

Third Quarter Financial Commentary

We do not attempt to break down the annual budget, which is approved by the congregation, into monthly pieces, so the general rule at this point in the fiscal year is, we should be somewhere in the range of 75% of the annual budget in each area.

News on the income side is positive with total income already at 86% of the annual budget - \$458,600 versus \$534,000. Pledge income and Asset Withdrawals are both on target at 74% and 75% of budget, respectively. Non-Pledge Giving is already twice the annual budgeted figure, and Rental Income is nearly 50% over budget.

On the expense side of the income statement, total expenses stand at 78% of the annual budget - \$457,300 versus \$586,600. In areas where nine-month spending exceeds 75%, the variances can generally be explained by timing issues, not excess spending. For example, the full annual insurance premium has been paid at this point and thus is already at the full year budget. Likewise, Conference and Association giving and PIV Consulting has been paid for the year so again these items are above the 75% expectation. Buildings and Grounds is 125% over the annual budget in the snow removal accounts due to the heavy snow. The renovation work on the lower level of the South Campus sanctuary building was not budgeted as the contract with the school system had not been signed at the time the budget was set. This has resulted in a \$10,600 over budget situation, however, the rental income from the school has already offset the amount of this expenditure.

Long-term invested assets have grown (after taking \$60,204 into current income) from \$2,062,511 on January 1st to \$2,128,290 on September 30th.

Boards are currently working on their 2027 budget requests and will be presenting these to the Board of Finance in November. The 2027 budget will be presented to the congregation for approval at the Annual Budget Meeting set for December 13, 2026.

If you have any questions, please let me know.
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