

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministry Investment Report

Giving with Love

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STEWARDSHIP



2024 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET: \$1,500,000

If you spend a few minutes looking over this booklet, you will be pleased with the role our children played in preparing it. You will also find some interesting data to help you understand more about how church budgets work and how the money is used.

Together, we can all be a part of this spiritual journey of stewardship and make a difference both on the inside and the outside.

W. D. Boy

Rev. Dr. Steve Goyer

“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” -Luke 6:38



WORSHIP & MUSIC: Leading us into the presence of God.

Preaching, Liturgy, Musicians, Musicians Hospitality, Guest Preachers/Speakers, Worship Bulletins, Instrument Maintenance, Music Conferences, Worship & Music Supplies, Stewardship & Ushering Supplies, Technology, Session & Officer Training, Weddings.



DISCIPLESHIP: Growing as followers of Jesus.

Adult Learning Classes, Adult Learning Curriculum, Adult Learning Supplies, Adult Learning Hospitality, Nursery Ministry Kidz Programming & Snacks, Kidz Camps/Events/Trips, Vacation Bible School, Youth Groups/Events/Trips, Youth Fellowship Suppers, Youth Breakfast Devotionals, Church Library & Officer Supplies.



MISSION & OUTREACH: Serving those in need with the love of Christ.

Presbytery Unified Giving, Fort Frederica Presbyterian Giving, PC (USA) Missionary Giving, Hunger Action Team Food Ministry, Angel Tree Christmas Ministry, Day of Service, Community Missions Benevolent Giving.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MINISTRY: Connecting together as a church family.

Congregational Care, Casserole Food Ministry, Adult Learning Social Events, Try Something New Events/Trips, Family Life Events/Trips, Fall Festival, Advent Festival, Lent Event, Holy Week/Easter Events, New Member Dinners, Hospitality Ministry Receptions, Wednesday Night Suppers, Sunday Breakfast Fellowship, Special Meals, Kitchen Supplies, Newsletters/Publications/Social Media Promotion.



ADMINISTRATION & MINISTRY SUPPORT: Making the ministry & mission we do possible.

Office & Technology Equipment, Office & Technology Supplies, Technology Fees & Training, Church Membership Software (REALM), Printing Costs, Postage & Delivery, Telephone, Memberships & Subscriptions, Financial Management.



BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE: Providing a place to worship & gather.

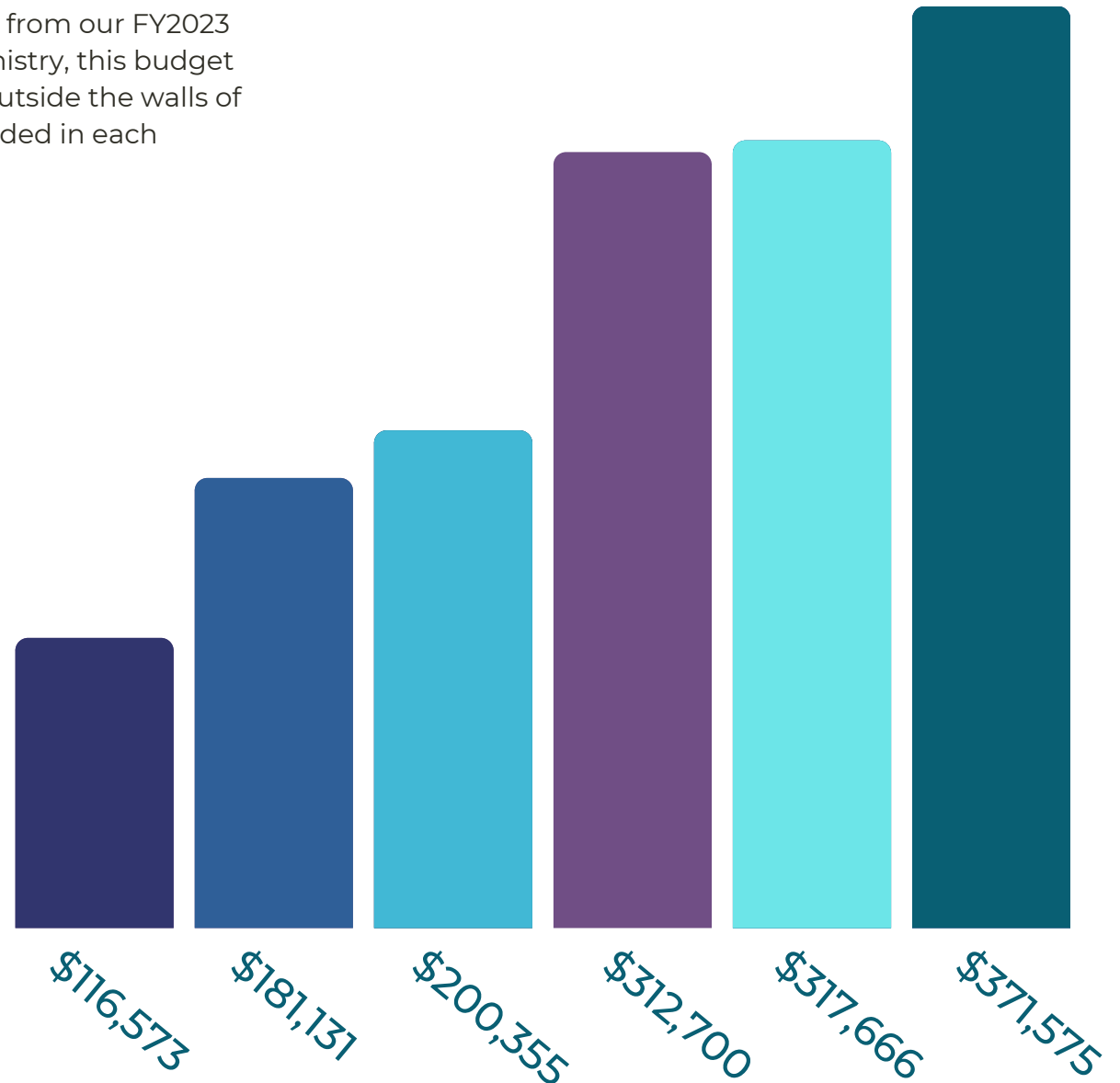
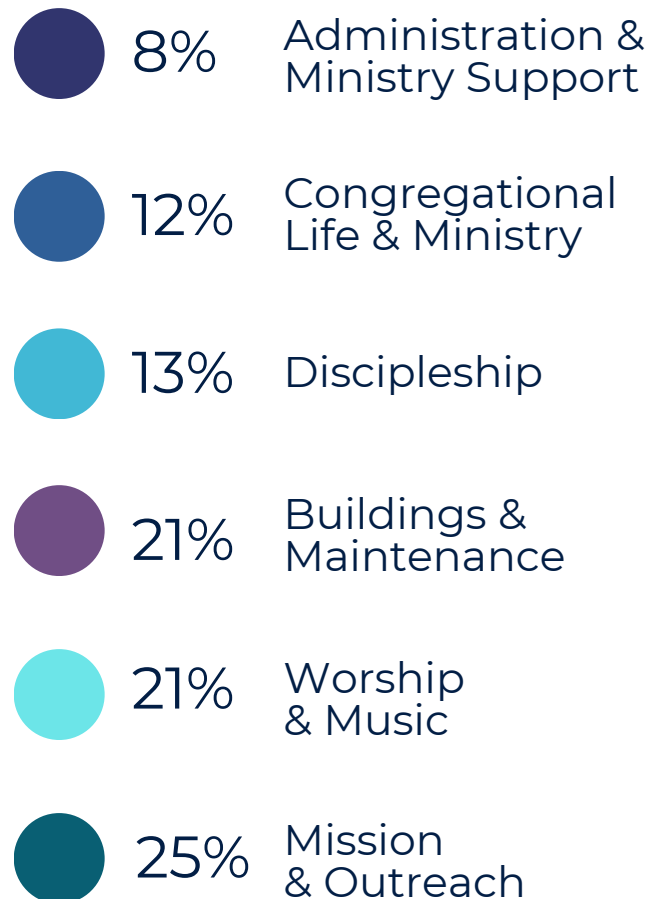
Insurance, Electricity, Natural Gas, Water/Sewer/Trash Disposal, Cleaning & Janitorial Services, Lawn Services & Supplies Church Van Maintenance & Fuel, Air/Heating Repair & Maintenance, Equipment Repair & Maintenance, Building Repair & Maintenance, Signage & Lighting Systems.

Note: Staff salaries have been distributed across every category.

Ministry Investment

OPERATING BUDGET: \$1,500,000

This year's operating budget reflects a \$100k increase from our FY2023 budget. As our church grows in membership and ministry, this budget allows us to grow in our generosity both within and outside the walls of our campus. Details about the types of activities included in each operating area are provided on the opposite page.



GIVING FAQ'S

Why does the church need my commitment?

Our Finance Committee and Session use the dollars committed to finalize our yearly budget for the church. Our ministry areas depend on these gifts to continue outreach efforts, education programs, worship, care and new initiatives.

Does the church only want large monthly commitments?

Absolutely not! Our goal is 100 percent participation from our members. Every gift matters, no matter the amount.

When does this estimate of giving amount go into effect?

January 1, 2024.

Can I pay with an EFT or Credit Card?

Yes, you can have your commitment automatically deducted from your bank account each month through an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), or you can fulfill your commitment using MasterCard or Visa.

Other ways to pay: Gift of stock, grant from a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), direct gift from an IRA - Please consult with your financial advisor.

Can I make my commitment online?

Yes, visit sspres.org/giving to make an online commitment and/or set up a recurring gift.

Can I change my commitment?

Yes, we know that unexpected life events and circumstances happen. Your estimate of giving can be changed or cancelled at any time for any reason by notifying Jeannine Torbert at 912-638-2220, ext. 102 or jeannine@sspres.org.

Will SSPC send me statements?

Yes, you will receive a quarterly statement of your contributions for your tax records and to confirm the accuracy of our records.

What if I have other questions?

Please contact our Director of Finance & Administration, Jeannine Torbert, at 912-638-2220, ext. 102 or jeannine@sspres.org.



Heart by: Drew Turner
Friends by: Charlotte Shewell

GIVING PROFILE

WHAT IS THE MEDIAN COMMITMENT?

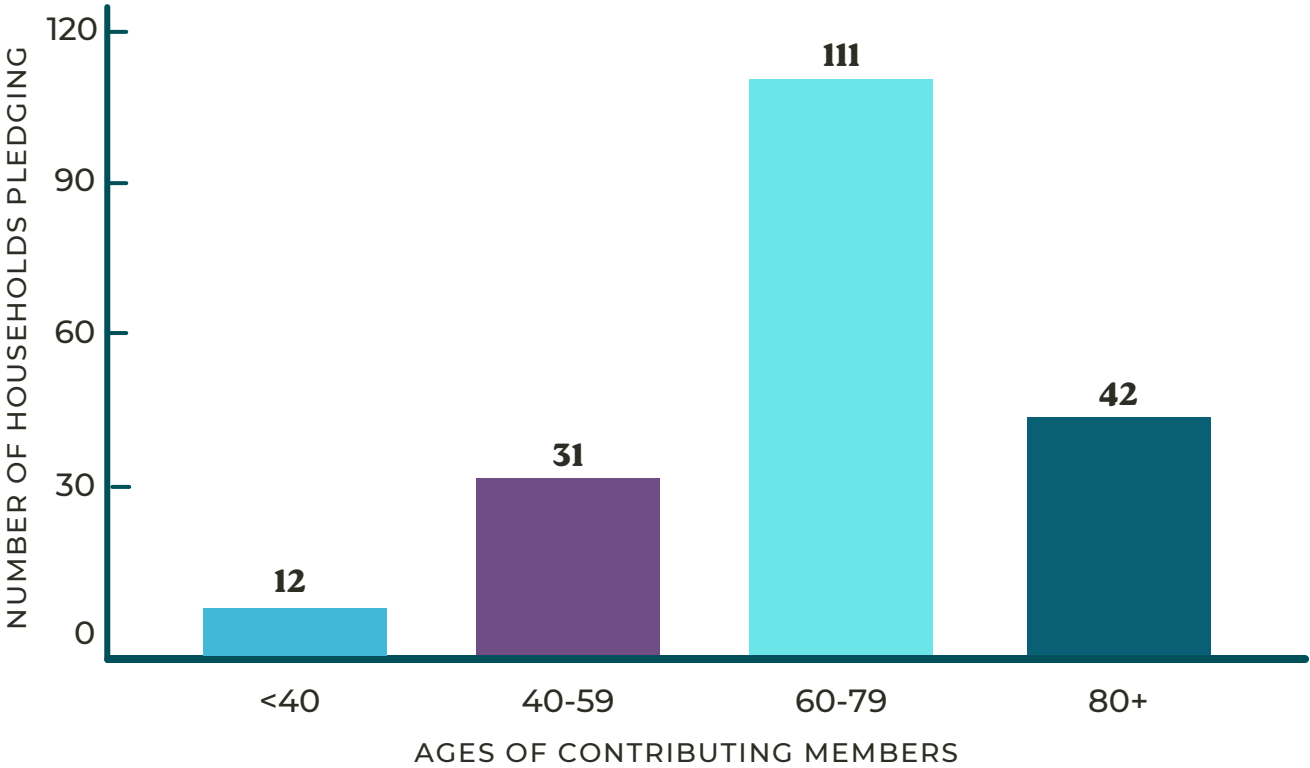
In 2023, the median commitment was \$3,000.
In 2022, the median commitment was \$3,550

WHAT IS THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMITMENTS AMONG MEMBERS?

In 2023, the top 10 commitments made up 35% of the budget. The top 25 commitments made up 48% of the budget. While not unusual in comparison to many peer congregations, these numbers reflect an opportunity to improve the distribution of support among more of the membership.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE FINANCIAL FUTURE OF SSPC?

Because of your generosity and the faithful planning of the Finance and Stewardship Ministry Teams, SSPC is very financially sound. Historically, approximately 75% of our annual operating budget is funded by members who make a financial commitment. The remaining 25% is funded through the offering plate. Continuing to grow the percentage of our annual budget that is funded through committed giving will allow us to plan more responsibly for the future mission and ministry of the church.



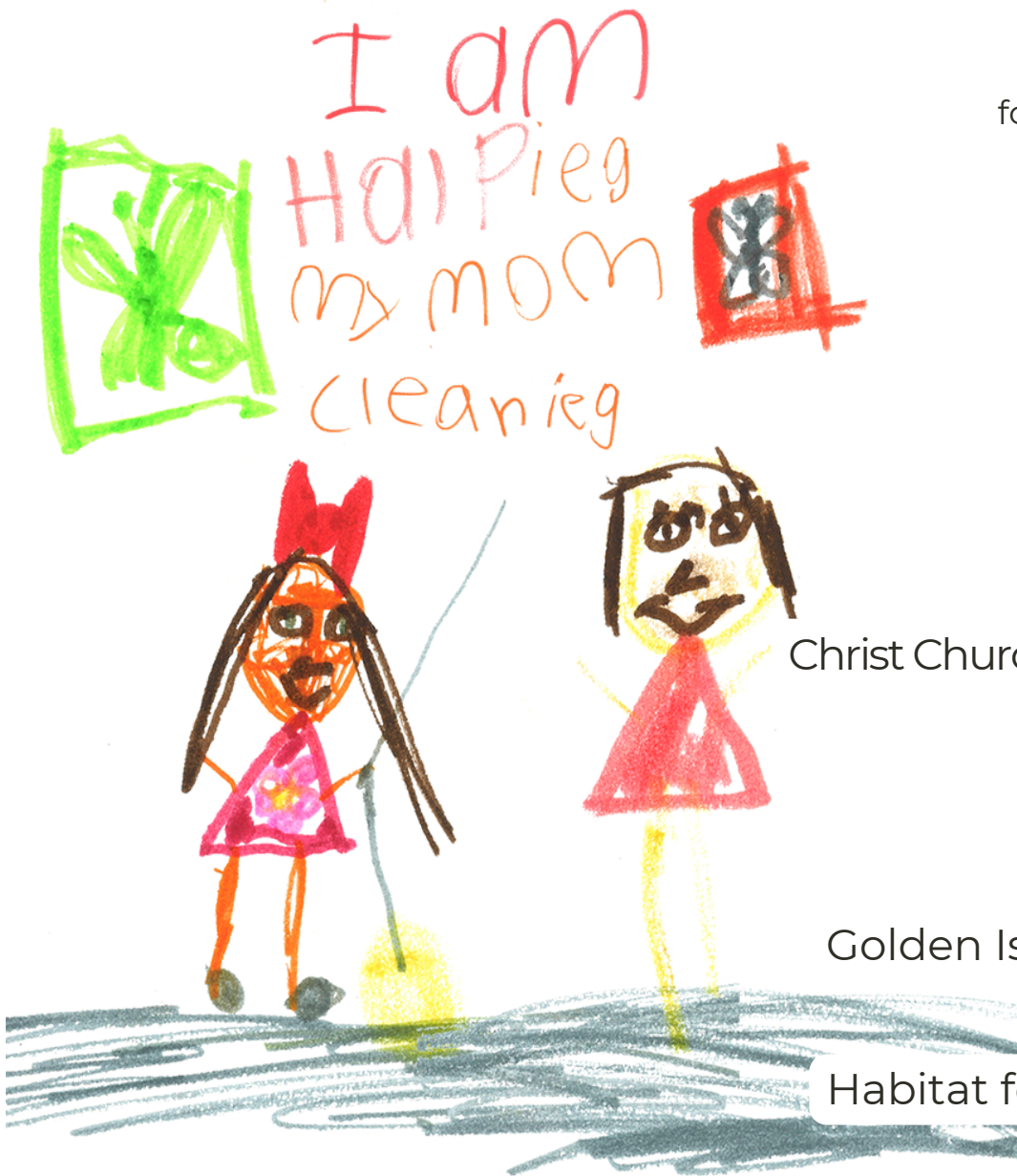
COMMITMENT TOTALS	2020	2021	2022	2023
Households Pledging	169	184	190	196
Total of Commitments	\$916,420	\$918,498	\$1,311,260	\$1,269,496
Percent of Budget	82%	83%	109%	91%

BENEVOLENT GIVING

The SSPC operating budget has helped to financially support numerous local and global organizations that follow Jesus' command to "love our neighbor" by serving the least, the lost and the lonely.

MINISTRIES SUPPORTED IN 2022

Angel Tree	\$25,720
Blue Skies Ministries	\$10,000
Boys & Girls Club	\$1,500
CASA	\$7,000
Christ Church - Backpack Buddies Program	\$3,000
Coastal Coalition for Children	\$2,000
Coastal Outreach Soccer	\$1,000
Deacon's Fund Gifts	\$27,474
Golden Isles Veterans Village Initiative	\$10,000
Grace House	\$1,500
Habitat for Humanity of Glynn County	\$9,319



By: Elle Blenkinship

BENEVOLENT GIVING

2022 TOTAL BENEVOLENT GIVING WAS \$358,507
(24% OF 2022 TOTAL OPERATING INCOME)

\$141,918 from Operating Budget (40%)
\$123,429 from Other Giving & Special Offerings (34%)
\$93,160 from Endowment Distributions (26%)

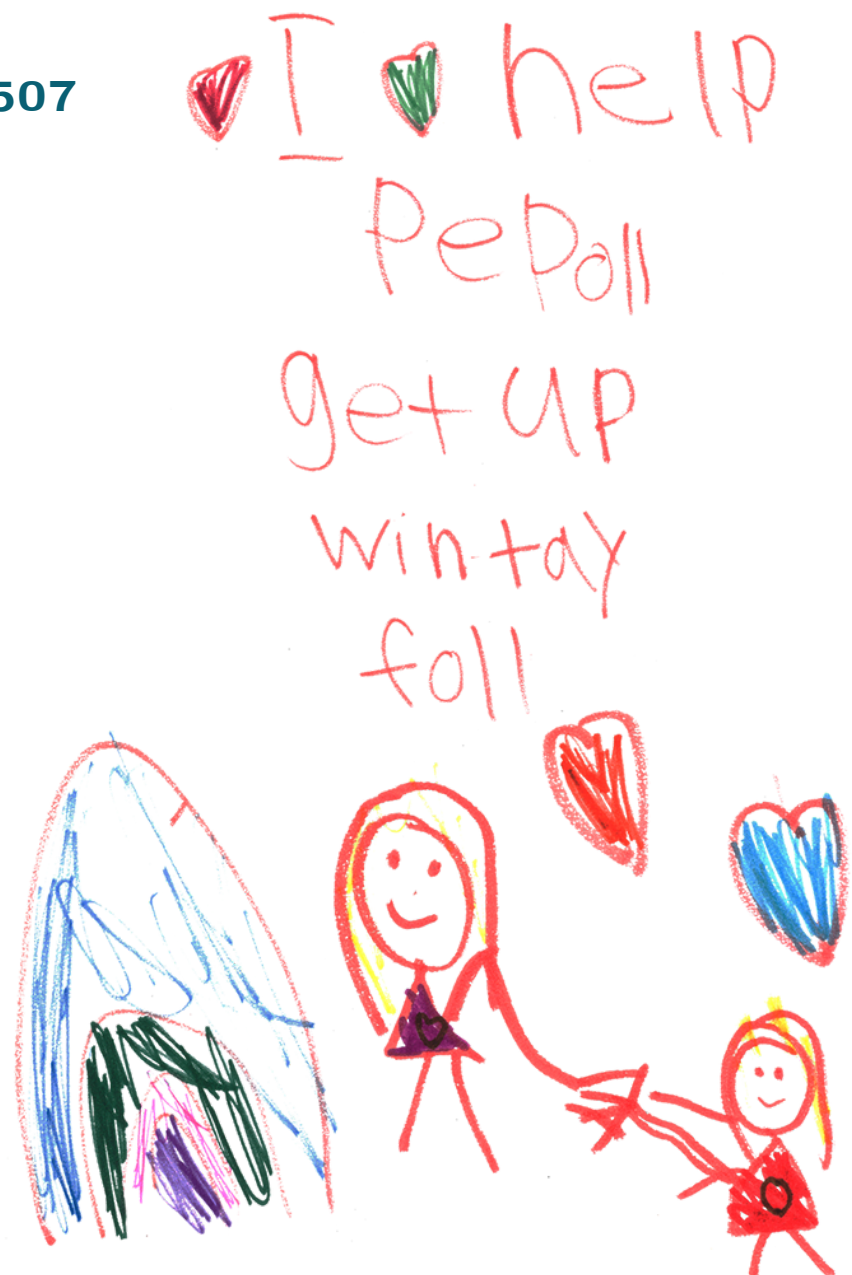
MINISTRIES SUPPORTED IN 2022

Hand in Hand of Glynn, Inc.	\$24,539
Heifer International	\$4,070
Hunger Action	\$12,018
Kids Community Fund	\$5,546
Manna House	\$2,895
Map International	\$3,532
Morningstar	\$13,000
Sparrow's Nest - Faithworks	\$7,157

2023 TOTAL BENEVOLENT GIVING WILL BE MADE
AVAILABLE ONLINE IN JANUARY, 2024.



For a detailed list of ministries supported through Benevolent Giving, please scan the QR code or visit sspres.org/giving.



By: Lanier Cannon

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

BY MADELYNNE RISI

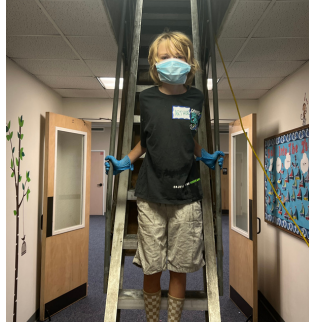
At Saint Simons Presbyterian, we strive to make a positive impact both in our community and beyond. There are hands meticulously stitching prayers and comfort into quilts and blankets. There are flowers being arranged and delivered to create smiles. There are strong arms that carry large cans and heavy containers into Manna House and people shopping for non-perishables to fill our Hunger Action closet. Saint Simons Presbyterian knows what it is to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Being raised in these pews, I remember adults leaving to go to Africa and come back with bigger smiles and stories than they could have imagined. Our pulpit has held visiting missionaries from different towns in foreign countries I could not pronounce. The number one thing you looked forward to in youth group was traveling to Montana de Luz and building a life-changing relationship with the children who lived there.

This stewardship season we are talking about giving from the inside out and what a wonderful concept that is, because we are actively living that. We are all tied together in this community through varying needs. Our church is ready to jump in and help. There is always room for you to serve.



By: Asa Owens



This is me
Sharing
God's love
with the
World



By: Eva Bolinger

In my recent role change here I was going through papers and found a mission statement by the congregation from over 6 years ago: "Our ultimate goal is that every member of the congregation is actively engaged in some type of mission." What a deeply profound goal this is! And one that is oh so obtainable! I urge each of you this stewardship season to give part of yourself to God, to our church and to our community in a new and meaningful way.

We have created two bulletin boards in the fellowship hallway to highlight our outreach partners. Each month, we will feature a different organization and provide a list of donations needed, as well as ways to volunteer and get involved. Our website also features a missions/outreach tab, where you can explore current opportunities and find ways to make a difference.

Perhaps you feel drawn to helping with the Angel Tree outreach or joining the Habitat Build Day. Maybe you have a particular area of interest or expertise that you would like to share. Whatever your passion or gift may be, we welcome you to join us in our mission to serve others. Our Missions team is always happy to answer any questions you may have.

At Saint Simons Presbyterian, we are all tied together in this community with varying needs. We are ready to jump in, ready to help, and ready to serve. We don't do this for ourselves or for each other, but because we are called by God to gather in humanity and shepherd each other.

sspres.org/outreach





SSPC ENDOWMENT FUND

As of September 30, 2023

MARKET VALUE \$\$2,113,410

\$83,097 DISTRIBUTION APPROVED DECEMBER 9, 2022 (4% DISTRIBUTION)

\$11,540 Designated Funds (Automatically Allocated)

\$71,557 Undesignated Funds (Approved & Allocated by the Session)

The Endowment committee met and approved a 4% distribution on December 9, 2022. The distribution was allocated on a pro rata basis of the fund balances as of December 31, 2022. Disbursement checks were issued during the 2023 year as recommended and approved by the Session and Missions Committee.

The Trustees will meet on November 10, 2023 to approve an Endowment Distribution for the current year.

The endowment's purpose is to provide members and friends of this congregation the opportunity to practice faithful stewardship of accumulated resources and to insure the funding of ministries of our congregation and the larger church in perpetuity.

An important benefit of making contributions to endowment funds is that the gift will outlive the life of the donor, an effective way of expressing gratitude for God's many blessings.

Once a year, the Endowment Committee meets to make recommendations to the Session for appropriate distributions from growth and income. Although market value fluctuates, no annual distribution will decrease the adjusted basis for each fund.

Funds and income from the Endowment will not be used to offset the general operating expenses included in the annual budget of the church. Disbursements of earnings and growth from Undirected Funds are approved by the Session.

BARNABAS SOCIETY

Help sustain future ministries by including St. Simons Presbyterian in your estate planning.

We encourage you to contribute to the future needs of our congregation and its Christian discipleship. The Barnabas Society honors friends and members of St. Simons Presbyterian Church who have named the church in their wills and/or other estate plans.

The Society is for everyone and every gift of any size, no matter what the amount or percentage of your estate. It is not necessary to disclose amounts designated for the church. Membership may be anonymous or named in a listing of Society members, at the discretion of the donor. Please let Jeannine Torbert, Director of Finance & Administration, know if you have included St. Simons Presbyterian Church in your estate plans.

Your legacy gifts, no matter how small or how large the amounts, will make a difference.

Scan the QR code for more information
or visit sspres.org/barnabas.



LEADERSHIP



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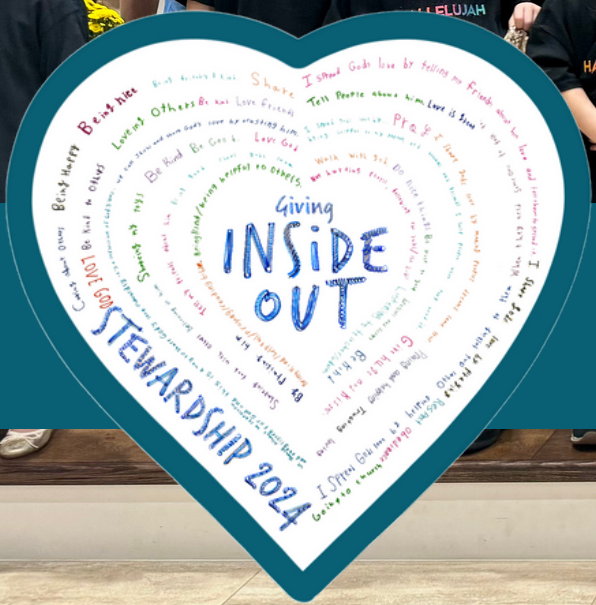
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A very special Thank You to the KidZ Crew for helping create art for this Stewardship Season!

