



FAITH MATTERS

2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Park Ridge Community Church

All are welcome at Park Ridge Community Church. We strive to be an inviting community for all those seeking to deepen their relationship with God in Christian community. Here we celebrate diversity of faith and unity in Christ. We are purposeful in our respect for individual belief. We are committed to making the journey of faith together. It is a delicate balancing act between individual freedom and corporate responsibility maintained through the lives of the people who worship and serve here. Our call to Christian Stewardship provides us with the opportunity to invest in the work of God in this very special place.

This narrative budget tells the story of how Faith Matters in the mission and ministry of Park Ridge Community Church. Intended as a supplement to our traditional line-item budget, the narrative budget describes how we, the members and friends of PRCC, invest our time, our talent, and our treasure. Here you will discover descriptions of

each category of our mission and a break-out of how much of our time is devoted to each area. It is our hope that this budget will provide every member and friend of our community with insight—and inspiration—as we look anew and how we serve and celebrate together.

Rev. Brett W. McCleneghan PhD,
Senior Minister

Rev. Ms. Nicole Urbach,
Associate Minister

Mr. K. Bruce Webster,
Chair of the Congregation

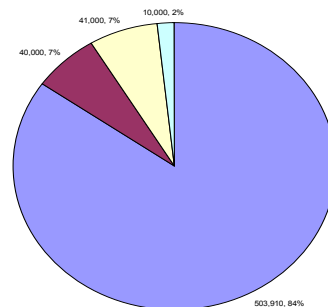
Ms. Laura Lapp,
Vice Chair of the Congregation
Chair of Stewardship

Matters of Faith in Dollars and Cents

The Budget for 2009 is \$565,722.

Where does it come from?

Pledged & Non-Pledged Gifts	445,850	79%
Church fees & ministry donations	43,850	8%
Youth Fundraising	41,800	7%
<u>Miscellaneous & Interest Income</u>	<u>34,222</u>	<u>6%</u>
Total	565,722	100%

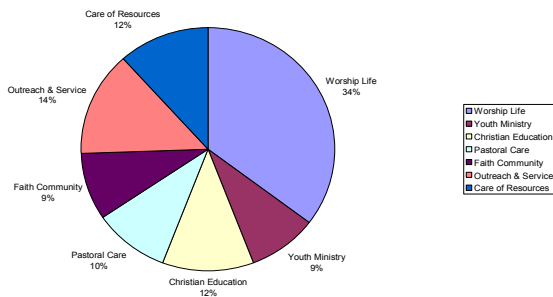


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Now let's tell the story of where it goes...

Our Treasure = \$565,722

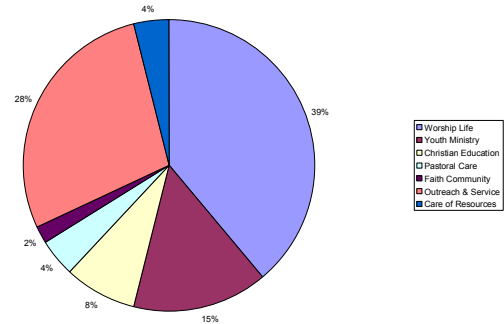
How do we invest our income among our various ministries?



Worship Life	36%
Youth Ministry	9%
Christian Education	12%
Pastoral Care	10%
Faith Community	9%
Outreach & Service	14%
Care of Resources	12%

Our Time and Talent = 41,914 hours

How do we invest our time and talents among our various ministries?



Worship Life	39%
Youth Ministry	15%
Christian Education	8%
Pastoral Care	4%
Faith Community	2%
Outreach & Service	28%
Care of Resources	4%

Worship Life

The worship of God is the central act of our common life as a Christian community. We gather together to receive God's word, to pray for one another and our world, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to lift up to God the phases of our lives: birth, confirmation, marriage, death and resurrection.

Our Treasure: \$212,463 or 36% of our budget

We invest our treasure in worship by supporting our clergy, choir director, and other musicians, providing office staff to prepare worship materials, as well as maintaining the Sanctuary and organ.

Our Time & Talent: 39% of our time

Our worship is supported by our Chancel Choir, Angeli Choir, Junior Choir, Bell Choir, and the Wall of Sound. Our Deaconesses and Deacons assist with Holy Communion and Baptisms, Ushers welcome us to worship, the Altar Guild beautifies the Sanctuary, Lay Lectors lead us in worship, and the music staff provides many volunteer hours.

Youth Ministry

Providing a faith-filled, safe and encouraging ministry for the young people of our congregation and community is a major commitment for PRCC. Here young people, from the Junior Youth Group (4th-5th grades) Middle School Youth Group and Senior High Youth group, learn the way of Christian discipleship through service and fellowship, worship, learning—and fun!

Our Treasure: \$54,182 or 9% of our budget

We invest our treasure in the faith life of our young people by supporting an Associate Minister, office staff to communicate activities, funding youth activities, from the Mission Trip to Beatles Nights, and much more. We provide safe and usable facilities for programs and activities.

Our Time and Talent: 15% of our time

Volunteers offer support for numerous activities and programs, including : the Pumpkin Patch, Beatles Nights, Adult Youth Leaders, Sunday evening Youth meals and programs, Car Washes, Middle School Ski Trip, Youth Leader Retreat, Youth Committee, Youth Leader Committee, Great America and much more.

Christian Education

A vibrant Christian community must feed the hunger for knowledge of God in Christ—a hunger found in all ages and stages of the faith journey. At PRCC, Christian Education begins at birth and extends through the whole of life. We welcome people of all ages to our many learning experiences. We offer a morning play group for the youngest, Sunday School for nursery through high school. Providing continuing opportunities for learning throughout the course of life is of equal importance. On Sunday mornings and throughout the week, our many volunteers and staff offer classes and experiences which provide not only the important basics of the faith, but opportunities to explore, to discuss and to tackle the tough questions of faith—all with an eye to growing in knowledge, in worship, and in discipleship.

Our Treasure: \$70,446 or 12% of our budget

We invest our treasure in life-long learning by providing a Director of Christian Education, purchasing curriculum, providing clean, safe, and engaging learning spaces, books, computers, arts and craft supplies, and much more.

Our Time & Talent: 8% of our time

Volunteers make all the difference since they serve as: Sunday School Teachers, Adult Education Teachers, Confirmation small group leaders, and assistance with Curriculum Planning, the Christmas Pageant, Rally Sunday, Publicity, Emails, Mailings, Signs, Nursery Care. Extra volunteer hours are also provided by the Christian Education staff.

Pastoral Care

Through the varied ministries of pastoral care provided by PRCC, we seek to live out our calling to serve others in Christ's name. Our clergy, staff, and parishioners provide pastoral support by tending to the sick and dying, the suffering and the bereaved. We pray for the sick and all those in need, and provide practical support through visits and telephone calls, and a variety of services to meet ongoing needs.

Our Treasure: \$62,549 or 10% of our budget

Pastoral care ministries are made possible through support for salaries for clergy, who provide care and counsel for all phases of life including births, weddings, and funerals, and the Director of Pastoral Services who maintains multiple areas of ministry. We also provide space for the Medical Lending Closet, and for training and continuing education for our Stephen Ministers, Support Team members, and the annual Service of Remembrance.

Our Time & Talent: 4% of our time

Dedicated volunteers coordinate, lead and serve through the Stephen Ministry, the Support Teams, Senior Contact, and the Service of Remembrance. The Deaconesses and Women's Circle provide meals for member visitations and funerals. The Director of Pastoral Services also provides additional volunteer hours.

Outreach and Service

Meeting people where they are is a guiding principle for our many ministries of outreach and service. From reaching out and welcoming newcomers to PRCC, to serving around the neighborhood, around Chicago, around the country and around the world, we seek to serve where we are called, to be in ministry with those we meet along the way. How often do we hear one another say: "By serving others, I received far more than I could ever give"? This is faith that matters.

Our Treasure: \$69,683 or 12% of our budget

What we invest in reaching out to others near and far supports the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, the Night Ministry, Park Ridge Sunday Night Suppers, the Appalachian Service Project, pumpkin farmers of the Navajo Nation, the Membership Committee, Sunday School Mission projects, Vacation Bible School, clergy and staff leadership, facilities and equipment for the Medical Lending Closet, the UCC Wider Mission Fund, and so much more.

Our Time & Talent: 28% of our time

A truly remarkable number of hours are invested in an ever-growing list of ministries, including: the Medical Lending Closet Lincoln Park Community Shelter, Community Sunday Suppers at St. Paul of the Cross, Bethel New Life Christmas Gift ministry, Maine Township Food Pantry, , Vacation Bible School, Membership Committee, CROP Walk, Youth Mission Trip, and Habitat for Humanity/Solid Rock Carpenters

Faith Community

We gather together as a community of faith to enjoy fellowship with one another in many different settings. Sometimes when we gather there is no agenda but to enjoy a cup of coffee and friendly conversation. At other times, we may stretch our bodies and our spirits through Yoga or sharing a common interest. When we gather in fellowship, we are answering God's call to simply enjoy one another's company—and to welcome new friends into our midst.

Our Treasure: \$53,640 or 9% of our budget

We enable the life of our faith community by paying for a Parish Coordinator and Parish Secretary to coordinate all of our communications. The Director of Pastoral Care offers leadership for the Kindred Spirits Café, and we support the Young Adult Ministry (FOYA), the Social Committee. Fine facilities such as Great Hall, Jordan Hall, Kitchen provide the right setting for our gatherings.

Our Time and Talent: 2% of our time

The time we dedicate to our fellowship life results in such wonderful ministries and gatherings as: the Kindred Spirits Café, the Social Committee, Yoga, Wednesday Men's Breakfasts, the Easter Breakfast, Dinner Groups, Deacon's Rally Day Picnic, Pasta Divine/Jazz in January, and the Women's Circles.

Care of Resources

We are blessed with a landmark building with a steeple rising gracefully above the city skyline and calling the community to discover how faith matters in this place. In this lovely and useable, and well-used space we gather for worship, celebration, meetings, learning, fellowship and service. We have received these remarkable facilities as a trust from previous generations and so we care for them now that generations yet to come will gather as God's people in this sacred space.

Our Treasure: \$72,778 or 12% of our budget

We allocate a significant portion of our funds in this area to professionals who clean, maintain, and upgrade our facilities. So, too much goes to utilities to provide heat, light, water, and communication technologies. Each year we replenish a portion of our Renewing God's House fund which has provided for the many improvements in the building in recent years.

Our Time & Talent: 4% of our time

Guiding the work of such a vital congregation with so many ministries and wonderful facilities requires many hours of dedicated work by the members of our leadership team, including: the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Stewardship Committee, Deacons/Deaconesses, Mission Vision Action, and the Kitchen Committee.