

# 2011 Narrative Budget



## A Letter From Pastor Steve

I was recently in a meeting with a denominational leader who asked how things were going at Platte Woods United Methodist Church. Of particular interest was the financial situation. In the background of the question was an indication that many churches were struggling financially. I am very thankful for each of you who made it possible for me to respond that we are having a strong financial year.

Today we are in the midst of living into our Healthy Church Initiative. You are responding to the challenges that have been set before us.

- We are developing an entirely new worship experience that will reach many younger adults we have yet to touch for Christ. Watch for the October launch.
- We are emphasizing outwardly focused Radical Hospitality by designating a staff person to give primary attention to equipping each of us to reach people living without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- We are stepping up our commitment to

Intentional Faith Development by charging a full-time person with leading us to grow in grace, continually deepening our love for God.



- We are initiating a brand-new ministry that focuses on Senior Adults.
- We are expanding our ministry of Congregational Care.
- We are moving forward with a Kingdom of God vision. You are making this possible.

We are developing our budget for 2012. My prayer is that God use each of us to continue this God-inspired mission and ministry. Enclosed in this mailing you will find more information about how PWUMC allocates funds, an ACH (automated debit) authorization and a pledge card. This is to help you indicate your intention of

giving for the coming year.

My personal stewardship philosophy is: "All that I am and all that I have is a generous, gracious gift from God."

My way of living out that philosophy is "to be a good steward of God's resources that are entrusted to my care."

I pray you join me in a vibrant step of Christian discipleship as we plan together for God's mission to be experienced.

If you have yet to begin your stewardship journey I ask you to do so this year. Each and every gift is seen as offered to the Lord. I encourage many of you to make your commitment to intentional, consistent percentage giving this year. I encourage others of you to take the next

step and begin tithing (10%) your resources. To the rest I encourage you to move beyond the tithe and experience new heights of generosity!

Thank you again for your faithful support of the mission and ministry of Platte Woods UMC. Together we move into a new year that promises meaning, purpose and excitement as we live out our faith in Christ.

In Christ,

Steve Breon  
Senior Pastor

### Our Vision

To build an outwardly focused Christian community of full participants in the life of grace.

### Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations

1. Radical Hospitality
2. Passionate Worship
3. Risk-Taking Mission & Service
4. Intentional Faith Development
5. Extravagant Generosity



*“The families in our program are homeless and Platte Woods UMC welcomes them with open arms. In addition to sponsoring two of our apartments and our annual walk, you let us use your space for life skills training, meals, and graduations. We even had one graduate get married at the meetings there. The impact your support makes on these families is huge!! Thank you for opening our church to Hillcrest.”*  
 Donice Yeater, Director Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Platte County and PWUMC member



## Radical Hospitality

Practicing Radical Hospitality means we offer the absolute utmost of ourselves and all that we have, to offer the gracious invitation and welcome of Christ to others. Our hospitality teams provide a welcoming presence to our worship services, to events and out in the community. Our evening concierge staff greets visitors, guests and facility users with information and security.

We donate our facilities and staff time

every week as we provide a welcome and friendly place to reach out to the community. We host Hillcrest Ministry life skills meetings, helping homeless program residents learn the skills to become self-sufficient.

We host recovery groups, Boy and Girl Scouts, parenting skill groups, special needs gatherings, youth groups, AARP, quilters, scrapbookers, small group life studies, Bible studies, Wednesday at

the Woods meals, Hot August Nites jazz and ice cream, community picnics, parades, community music groups, weddings, funerals, faith journey walks and a multitude of other organizations and individuals.

Your financial support and active participation helps change lives with Radical Hospitality!

**2011 Budget:**  
**\$541,138**

## Passionate Worship

Attending a worship service is often the first contact people have with PWUMC. Our pastors, music, children’s, youth, dance, drama, audio/visual and worship design teams work each week to bring creativity, excellence and most importantly, passion to our worship.

In 2011 we will provide over 225 worship services reaching a cumulative 40,000 or more participants. Over the past year we have celebrated 37 baptisms, 109 professions of faith and 126 new members, and welcomed 549 first-

time visitors. We currently offer a Saturday evening and three Sunday morning services weekly. Our youth grades 6-12 worship on Sunday evening in a service named ReFuel. We typically offer five Easter and six Christmas Eve services. Our new 5 p.m. Sunday evening service called NEXT launches in October.

We offer other meaningful worship opportunities during the week each year. We offer worship services recorded on our website for those that cannot be

physically present.

There are over 60,000 people right around us who do not know Christ. We seek to become more outwardly focused and invite them to join us in passionate worship.

**2011 Budget:**  
**\$458,707**

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.” (Psalm 100:1-2)*

**Jesus said, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me ... Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:35, 40)**



## Intentional Faith Development

We seek to connect people to Christ and with each other. We want to create openings for God's mercy, grace and presence to enter our lives. Our pastors, staff and volunteers help lead small groups, Sunday School, children, youth,

adults and the community to develop their faith with learning opportunities. We fuel this ministry with meeting space, audio/visual support, curriculum, speakers, internships, conferences and seminars. People may first meet us through

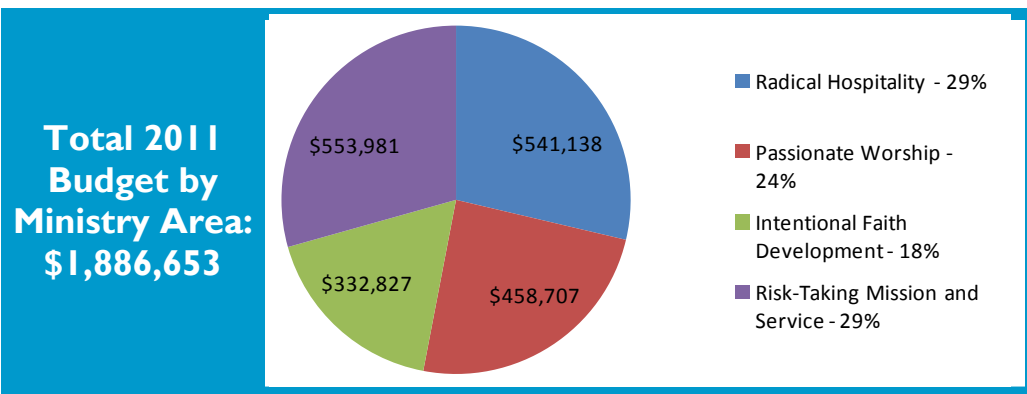
service, worship and radical hospitality, but they meet Christ and bond with a family of fellow believers in a small group.

**2011 Budget:**  
**\$332,827**



*"I am a member of several small groups around PWUMC. They include the Sunday Night Live group, the Friday Morning Men's group, the Saturday morning Roosters Emmaus group and my Sunday School class, the Bible Boomers. The Bible Boomers are ... my family in many ways. I could not conceive of living without their love and support. They were extremely important to me during my recent experience with unemployment. PWUMC gives me many opportunities grow in my faith and these are just a few."*

**Bill Hern**  
PWUMC member



## Risk-Taking Mission and Service

Risk-Taking Mission and Service involves reaching out to the local, regional, national and international community to alleviate suffering and injustice to improve the conditions of others in the name of Christ. Our pastors, ministry team leaders, staff and volunteers partner with others to share our blessings with those in need.

Through our missions, community outreach and Faith in Action efforts you have sent people, food, supplies and money to provide assistance to

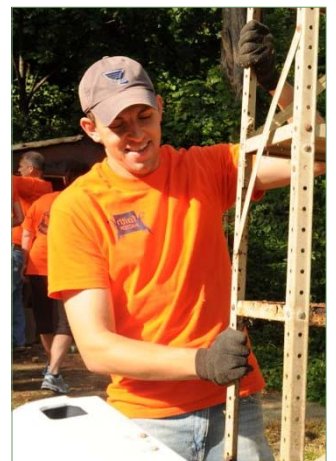
people in a variety of ways including:

- Serving others in Platte Woods, Lake Waukomis, Gladstone, Parkville, Riverside and KCMO
- Serving others in Joplin, Lawson, Colorado and South Dakota
- Serving others in Mozambique, Mexico, Honduras and the Horn of Africa (Numana Meals)
- Serving others through Methodist Global Missions, Missouri Festival of Sharing, Habitat for Humanity, More than a Bandage, Hillcrest Ministries, Salvation

Army, KC Iglesia Camino Vida Verd church, KC Grand Avenue Temple, Northland Assistance Agency, local children's nutrition education kitchen outreach and a multitude of other efforts.

Each Christmas Eve 100 percent of the offering given provides assistance to people in our surrounding community over and above the annual budget giving. Being outwardly focused truly allows us to share our blessings.

**2011 Budget:**  
**\$553,981**



## Extravagant Generosity

Your Extravagant Generosity makes all these efforts possible! The total giving projections below comes from your annual general giving, additional special giving, Legacy Society church endowment proceeds, and other contributions from funds raised by church ministries like choirs, Women's, Men's, Youth, Children's, Sunbeams Preschool, Parents' Day Out, Scouts, visiting groups and others as of fall 2011.

<b>Annual Estimated Budgeted Funds for 2011</b>	<b>\$ 1,886,653</b>
<b>Church Endowment Annual Distributions 2011</b>	<b>\$ 14,185</b>
<b>Christmas Eve '10 thru YTD Assistance Fund Giving</b>	<b>\$ 141,923</b>
<b>Special Giving &amp; Other Ministry Funding</b>	<b>\$ 483,350</b>
<b>Total Extravagant Generosity 2011</b>	<b>\$ 2,526,111</b>

If you have questions about PWUMC financials or would like to learn more about how to participate please contact Mike Cole, chief operations officer.



*"When I first moved to Platte County, I immediately went searching for a church. I was looking for a terrific youth program for my son, fantastic preacher(s), and wonderful music. When I walked in the door on January 1 six years ago, started reading the program with all the activities for youth, sang and listened to the fabulous music, and heard Steve's message I said to myself, 'we're home.' The bonus that I hadn't really thought about was the friendly, outgoing,*

*helpful, intelligent and especially caring people who have enriched my life in ways that I could not possibly put into words. Joining this church and my Sunday school class and my son's youth activities have been my rock and foundation for almost six years. I love this place and the people in it. Thank you, Lord, for bringing them to me."* - Karen Salsbury, PWUMC member



## Taking a Step Toward More Extravagant Generosity

At right is a summary of current yearly giving at PWUMC. Find the step that matches your current yearly pledge, and prayerfully consider increasing your giving by one step.



### WHAT PERCENTAGE OF INCOME DO YOU GIVE?

Yearly giving  
divided by  
Yearly income  
equals  
Percentage of Giving  
(.10 = 10%)

Yearly Giving	
\$15,000.01+	7 households
\$10,000.01-\$15,000	22 households
\$8,000.01-\$10,000	12 households
\$5,000.01-\$8,000	37 households
\$2,000.01-\$5,000	128 households
\$1,000.01-\$2,000	152 households
\$800.01-\$1,000	41 households
\$500.01-\$800	65 households
\$300.01-\$500	59 households
\$200.01-\$300	43 households
\$150.01-\$200	24 households
\$100.01-\$150	27 households
\$50.01-\$100	46 households
\$25.01-\$50	34 households
\$0.01-\$25	40 households
\$0	289 households