

Dreams for 2027

Each year we imagine what we hope to do together and build a budget around that dream. Our dream budget for 2027 includes:

- **Staff Raises** including a substantial increase for Joyce and Melissa, recognizing their gifts and tenure; the second year of a three-year effort to get Hannah up to guidelines for clergy; and a 4% increase for other continuing staff.
- **Increasing our funding for fellowship** (again!) for more times of connection together.
- **Maintaining** a 10% commitment to mission giving and strong support for all of the programs that you love!
- **The Bottom Line:** Our initial budget proposal requires a 4.4% increase in pledging. It is a balanced budget with both income and expenses of \$576,000, a 5% increase over last year.

What does our budget pay for?

- **Discipleship:** Ministries for Children and Youth, Adult Enrichment, Sunday Fellowship, and Mission Giving (\$175,000)
- **Worship & Welcome:** Worship, Music, Fellowship, Care, and Communication (\$155,000)
- **Stewardship:** Building care and repair, tending our grounds, office expenses (\$221,000)
- **Reserve Allocations:** Funds for capital repairs to our three properties and our grounds, and an Operating Reserve for our long-term financial stability. (\$25,000)

Would you like to see a line-item version of this budget proposal? Please contact the church office: 978-369-6309 or wcuc.office@gmail.com.

