

ANNUAL GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2022

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*HOW DO WE
INVEST
IN MINISTRY,
MISSION
& OUTREACH?*



Beloved Community,

The global pandemic has forced us to consider our values and clarify our priorities. What really matters? What's my purpose? Who are my companions? Where does Spirit show up?

Consider the brochure you're holding as an invitation to invest in a church community that provides perspective and support for this exploration.

Central Presbyterian Church

- connects faith with real life;
 - connects past and future;
 - connects diverse, multi-generational people
- ...through Jesus who connects us to God.

The photographs reflect Central's ministry and mission. See the faces of people serving, worshiping, talking together, sharing wisdom and resources, blessing each other and our neighbors. Picture yourself, because you're part of this community. You are beloved, just for who you are.

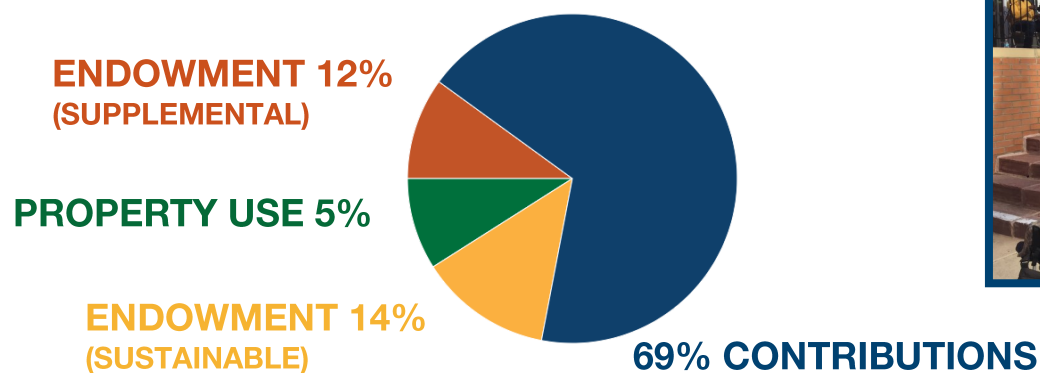
Please make a financial commitment to prosper this mission, our mission, God's mission. Declaring your intention actually helps you accomplish it. And it helps Central's leadership develop an operating plan that is faithful to God's call and the values and priorities of this congregation.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, or members of the Generosity Team (Bruce Heagstedt, Sherry and Andy Kenney, Leslie and Mark Williams, Teresa and Tom Crane, Kathleen Eckert) if you have questions or would like to learn more. Watch for an invitation from your Parish Shepherd for a gathering (either outdoors or via Zoom) to enjoy fellowship and share stories of how Central has helped us strengthen each other to put love in action. We'll dedicate our commitments in worship on November 7. Thank you for being part of Central.

With love,

Pastor Louise Westfall

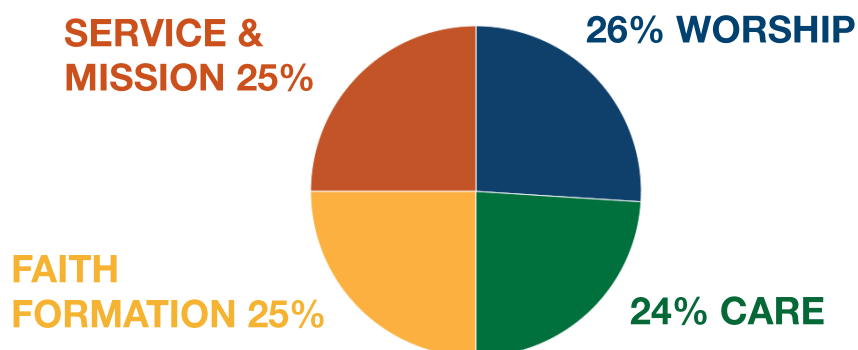
WHERE OUR MONEY COMES FROM...



PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM

In 2020 we were fortunate to receive \$60,400 in Small Business Administration Payroll Protection Program grants, better known as the PPP. In 2021 we received \$80,418 from the PPP. Because of that and excellent expense control by our staff, we remain financially sound. But there will be no PPP in 2022, so it is the goal of this year's Generosity Committee to try and get back to pre-pandemic levels of giving.

WE USE OUR MONEY FOR...



Detailed financial information is always available, including financial statements, budgets and bank statements. Members of the Budget and Finance Committee can provide a detailed review of any questions you might have. Contact the church office to set up a call or to receive more information.

2022 COMMITMENT GOAL: \$450,000

12% INCREASE OVER 2021

Congregational Pledges and Giving is the largest category within Central's income. Your faithful giving has sustained our community through 2021. Thank you. We invite your prayerful pledge for 2022.



DESPITE THE IMMENSE CHALLENGES OF THE PANDEMIC, Central worshiped (returning to in-person worship in the Sanctuary on July 4, and continuing to live-stream plus offering a phone service for those without internet access) and held fellowship gatherings and faith formation classes:

- Theology on Tap (recently has returned to in-person outdoor gatherings) and opportunity for thoughtful conversation with members and friends.
- Tim's weekly "Thrive" course of spirituality and creativity drew folks coast-to-coast.
- Wil's weekly "Hymns by Request" was a bright moment of immersion in the songs of faith, hope, and peace.
- Weekly Bible study via Zoom explored texts for upcoming worship services.
- Bible stories told in worship each week and packets of worship resources, activities, crafts, and ideas mailed to families to support faith formation at home.



WE LEARNED NEW WAYS TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER:

- through safely-distanced, outdoor social events,
 - check-in phone calls by ministers and parish shepherds,
 - cards and notes,
 - Zoom (and phone call) fellowship following worship,
 - Samaritan meal delivery,
 - prayer shawl delivery,
 - live-streamed funerals/memorial services held in the sanctuary
- ... and once in-person visits were permitted, the ministers resumed visitation with hospitalized persons, those residing in nursing facilities, and those at home. Ministers also met in outdoor settings with potential new members.

The entire congregation was divided into geographically-based Parish Groups, headed by Parish Shepherds who checked in regularly to keep the connections among us strong.

MOLLY AND AN ACTIVE MISSION COMMITTEE RESPONDED TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORS BY:

- Providing rent assistance and unemployment support
- Making lunches for people experiencing homelessness
- Collecting 1000 lbs of food for Metro Caring and volunteering onsite
- Delivering food to New Genesis with We Don't Waste
- Traveling to the San Luis Valley in partnership with La Puente
- Building needed homes in Denver via Habitat for Humanity
- Accompanying and assisting migrant families in metro Denver
- Recorded 1642 hours of service and \$101,945 to date for mission partners, special offerings, and Covid Relief



2021 WAS A HARD YEAR, BUT ONE THAT ALSO CLARIFIED ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CENTRAL THAT DID NOT CHANGE: God's love poured out upon us, uniting us in our separate places; Christ's mission to serve one another and our most vulnerable neighbors; the Holy Spirit igniting and sustaining the caring, compassion, and connection of this community. We invite you to re-connect with Central and invest in its thriving future.

PARDON OUR PROGRESS!

WE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, BRINGING TO REALITY THE VISION AND DREAMS OF THIS CONGREGATION TO INVEST IN OUR BUILDING AS AN INSTRUMENT OF MINISTRY AND MISSION THAT WILL STRENGTHEN THE HEART OF DENVER.

- Pledged by Congregation (Capital Campaign ~\$1.5M + bequests received): \$1,774,011
- Grants from the Presbytery of Denver, Anschutz Family Foundation, Homeland Security, and El Pomar, and donations from community members: \$729,000
- Low-interest loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program: \$1.2M



EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE IS JANUARY 2022, AND JUST IMAGINE HOW CENTRAL AND OUR MISSION PARTNERS WILL BENEFIT:

- Through safely-distanced, outdoor social events
- New, improved elevator providing access to all floors
- New HVAC/air conditioning for New Genesis (already completed)
- New office space for Central Visitation Program on the third floor to accommodate their growth
- New restrooms relieving long lines on Sundays and during concerts
- A renovated space for a social enterprise coffee shop (including an outdoor patio), employing at-risk young adults



WITH FAITH AND GRATITUDE, WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR 2022

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS AND COMMITTED GIVING IN 2021. GOD'S WORK HAS BEEN DONE THROUGH YOUR GIFTS. AS YOU ARE ABLE, WE ASK FOR YOUR COMMITMENT BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

**MAIL YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE,
BRING IT TO WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 7,
OR PLEDGE ONLINE AT [CENTRALDENVER.COM/PLEDGE](https://centraldenver.com/pledge)**

