

Faith and Service in the Season of Covid-19 – Part 2 at Oakmont Presbyterian Church

November 14, 2021

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We continue to meet the challenges of a turbulent year! COVID-19 altered, but did not diminish OPC ministry and mission. We provided *financial support* to individuals and families in need, *provided ongoing pastoral care*, supported the *mission of Christ in the world*, provided *both on-line and in-person worship, weekly Zoom Bible studies and Sunday School*. Our *Education Director for Children and Youth* has been reaching out to our children and youth and building momentum in children’s and youth ministries. *Our chancel choir and our bell choir* have provided music for weekly worship. *New children’s choirs have begun. Ongoing building needs have been addressed*. Our *Deacons* deliver food donations to the Oakmont and Verona food pantries and receive gifts annually for the Angel Tree. The *Light Bearers* respond to OPC and community needs. The *Holy Ground Team* provides spiritual care for members and several non-members with chronic and serious illness. We are becoming a satellite location for the *Samaritan Counseling Center* which will provide counseling services to OPC members and to the local community. We hope to introduce the counselor in November.

Narrative (or Missional) Budget Format – This budget format goes beyond listing which committee gets what funds to a narrative that reflects what your gifts are accomplishing. Copies of the traditional line-item budget are available in the church office for review.

A Reduced Budget in Response to Reduced Income – Given reduced income during the covid period, Session through its Property & Finance Committee reduced the 2021 budget. The draft 2022 budget continues that reduced budget with only minor increases.

What Your Gifts Are Accomplishing

Thoughtful and Inspiring Biblical Worship	\$259,052
Nurturing Persons in Their Faith	\$203,847
Our Mission for Christ	<u>\$156,441</u>
Total	\$619,340



2022 OPC Costs	
Operational costs per day (budget per day)	\$ 1,697
Operational costs per member per year (budget per member)	\$ 1,548

OUR PLAN FOR REACHING OUR MINISTRY GOALS

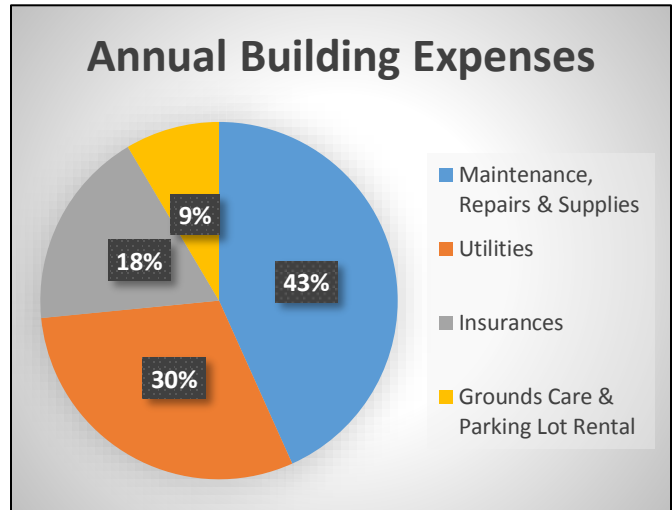
A. To Provide Thoughtful, Inspiring Biblical Worship Every Week of the Year

We remain a community of faith worshipping God and seeking to be faithful. In worship we have maintained a Biblical and spiritual focus midst the social and political upheavals.

2022 Worship Budget Total: \$259,052 which includes a percentage of the utilities and insurance, the Pastors’ salaries, the Music Director/Organist’s salary, the Office Assistant and Custodial salaries, the Education Director for Children and children, adult and youth ministry expenses, telephone, copier and building maintenance.

Annual Building Expenses

Maintenance, Repairs & Supplies	\$33,000
Utilities	\$23,000
Insurances	\$13,750
Parking Lot, Grounds Care & Snow Removal	<u>\$ 6,500</u>
Total	\$76,250



These expenses, provide for a welcoming and accommodating physical facility. Regular maintenance and improvements allow the church to focus on its primary goals of worship, nurturing the faith and serving Christ in mission.

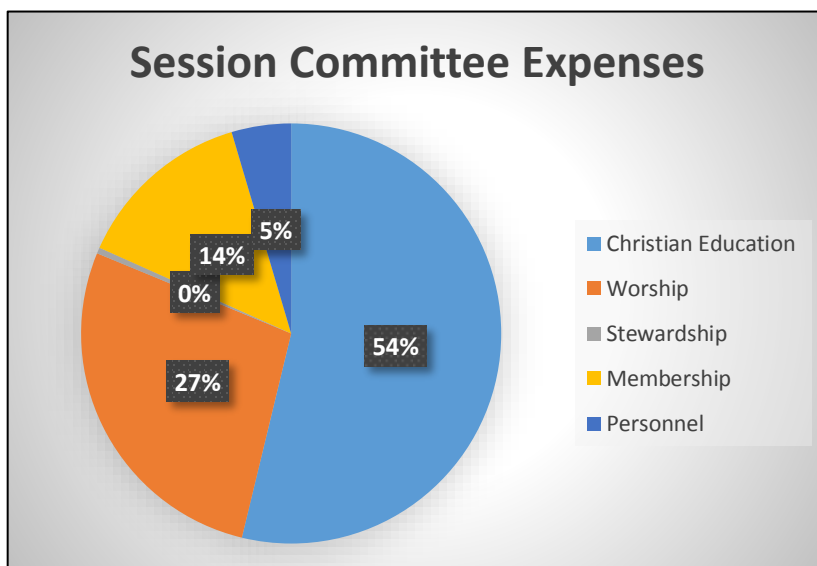
B. Nurturing Persons in their Faith

OPC education fosters spiritual growth in a wide variety of venues. This fall, Sunday School and Youth Group resumed meeting. Adult education this fall includes speakers from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, our Pastor and several church members. We also hope to resume the Friday Night Movies and more to nurture our faith. Also, we hope to continue to be a spiritual place for those in the community who desire to benefit from OPC programs. [Plans are underway for a home Bible Study and for Dinner Groups that will begin in 2022.](#)

2022 Budget Total: \$203,847 which includes a percentage of the utilities and insurance, Pastors’ salaries, the Music Director/Organist’s salary, the Office Assistant and Custodial salaries, the Education Director for Children and Youth salary, children, adult and youth ministry expenses, telephone, copier and building maintenance.

Session Committee Costs

Christian Education	\$11,750
Worship	\$ 6,000
Membership	\$ 3,000
Personnel	\$ 1,000
Stewardship	\$ <u>100</u>
Total	\$21,850



C. Our Mission for Christ

We are committed to bearing fruit for God in our corner of the world, and as far as God enables us to reach. This year, we collected weekly food for 2 local foodbanks. Also, we are providing meeting space for 4 weekly recovery group meetings, the Boy Scouts, the Oakmont Garden Club and the Oakmont Lions Club. Financially, we are supporting the ministries of Camp Crestfield, Presbyterian SeniorCare, Pittsburgh Presbytery work, the mission of the Medical Benevolence Foundation, national and international crisis relief, and, locally, mission to the Somali Bantu community in Pittsburgh, the Blessing Board and Living in Liberty. Our international mission includes the Medical Benevolence Foundation and Dick Tafur Villacorta’s children’s ministries (Peru). [In 2022 our church will sponsor an Afghan refugee family. Watch for more details.](#)

2022 Mission Budget Total: \$156,441 which includes a percentage of utilities, expenses, and insurance, the Pastors’ salaries, the Office Assistant and Custodial salaries, the Education Director for Children and Youth salary, telephone, copier, utilities, maintenance, support of international mission, crisis relief ministries and help for local people suffering.

Total needed in 2022 to fulfill our ministry and mission: \$619,340.

Your Session and Trustees