

Wider Church - \$71,970

We know ourselves to be part of The United Church of Canada and the world wide Christian faith and we are called to participate in the wider church.

This ministry includes:

- * financial support to The United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund that allows us to do things together that we could not do alone – e.g. theological education for folks like Shelly and Richard
- * our Winnipeg Presbytery assessment
- * the participation of our ministry personnel and members of our congregation in the work at all levels of our denomination – Presbytery, Conference and General Council
- * being in touch with other faith groups in our community

Total - \$318,050

*Our givings support these ministries.
It is with thanks that we give.*

Thanks



Giving

THE UNITED CHURCH IN MEADOWOOD

- * seniors luncheons
- * our prayer shawl ministry
- * small groups including a book club and grief support
- * the Meadowood Monitor – our congregational newsletter
- * a welcoming and helpful church administrator
- * fellowship events such as cribbage night, gingerbread decorating and a picnic with three-legged races

Outreach - \$49,670

"To be a significant Christian presence in the community"

We are called to seek justice and reach out to others. It is sometimes challenging work that benefits from doing it together.

This ministry includes:

- * supporting West Broadway Community Ministry
- * Meadowood Munchkins – a weekly drop-in group for parents and tots
- * maintaining an informative website
- * raising awareness of fair trade practices
- * movie nights with social justice films
- * providing meeting space for community groups - Brownies, Cubs, Baby & Me, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé students and others
- * preparing Christmas hampers
- * promoting The United Church Observer magazine
- * sharing the bountiful harvest from our new gardens

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NARRATIVE BUDGET 2011



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NARRATIVE BUDGET 2011

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

How we spend our money says a lot about us. This *narrative budget* tells the story of The United Church in Meadowood. It is a story of our ministry and how it is supported by our givings. Please read this story and prayerfully consider your response.

The money we spend provides “energy” for our ministry. Our expenditures include wages and benefits, committee expenses, property costs, administrative expenses, contributions to the Mission & Service Fund and our presbytery assessment.. To tell our story, all these costs have been allocated to one of the five areas of our ministry.

The financial picture looks like this (based on the 2011 budget):

Worship	\$100,840	32%
Christian Development	41,660	13%
Pastoral Care	53,910	17%
Outreach	49,670	15%
Wider Church	71,970	23%
Total	\$318,050	100%

Please keep reading because the numbers tell only part of the story. These dollars – our givings – when combined with the sharing of our time and talents, touch the lives of many and are having a profound impact in this community and around the world.

Worship - \$100,840

"To worship God in word, song, prayer and sacrament"

We gather as a community of faith to celebrate God's presence. We come just as we are to hear our sacred story so that we might respond in faith.

This ministry includes:

- * Sunday morning worship, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services and other services such as our pet blessing service
- * the celebration of Holy Communion once a month. Everyone is welcome to partake. Our ministry personnel and lay people take communion to those who are shut-in
- * the celebration of baptism to symbolize the beginning of our faith journey
- * a gifted and committed choir, music director and accompanist
- * weddings and funerals – the marking of life events in both joy and sorrow
- * a multi-media worship space
- * an accessible building, large print hymn books and orders of service, head sets for the hearing impaired
- * a nursery for infants and toddlers
- * Scripture readers, greeters, ushers, sound technicians, offering counters

Christian Development - \$41,660

"To learn about God, Christian life, the Church and its ministry"

There are opportunities for all ages and stages to nurture their faith so that we might each grow in our knowledge of God and what it means to be a

follower of Jesus Christ. Together we explore, question, reflect and learn.

This ministry includes:

- * Sunday School for children with curriculum, supplies and inviting space
- * Talking Teens – teens gather with our ministers to talk about stuff that matters
- * Thursday morning Bible study, faith exploration classes and seasonal evening studies for adults
- * a library in the MacAskill room
- * Vacation Bible School – children and leaders have fun together tie-dyeing t-shirts, painting with their feet and learning about God
- * a community where we can talk about our faith and find support for making counter cultural choices

Pastoral Care - \$53,910

"To build a sense of belonging, caring and fellowship"

As we care for each other we are able to both share and experience the love of God.

This ministry includes:

- * visits and telephone calls at times of illness, bereavement, crisis and celebration
- * coffee before and after worship
- * maintenance of a congregational data base
- * a pastoral care team