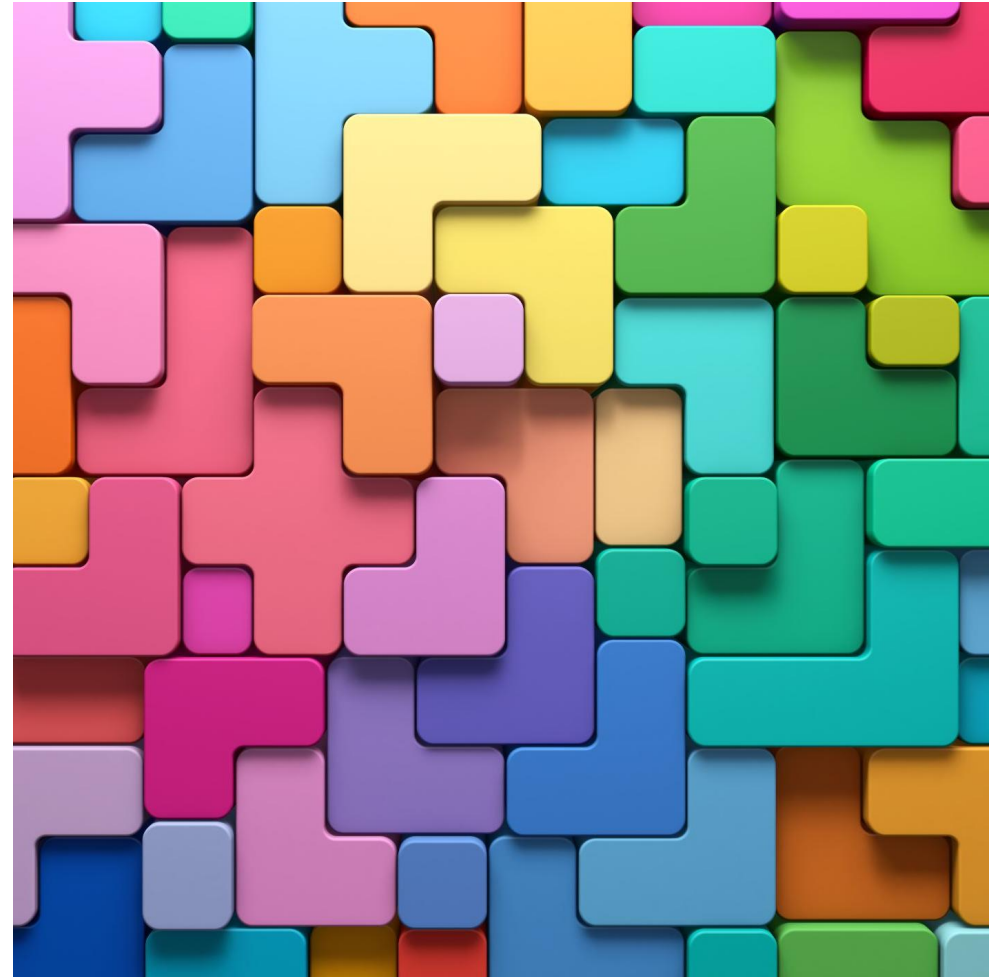
\$175K
income
budget
(with
necessary
\$15K in
fundraisers)



Just
started a
\$150,000
capital
campaign
- Gotta put a
roof on
somehow!

Year of Living Generously

Many Many Ways to
Live Generously!





Smaller Congregations

What are the
needs of smaller
congregations?

Check In: How do you feel?



Awful



Not very good



Good



Really good



Brilliant



Smaller Congregations

What are some strengths of smaller congregations?

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Generosity

Abundance

Positivity (not blind optimism)

**As a leader in
your
congregation,
this is your
superpower!**



Generosity does not have to be **MONEY**

Don't remind people to *be* generous, remind them how they **ARE** generous!





Connecting the Dots

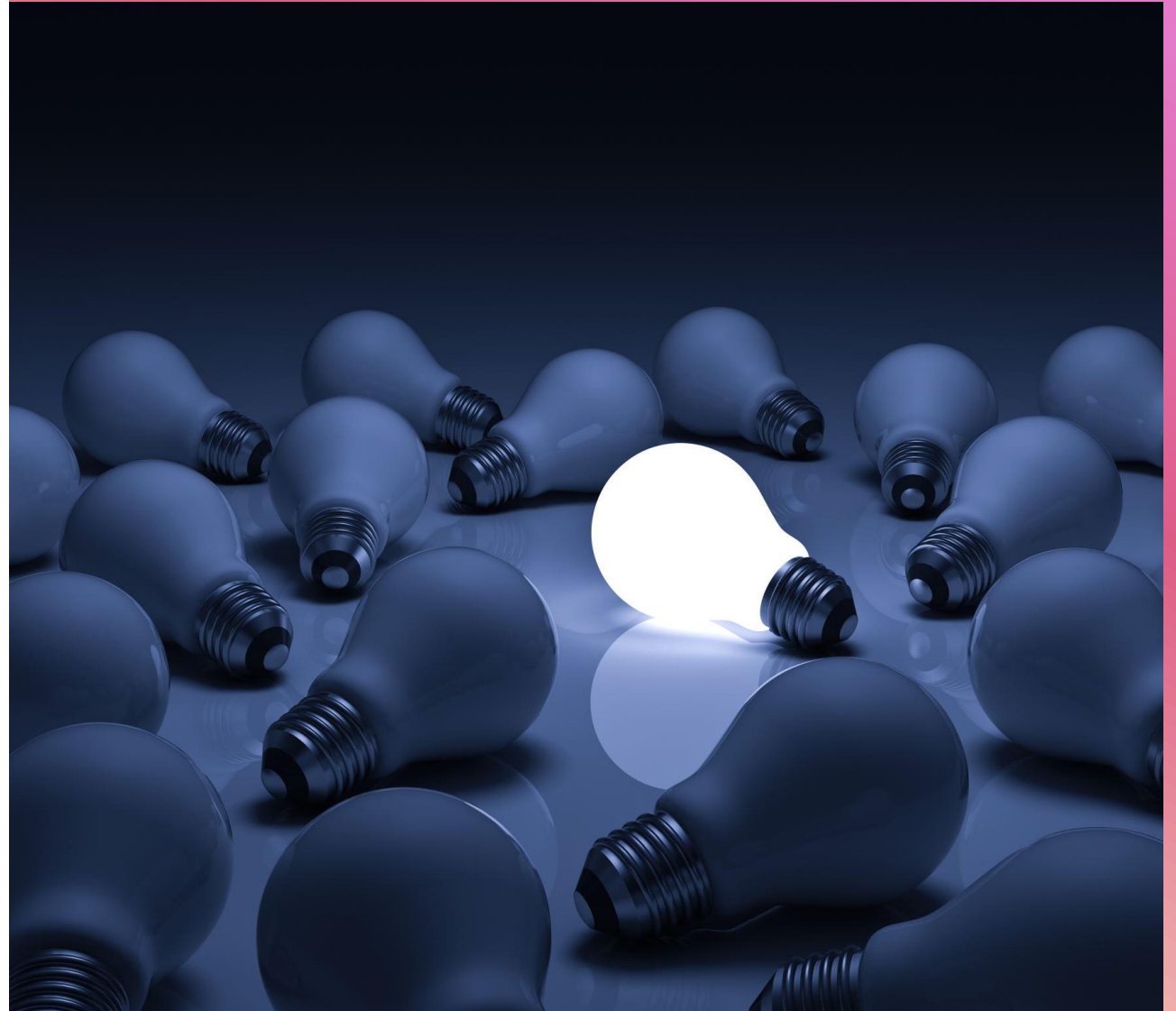
Resources

The Power of Asset Mapping: How Your Congregation Can Act on It's Gifts by Luther K Snow

Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity by Michael P. Ward

One Simple Act: discover the power of generosity by Debbie Macomber

Transforming Communities: How People Like You Are Healing their Neighborhoods by Sandhya Rani Jha





Resources

- + Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear by Elizabeth Gilbert
- + Soundtracks: The Surprising Solution for Overthinking by Jon Acuff
- + Not Your Parent's Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship by J. Clif Christopher
- + Whose Offering Plate is It? New Strategies for Financial Stewardship by J. Clif Christopher