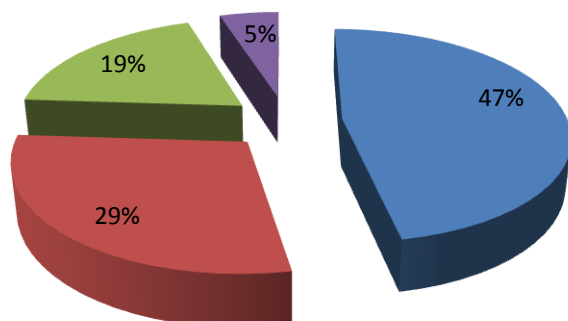


Good News UMC Budget - 2009

\$142,787

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Ministry - \$41,350

Children

The Children of Cedar Park/Leander have the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ through our weekly Sunday FUN classes for all ages, serving as Acolytes during worship, and in our caring Nursery. In addition, Good News offers a fresh Vacation Bible School each summer, the Family Festival during Advent, and the Fall Festival during October. There are also opportunities to participate in the annual Christmas Pageant and the Parade of Costumes at The Pointe. In addition, those in the 4th and 5th grades (Tweens) meet with the Youth for weekly fellowship time every Sunday evening, and have a separate devotion/lesson time just for them.

Youth

The Youth learn and discuss the Good News of the Gospel in a Sunday School class designed just for them, explore the scripture by writing, producing, and acting in videos used in worship called DM4Y (Digital Ministry for Youth), and build relationships with each other and God during their weekly Sunday evening meetings. In addition, the Good News Youth "go to serve" their neighbors each summer on the Central Texas Annual Conference mission trip.

Adult

The Adult opportunities to encounter Jesus include our weekly Bible Discussion Class before worship, a vibrant bi-monthly Book Club, playing on the Good News Bears Co-ed softball team, and by participating in United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men.

Music

The Good News Music Ministry provides a real opportunity to encounter the Spirit of God through its varied selection, diligent preparation, and passionate leading of music throughout our worship service each week. However, the ministry doesn't stop there. It also involves the teaching of music each week to our children during Sunday FUN, organizing instrumental arrangements, and adult special performances outside the Sunday morning worship time.

Worship

The prime opportunity to offer Jesus to those visiting Good News is during our weekly worship service. These expenses include audio/visual needs, altar supplies, and acolyte supplies.

Hospitality/Care Corp.

The ministry of Hospitality is about the welcoming of members and visitors alike every Sunday morning to Sunday School and Worship through the use of nametags, signage, fresh coffee, and other refreshments. This ministry also includes the tools necessary to host fellowship meals at Holy Ground and provide cards and flowers to members of the Good News family as the need arises. In addition, Good News is building a relationship with the Cedar Park Regional Medical Center to provide spiritual and comforting hospitality to the patients, their families, and the staff.

United Methodist Connection Opportunities

The Biblical concept of "tithing" is that we, as believers, are called to give to God in appreciation 10% of the "first fruits" of our labor. Good News believes that this is important to do as a church, as well. We have the opportunity as a United Methodist congregation to give to ministries around the world through the paying of apportionments to the Annual Conference by giving 10% off the top of each month's givings. Through this offering, we will help bring comfort and hope to college students around the state of Texas in the form of Wesley Foundations and United Christian Fellowship Student Centers. With the help of our simple gift, a young person in Africa can have the opportunity to attend college. We can make

college more available here at home by supporting various Black Colleges in the United States. We can be a part of a child's walk with God by making a Christian summer camp available at Glen Lake Camp in Glen Rose, Texas. And, we can provide immediate and long-term relief of the affects of natural disasters around the world through the work of UMCOR. This ministry allows us to be the difference in the world today.

New Opportunities

The coming year will bring new opportunities to serve the needs of even more children, youth, and families of our community in the name of Jesus Christ. Good News must be ready to fund these new ministries as they become known. The 2009 Budget includes the expectation and the funds needed to grow in what we are all about - the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Operations - \$26,480

These are the costs of operating a church in Cedar Park/Leander. They include the cost of electricity, telephone, and internet service at the house at Holy Ground, the cost of printing and postage, the cost of insurance on Good News staff and property, and the cost of maintenance on the house, the trailers, and other equipment. For the time being, the costs also include the price of rent to Leander I.S.D. for our worship space on Sunday mornings at Block House Creek Elementary School.

Payroll - \$67,499

The payroll expenses include compensation for the Good News nursery staff and the pastor (salary and a housing allowance). Pension and appropriate IRS payments are also included.

Debt Retirement - \$7,458

This is the repayment of funds to the Holy Ground Capital Campaign and to designated funds over a 10-year period for the loan given for the payment of operation costs during the summer of 2007.

*A line-item budget is available upon request in the church office.