

## A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Here is an overview of the current year's church budget. We want to thank each of you who make this ministry possible through your pledges and contributions. Hopefully, it will help each of us to see how our gifts are used and what a difference they make.

Each year our church budget is based on the careful recommendations of each committee. Each committee chairperson uses our vision statement and estimates actual costs of performing the ministry and missions entrusted to them. Next year's projected budget will be similar but the actual numbers will probably increase.

Of course, this will only happen if we can increase the amount of pledged income, or better stated actual pledging units. **Our goal for the 2012 budget year is to have 110 folks place their whole life before God by pledging!** This is an ambitious, but reachable goal.

It will require sacrificial 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 up to now. If you have any questions, please contact a Stewardship Committee member. You may bring your pledge card to **Dedication Sunday, November 6, 2011**, or mail it to the church office, to my attention.

Blessings,  
Alicia Shussett  
Stewardship Committee Chairperson



## Investing in Our Ministries \$259,350



### Salary \$147,000

This includes not only the Pastor's compensation, but also the organist, secretary, custodian, childcare provider, and youth music director.

### Worship & Music Ministry \$5,800

This ministry includes pastor and organist supply, audio, flowers, instrument repair, music and other worship related supplies. The work of this ministry is supported through the Worship Committee.

### Education Ministry \$4,800

This ministry is provided mainly by our Christian Education Committee. This includes Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Youth Groups, mid-week Bible Studies, Confirmation Class, and background checks for volunteers. There are also funds for the training and education of our leaders.

### Mission Ministries \$23,000

Our mission ministry supports local, national and global interests. Local ministries include Daybreak, food banks, and Angel networks. Our annual work camp is an example of our national mission support while globally we support equal exchange, a Presbyterian Coffee project, and our Kenya partnership.

### Caring for Our Congregation \$1,200

Parish Life cares for our congregation by providing a variety of fellowship opportunities while the Board of Deacons is responsible for more individual care of our members.

### Evangelism and Outreach \$3,900

Our membership and stewardship committees equip, empower and inspire members to share their faith in Christ and to become connected to a community of faith. Our advertising expenses are also included with this ministry.

### Property \$38,500

This ministry includes the care and maintenance of our building and grounds. For example; grass cutting, snow removal, fuel, utilities, major equipment replacement fund, and the maintenance of the building, grounds and equipment.

### Administration \$13,150

This includes insurance, copier costs, internet, telephone, office supplies, postage, and payroll services.

### Presbyterian Partnerships \$22,000

Our connection to the larger church includes our per capita, our pledge to the theological education fund, and our pledge to Presbyterian Church (USA), Synod of the Trinity and Lehigh Presbytery.

## *A Message from our Pastor*

Dear Faith Congregation,

In these uncertain times, we, the church, have the great honor of offering ourselves as partners in God's good work of bringing help to our families, friends and neighbors here and around the world. We are blessed by God that we might be a blessing to others! Our time, our talents, our treasures, our building and our very lives become God's answers to the prayers of those in need – Hallelujah and AMEN!

Stewardship is celebrating that God's grace has touched us at the core of our being and, in response, committing our lives to helping others be touched, enlightened and enlivened in this same beautiful way. Stewardship is a joy, as we discover time after time that as we give of ourselves as Christ offered of Himself, we enter into the full and abundant lives that Christ promised to those who follow Him.

I invite you to carefully and prayerfully consider how you might live a life of deepening stewardship in 2012 because I believe that although it may be challenging, it will bring you further into lives that are good, real and true.



Place your life before God

Romans 12

If you have been blessed with talents or time that might be offered in ways that bring light and life to others, I invite you to consider offering of your talents and time to this congregation, to the community of Emmaus and to the world. Please feel free to speak with me or a church leader about how you can offer your talents to God's good work.

If you have been blessed financially, I invite you to consider financially supporting the operation, the ministry and the mission of this congregation. Please complete the enclosed pledge card and offer it with thanksgiving and joy to God's work in and through Faith Church in worship on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Let us renew our commitment to be good stewards of God's blessings, so that with God's help, the church might offer God's healing to Emmaus and to the nations!

Yours in Christ,

*Tim*

## Investing In our Ministry



*Where the Money goes...*

## A Look at This Year's Budget

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