

***You will be made
rich in every way so
that you can be
generous in every
way. Such
generosity
produces
thanksgiving to
God...***

2 Corinthians 9:11



The intention of this year's Stewardship campaign is two-fold. First, we invite you to celebrate with JOY the ways in which our congregation has shown GENEROSITY in the past year. Which activities listed in our narrative budget (on the reverse of this paper) cause you to say, "I helped with this"? Second, as you look ahead to 2014, ask prayerfully where you might be involved. In addition to your financial pledge, your time and talents are needed to help First Presbyterian Church continue to thrive.

Instead of traditional bullet points, we have chosen symbols to enumerate the various items in the budget.

In the section "Celebrating through Worship," plus (+) symbols highlight the positive feelings that carry over into our everyday lives as an effect of worshipping together.

Under "Caring for Members," the symbol meaning approximately equal (\approx) shows that we can't know all of the many ripples that these one-time actions cause.

In the section "Serving Locally and Beyond," the infinity symbol (∞) emphasizes that although we don't always see the long-term effects of these actions, they will stretch further than we can imagine.

For Growing in Faith, multiplication symbols (\times) underscore the fact that when we invite even a single person to join us, the body of Christ grows immensely.

Joy through Generosity

Your involvement in the past year has made these missions possible.

Celebrating through Worship

\$293,000 or 33% of the total budget

- + 204 worship services held and sermons preached
- + 300 hymns sung by 45 chancel choir members
- + Sunday services averaging 457 members and guests
- + 150 songs led by New Stone praise team



Caring for Members

\$161,000 or 17% of the total budget

- ≈ 750 counseling meetings for 30 members
- ≈ 16 funeral services
- ≈ 12 weddings
- ≈ 14 baptisms
- ≈ 250 hospital visitations with 150 members

Serving Locally and Beyond

\$244,000 or 27% of the total budget

- ∞ distributed \$25,000 of medical supplies and supported women's leadership among 4,000 people in Pachaj, Guatemala
- ∞ WATTS program sheltered 30 people per night for 2,500 hours through the winter
- ∞ served 1,000 Thanksgiving meals to 650 people through the Salvation Army
- ∞ 35 members helped 4 families on a mission trip to Maine
- ∞ 26 members helped with local missions
- ∞ Jubilee Kitchen provided 6,000 meals for about 85 people for each of 50 Saturdays



Growing in Faith

\$218,000 or 23% of the total budget

- × 42 new members welcomed
- × 5 adult Sunday schools taught 50 members
- × 3 small study groups met with 40 participants
- × 20 graduates of the Disciple I and Disciple III classes
- × 87 children and 40 youth attend Sunday school each week
- × 105 volunteers welcomed 98 children to Vacation Bible School