

Dear Fellow Members,

Attached is the 2021 Budget that will be presented for approval at the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 15th.

The Consistory, Finance Committee, and Pastor Amelie are excited to present this Budget from a Missional perspective again this year to show how our resources are being used to support our mission of "Making a difference in our lives and our community for Jesus".

As a reminder, the Missional Budget approach allocates the expenses to our church's three mission focuses:

- Worship – providing meaningful, life-changing worship each week throughout the year
- Nurture – helping all people grow in their relationship with the Lord
- Service Beyond Ourselves – bringing comfort and the hope of God's message to those in need in our greater community

Despite the many challenges that COVID-19 restrictions have posed, Pastor Amelie and Ralien have used them as an opportunity to initiate "virtual" worship services to bring God's message to us in our homes, and to expand our ministry beyond the Skippack area. God's blessings truly come in many wrappers. We are excited that we have established the capabilities to continue our on-line services to reach our community where they are, even once we are able to return to traditional in-person worship services in the sanctuary. This proposed 4% Budget increase fully funds the expenses related to both in-person and on-line worship services, while supporting the needs of our church family and make a difference in our greater community in the coming year.

Despite the challenges and isolation that many of us are experiencing, our church family continues to be blessed in so many ways, and we look forward to an interactive discussion at the Congregational Meeting.

We are all in this together!

Blessings,

Consistory and the Finance Committee

Trinity Christian UCC – Skippack
2021 Annual Budget

“Making a Difference in Our Lives and Our Community for Jesus!”

Once again this year your church leadership is excited to present this budget from a Missional perspective to show how our resources are being used to support our mission of making a difference in our lives and our community for Jesus. We celebrate that despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, Pastor Amelie has used “virtual” and in-person worship services to continue to feed and support the needs of our church family, and make a difference in our broader community. We have constructed the 2021 Budget assuming a return to traditional in-person worship services, while continuing to provide on-line “virtual” worship opportunities for members and friends that are not able to worship with us in person. We look forward to continuing to grow our ministry to meet the needs of our church family and make a difference in our greater community. We are all in this together!

Our 2021 Plan of Ministry

Providing meaningful, life-changing Worship each week throughout the year

- Weekly Worship Services
- Advent Special Services
- Veteran’s Service
- Thanksgiving Service – to provide an opportunity for our community to reflect on our many blessings at this special, but hectic time of year
- Lenten Special Services
- Music Program – music during worship, Chancel Choir, Mission Music, and Cantatas
- Funerals and Weddings for our own members and members of our community

Worship Budget Total - \$74,000

- 40% of the 2021 Budget
- 0% Increase vs. the 2020 Budget

Note: This total is comprised of the Worship Expenses, and a percentage of the Building Expenses; Choir and Music Expenses; Pastor Expenses; Church Management Expenses; and Other Administrative Expenses.

Nurturing Persons in their Faith Journeys

- Weekly Adult Sunday School
- Weekly Children’s Sunday School
- Weekly Lunch Bunch Bible Study
- Evening Bible Study – we are planning to offer this class in 2021 (details to come)
- Vacation Bible School – we resumed this in 2019 and served 19 children, and after a COVID-19 pause in 2020, we are planning to grow the attendance in 2021

- Youth Group – we started a Youth Group in 2019, and after a COVID-19 pause in 2020, we are planning to resume activities in 2021
- Provide pastoral care to members who are homebound and hospitalized

Nurturing Persons Total Budget - \$49,000

- 26% of the 2021 Budget
- 8% Increase vs. the 2020 Budget

Note: This total is comprised of a percentage of the Building Expenses; Choir and Music Expenses; Pastor Expenses; Church Management Expenses; and Other Administrative Expenses.

Witness to our faith in Service Beyond Ourselves

- Support the work of the PSEC Conference, the National UCC, and Missionaries throughout the world through Our Church’s Wider Mission
- Support the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry (including our new Crop Walk Team)
- Support Every Good Gift
- Continue our expanded Outreach Efforts including our participation in the Skippack Village Merchant’s Association; helping organize and host the children’s Halloween Parade; First Friday’s; Little Free Library; Skippack Days; Turkey Supper; July 4th Parade water station; sponsoring Girl Scout troops and Skippack Striders; and providing space for Aerobics and the Election Polling Place.

Service Beyond Ourselves Total Budget - \$63,000

- 34% of the 2021 Budget
- 7% Increase vs. the 2020 Budget

Note: This total is comprised of the Benevolence Giving (7% of Loose & Envelope giving), and a percentage of the Building Expenses; Choir and Music Expenses; Pastor Expenses; Church Management Expenses; Other Administrative Expenses.

Total needed to fulfill our mission of “Making a Difference in Our Lives and Our Community for Jesus”

\$186,000

Note: This total Budget represents an increase of 4% versus the 2020 Budget.

A detailed line-item budget is available in the church office for anyone who wishes to review it.

Trinity Christian United Church of Christ

Annual Nomination & Budget Meeting

**Sunday November 15, 2020
12:00 PM**

Meeting will be held via ZOOM

Order of Business

Opening Prayer

**Review of the February 09, 2020
Congregational Meeting Minutes**

Nomination for Consistory Terms Beginning January 2021

**Elder Harry Crossgrove
Deacon Gary Gallagher
Deacon Megan Wiglusz**

Other nominations from the floor will be taken at this time

2021 Budget Discussion

New Business

Closing Prayer

Trinity Christian United Church of Christ
Congregational Meeting
February 9, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 11:37 AM with 32 members and 2 non-members

Pastor Amelie Sell opened with a prayer

Minutes were approved as distributed from the November 2019 Congregational Meeting

The financial records of the Church have been audited with no discrepancies found by Mary Ann Ricci

No old business

No new business

Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM followed by the Lord's Prayer