



St. Paul UMC
A Good Neighbor



NARRATIVE BUDGET 2024

WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

What is a Narrative Budget?



Each year St. Paul UMC makes a line by line budget as we account for each dollar donated and used for our ministries. This budget is a good stewardship practice. However, there is more to the story. A narrative budget helps to tell the rest of the story by conceptualizing and sharing the ways that St. Paul UMC strives to be a Good Neighbor.

We have five categories as a part of our Narrative Budget: Worship, Children & Youth, Connection & Care, Missions, and Community Engagement. Each dollar in our budget is represented in one of these areas of ministry - perhaps through building usage, staff hours, or actual dollars spent.



Categories

Here is where we spend our time, talents, and treasures

Worship



Worship

\$157,633.04

40%

Grow



Children and Youth

\$80,629.07

20.5%



Connection and Care

\$62,094.16

16%

Serve



Missions

\$46,265.16

12%



Community Engagement

\$45,205.16

11.5%

Worship

Stats

57 Worship Services

13 Loaves of Gluten Free Bread

48 Bottles of Welch's Grape Juice

385 Songs

2 Piano Tunings

17 Handbell Pieces

12 Kid's Songs

110 Acolytes

25k Pieces of Confetti

100 Balloons

156 Packages of Cookies

20k Conversations

3 Baptisms

12 New Members



Worship is the place where all of our paths cross - the very life blood of our congregation. This is where we hear Scripture, sing songs, greet one another, and share in the sacraments. This is where the Grace of God is alive and tangible.

Sermon Series

Abundant Life

Our Song

Wandering Heart

Roots

Game On

Inspired



"Worship at St Paul is a time for our community to join in celebration and praise of our Creator, a time to witness and experience all of the beautiful gifts that God has bestowed on our congregation. That gift can sound like a handbell choir, piano playing, or children laughing during Children's Moment or the quiet smile from a fellow member that warms your heart. That gift can be the way our Pastor's message just happens to "hit home". That gift can be a delicious homemade treat enjoyed after service with fellow neighbors. Worship is the Grace of God."

- Lauren Fyock

Children and Youth



From our Children and Youth:

"I like to sing songs!" - Sims Dainas (age 4)

"I like that we learn lessons from the Bible and do crafts!" - George Dainas (age 8)



"I like youth group because it's fun and I get to spend time with my friends and meet new ones and I can learn more about God." - Sophie Jackson (age 12)

"I like youth retreats because it was exciting to meet new people and get to know them and explore their religion. I got to see many people and many things which overall was amazing because of the experience and made new memories with my friends and religion."- Cash Wheeler (age 12)



"Youth group is great! I especially liked getting to know Mr. Bill (youth group chaperone) and having a lot of fun with my friends." - Spencer Warner (age 13)



Connection and Care

What is this Category?

Connection and care is where we build relationships and care for one another as a church . If it happens outside of worship, it belongs in this category



Pancake Lunch • Church Council Meetings • Women's Group • Men's Group • Choir • Sunday School Class • Game Nights • Potlucks • Confirmation Class • Back to School Bash • Youth Room Remodel • Youth Room Dedication • Annual Conference Delegates



Missions

Loving our neighbors through missions and outreach



Collection Drives

Share the Warmth Drive • Share the Love Food Drive • Undie Sunday • School Supplies Drive • Wellroot Christmas Project • Wesley Woods Offering • UMCOR Offering • Aldersgate Offering • UMC Apportionments

"St. Paul's engagement with the Stewart Center grounds our work in God's mission of redeeming the world. The Church's financial, in-kind, and physical support amplify God's presence in our community. We hope that the Stewart Center's partnership with St. Paul will continue to benefit both organizations for many years to come."

Clayton Davis, Executive Director/CEO, Andrew P. Stewart Center

Hands and Feet of Christ

MLK Day of Service (Sandwich Project) • Maundy Thursday Project (Friends at the Front Door - Atlanta First UMC) • Sandwiches for Central OAC • Stewart Center • Wellroot Famfest



"St. Paul UMC has been an outstanding partner in ministry with Wellroot Family Services. The members are passionate in making significant difference in the lives of children and families that we serve and in their community. They have shared the hope and joy of Christmas with our children every year through sponsoring gifts. They have put together goody bags and craft kits for our FamFest event at Six Flags."

Rev April McGlothlin-Eller, Wellroot Family Services



Kids and Youth Led

Neighborhood Clean Up • Children's Healthcare of Atlanta • Meals on Wheels • Camper Fund • PAWS Atlanta

Community Engagement

Being a good neighbor in Grant Park and beyond



Summer Shade Festival
Pride Parade
St. Paul Basketball
Halloween Hospitality



Candlelight Tour of Homes
Candlelight Choir Concert
Phoenix Flies
Scouting Ministries (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts)



Mardi Gras Sunday
Worship in the Park
New Years Noon Service
Easter Egg Hunt
Sunrise Service in Oakland Cemetery
Camp Serve

Looking forward to 2025

The word “steward” comes from two ancient roots: *stig*, or “path, hall, part of a house,” and *weard*, or “guardian, person who watches over.” A steward is someone who protects a path, who watches over a house, who takes care of a treasure.

The inspiring good news is that you and I were born to be “stewards” in this ancient sense. To protect and care for a path, a house, a treasure – and not just our individual home or church, but also the wider community we all share, love, and serve. God’s path, God’s house, the bright and beautiful temple of creation, full of God’s amazing creatures, great and small.

As we turn our attention to a new year, St. Paul UMC continues to live into our vision statement - “As Spiritual seekers we strive to love, serve, grow, and worship Christ in an inclusive community of Faith”

Won't you join us as we grow to be a Good Neighbor?



St. Paul United Methodist Church

Sundays

10am

Sunday School (all ages)
Choir
Kids' Music

11am

Worship

5pm

Youth Group



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