2016 Operating Budget

Our mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship.

There are many factors that help us live into our church mission, one is the alignment of resources. Resources are the people of the congregation, our enhanced facilities, our heritage, our multiple ministries, and certainly our finances. Through the faithful stewardship of our personal finances we are investing in the important ministry of the Mentor United Methodist Church.

Following is an overview of our budget for 2016 if we pass the budget on November 1, 2015. It is a budget that has been designed to help advance our mission that is lived out as we go upward in worship, deeper in discipleship, together in Christian community and outward with witness.

Worship \$108,056

We offer two different styles of worship at two different times to help us connect with different worship and time preferences. We are rich with many deeply committed servants who help make worship a special blessing. From greeters at the doors to staffed childcare we have hundreds of volunteers working together to create the worship experience week after week. The many parts come together each week, some that are supported through the church budget. Together, our vision is to be a church marked by spirit-filled worship.

Discipleship \$119,353

The path of discipleship is marked by intentional steps to go deeper. Through the ministry and staffing of this church, we are helping those on the path of discipleship by providing many opportunities for small groups and service. Whether during Sunday school, throughout the week, and in age-level ministries; opportunities are available to plug in and grow in your faith. Through the resources of curriculum, classroom supplies, equipment, staffing and more we are helping lead people on the path of discipleship.

Christian Community \$67,207

One of the rich blessings of the path of discipleship should be fellowship opportunities. We need each other and we continue to build into the flow of the church calendar opportunities to grow in Christian fellowship and care. Through mutual support and encouragement we are caring for one another through times of joy and sorrow. Whether by staff or laity, through visitation we seek to connect with people who are homebound or in facility care. The discipleship path must be lined with others on the journey as we grow together.

Outreach \$200,337

The path of discipleship leads us into the world in service and witness to others. Along the journey we are transformed and we in turn transform the world. From our neighborhood, to the community, out of state to places like Michigan and New Mexico, to Hungary, and to Liberia we extend the hands and feet of Jesus. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in service and word is our call. Through the volunteers and staffing we are mobilized to serve those who hunger and thirst in the name of Jesus. Through shared ministry we support the ministries of the UMC.

Administrative \$525,257

To operate this church we must maintain the facilities and support the ministries. The building resource is busy seven days a week, bursting with ministry and mission. We have utilities to pay, insurance, and upkeep that needs regular attention. The senior pastor gives overall leadership to the congregation and support staff run the day to day activities and care for the facilities.

Total \$1,020,210

Thank you for investing in our mission to lead all onto a transforming path of Christ-centered discipleship. Together, one life at a time, we are making a difference for time and eternity.