

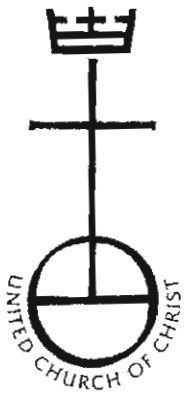
Mission Plan Book



Christ Church

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Dear Members of Christ Church,

God has put together here a remarkable church. This is quite an unlikely congregation of people that God has collected, and yet it is in so many ways just right. Here we have *worship* not quite like you would find anywhere else. Here is found a passion for serving God that leads our members into unusual risks and significant challenges. Here many hearts seek to grow in grace and mature in discipleship, as we study and learn together. Here is a unique friendship that brings us much joy.

I invite you to enjoy in this *Mission Plan Book* the photos and descriptions that remind us of how God is at work in this congregation and how we have been blessed by it. The story here is delightfully presented. I hope you enjoy it.

The gospel tells us that God has acted **boldly** on our behalf in Jesus Christ. The scriptures reveal that God calls us to a bold faith. May we each be bold as we consider our 2006 support for Christ Church and its mission to a world that so badly needs what we have to offer.

May God's blessing be upon your home and our life together in Christ.

Grace and peace,

Randall Gehres

Pastor Gehres

Instructions

FOR THE USE OF THIS BOOK



Read through this Mission Plan Book and consider prayerfully what portion of your income you will give in support of your church's ministry.



Remove the "Estimate of Giving" packet with your name on it from the manila envelope at the end of the Mission Plan pages. Complete the Estimate of Giving card, seal it inside the security envelope, and place the sealed envelope in the "Completed Card" envelope in back of this book.



Deliver the Mission Plan Book to the next person on your team as soon as possible (list is on the outside of the back cover). If you are not able to make the delivery, please contact your team captain whose name is at the top of the list. They will pick up the book and continue it on the route.

Reaching Out

IN MISSION



Mission to others has always been an important component of ministry at Christ Church. Through Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, the Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church we join other UCC congregations in mission and ministry in the United States and around the world. We also support the CUE (Chicago, United and Eden) Seminaries, and chaplains

at Dunlap Memorial and Wooster Community Hospitals, the Wayne County Jail, and the campus of ATI. Monthly special offerings for CROP, the Blanket Fund, Crossroad, United Church Homes, People to People, Salvation Army, Habitat, CAMO, SARA, disaster relief, inter-generational and youth mission trips support additional missions locally and abroad. Our Mission Committee is always seeking new avenues for expanding our mission outreach.

We are a "5 for 5" congregation—supporting all five of the UCC denomination-wide offerings:

OCWM
 Neighbors in Need
 The Christmas Fund
 One Great Hour of Sharing
 Strengthen the Church

\$68,863
 (20.3%)



Inviting Others

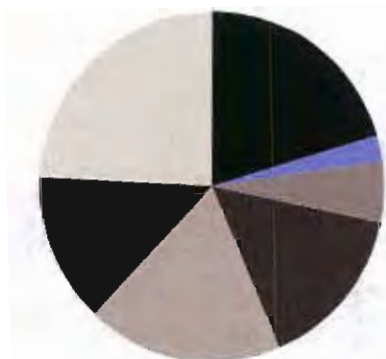
TO SHARE OUR LIFE

Have you found Good News for your life at Christ Church? Then spread the word! As a church, we advertise our programs and ministries through our website, newsletter, worship bulletins, and newspaper articles and ads. But the best advertising is through individuals sharing their own stories of faith. Invite a neighbor, coworker or friend to experience what you've found. Spread the word!

We extend to visitors a warm welcome and the bread of Christian fellowship.

Our website offers an overview of the ministries and mission of Christ Church.

www.christoryntedchurchofchrist.com



\$9,275
(2.7%)

Serving OUR COMMUNITY



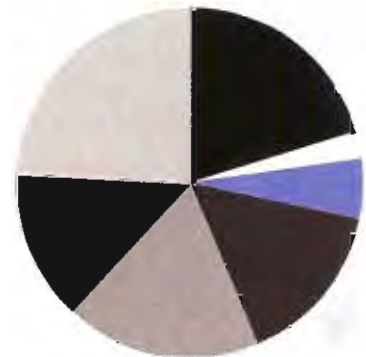
The northwest corner of Church and Main Streets is humming with activity. Our facilities are in use daily by ABLE (Adult Basic Literacy Education), two AA groups, Help Me Grow parents' and toddlers' playgroup, Children's Services parenting classes, our own Nursery School, and others. Our members reach out into the community through the CROP walk, Relay for Life, Friendship Meals, Salvation Army Back to School and Holiday projects, and People to People food programs. We lead services once a month at Brenn-Field, and we are joining other Wayne County UCC and Disciples churches to build a Habitat House in Apple Creek this fall.

Our members give generously of their time, talent and treasure to support a variety of community organizations and social service agencies.

Friendship Meals
Salvation Army
Public School Tutors
Mentors
Boys & Girls Club
Every Woman's House
Relay for Life

Habitat for Humanity
People to People
ABLE
YMCA
Hospice
Boys Village

\$18,226
(5.4%)



Teaching & Nurturing OUR MEMBERS

We become disciples through learning and doing. Substantial time and money is invested in classes and programs that will help us grow in faith and discipleship. Sunday School, Kid's Club, Pastor's Bible studies, small group studies, Confirmation, Vacation Bible school, weekend retreats and

summer camps offer opportunities for all ages to learn and grow together. Curriculum is purchased yearly, supplies and equipment are purchased or replaced as needed. Staff time and leadership is invested in our teaching ministries, and we support our staff member's continuing education.

We offer many ways to grow in faith:

Vacation Bible School
Wednesday suppers
Marriage Enrichment
Confirmation classes
Small Group studies
Newsletter

Sunday School
Mission Trips
Divorce Care
Summer Camps
Pastor-led studies
Website

Youth Fellowship
Kids Club
Worship
Retreats
Library materials
Youth events



\$51,903
(15.3%)

Caring FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY



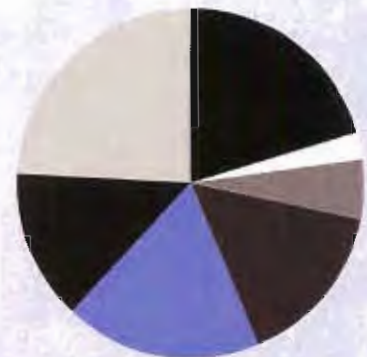
We minister to one another in many ways. Our recently reorganized Caring Ministries coordinates the Merry Cooks and Handy Men, as well as the work of our Intentional Caring Unit. Meals are provided, visits and calls are made, cards are sent. The Prayer Chain lifts up concerns in prayer. Transportation is provided for church events,

worship and medical appointments. The church office is the switchboard for information, and our secretary, Elizabeth Wallace, keeps everything working smoothly. In addition, volunteers fold our newsletters and bulletins, attend to our finances, and use their organizational skills in our many ministries.

Caring for one another happens in both structured and informal ways:

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| Prayer Chain | Pastoral Calls |
| Deaconess calls | Tape Ministry |
| Home Communion | ICU (Intentional Care Giving) |
| Golden Opportunities | Pew angels |
| Transportation committee | Bulletin folders |
| Newsletter Folders | Merry Cooks |
| Funeral meals | Handy Men |

\$62,630
(18.4%)



Supporting WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Worship is our common time together as the people of God. Planning for worship requires much of our pastor's time and energy as well as that of our church musicians.

Pastor Gehres, the Worship Committee, and the music staff meet regularly to coordinate our weekly and special services. Much thought

goes into the selection of music and the planning of worship.

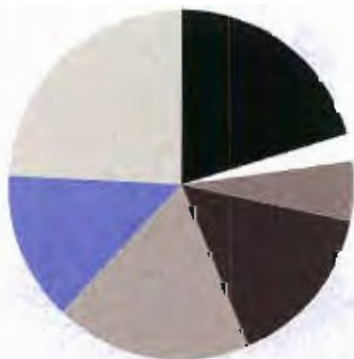
Our Schantz pipe organ and stained glass windows highlight our sanctuary. The Chancel and Carol choirs rehearse weekly. Bell choirs and brass ensembles rehearse and perform for special occasions.



Things that enhance our worship of God:

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| Instruments | Bulletins | Hymnals | Acolytes |
| Ushers | Greeters | Liturgists | Candles |
| Choirs | Banners | Floral arrangements | |
| Communion Elements | | Technical Systems | |

Special Services include: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter, Confirmation Sunday, Totenfest, Thanksgiving and two candlelight services on Christmas Eve.



\$47,067
(13.9%)

Maintaining & EQUIPPING OUR FACILITY



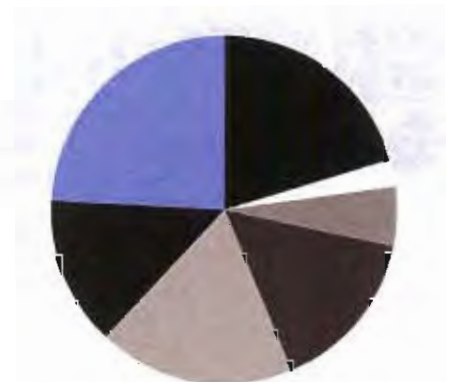
Our facilities are a large part of our ministry allowing us to offer a home to ABLE, Help Me Grow, AA, and CCCNS, to worship together weekly, to gather for fellowship and learning, to seek shelter from life's storms. Our custodial staff and volunteers diligently care for our building and grounds, keeping them clean and welcoming.

During the summer, we replaced our aging boiler in the educational building and volunteers renovated the upper level with fresh paint and new lighting.

Knowing we'll be faced with rising energy costs in the next year, we remain determined to continue our ministries. As a congregation, we hope to say, Come in! You are welcome here!

Attractive grounds and open doors will invite people to come in and explore the good news of the Gospel found here at Christ Church!

\$81,274
(24%)





*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*
2 Corinthians 9:7

