

We Invest in Beloved Community

Faith that Seeks...Hope that Transforms...Love that Works
The United Church of Granville

*“But the end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the **beloved community**. It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opposers into friends. It is this type of understanding goodwill that will transform the deep gloom of the old age into the exuberant gladness of the new age. It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of [all people].”*

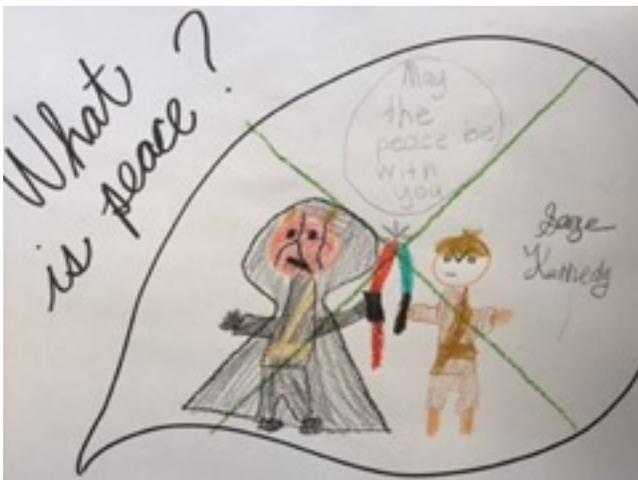
Martin Luther King, “Facing the Challenge of a New Age,” 1956



2016 Narrative Budget

\$38,000 Working as a Beloved Community to Serve the World

We sent 10% of our total giving (\$14,300) to local, national and international partners whose work we value. Half of that support goes to our partner denominations—UCC and ABC/USA. They provide leadership, educational and support materials, support for national and international aid and service programs, networking opportunities with like-minded people all over the world, and help to congregations in transition. Of 41 ABC churches in our region, we give more than 6 of 41 churches; we give more than 7 of 38 UCC churches in the local region.



We also donate to support the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, the Baptist Alliance, The Freedom School, local food pantries, housing coalitions, emergency aid cooperatives and shelters for neighbors in distress.

In addition, a quarter of Pastor Dwight's time is spent in organizing and advocacy work in the community and in the wider church.

Over and above the \$38,000 in the budget, we've raised thousands of dollars this year for initiatives such as **Lunches on the Square**, the **Gay Pride Parade**, the **Nicaragua Mission Brigade**, and other community projects. We share our church building and annex with other groups whose work we value, including **SPARK**, the **Granville Parent Co-op Preschool**, **Alcoholics Anonymous**, the **American Red Cross**, and several other local groups. Since 60% of the people who use our buildings are outside community members, we can justifiably say that tens of thousands of our "Preserving Sacred Spaces" dollars are spent each year in serving the community.

\$26,000 Nurturing Relationships

We nurture relationships among our community through classes, **Circles**, social activities, and hands-on service opportunities. We provide material and spiritual support to one another, attend to those in distress, and work together to build networks outside our church doors. We provide coffee for almost every gathering of people at the church. The cost of that coffee and attendant supplies is provided by a generous member of our congregation who chooses to remain anonymous.



The Congregational Care Task Force, Congregational Life Committee and Outreach Committee, 20% of Pastor Dwight's work, 10% of Church Administrator Louise Gemmel's work, and 20% of the work of the Director of Ministry to Children and Families Ceciel Shaw are in this area. These groups and people also build connections outside the church with community members, Denison college students and faculty, religious leaders in Licking County and Greater Columbus, and people around the nation through service on boards and committees of the wider church.

This year we started the 'Circles' initiative to forge closer bonds among UCG members and others in the community who now participate in more than a dozen circle activities. The range of these can be seen in the display at the back of our sanctuary to the left of the chapel entrance.

\$30,000 Spiritual Growth and Enrichment

At UCG, we provide **spiritual formation opportunities** for people in all stages of life—from pre-school children to adults. A *large contingent* of volunteers help bring these opportunities to life.

Pastor Dwight spends 10% of his time working with the Christian Education program outside of worship; Director Ceciell spends 80% of her time in this area. We also provide paid nursery care and children’s church programming during worship and classes.



\$37,000 Gathering Together

Gathering together at least weekly for **worship and fellowship** is central to our congregation. This part of the budget is used to prepare and conduct worship that allows us to encounter God and one another in sacred space, encourages reflection, helps us understand our mission, and moves us to serve in community.

Pastor Dwight spends 20% of his time preparing for worship, and the Church Administrator similarly spends 20% of her time. We support a **part-time organist** and set aside special funds for music, supplies, outside speakers, and keeping our instruments in good repair.



\$68,000 Sacred Spaces for Ministry

We are caretakers of two buildings—our historic **1883 Victorian Gothic church** and our **Church Annex**. We use a significant portion of our financial resources to heat, maintain, clean, insure, and provide utilities for these buildings. This year we made significant improvements in our spaces, and we couldn’t have done this without the work of Property and Grounds Coordinator Mathew McFarren, Custodian Will Darling, Church Administrator Louise Gemmell, and volunteers who gave hundreds of hours. Lyn and Mike Robertson, who both serve on the Property Committee, made major contributions.

\$55,000 Administrative Support

Twenty-five per cent of Pastor Dwight's time and 60% of Administrator Louise's time is spent in administrative work, including rental and building management, volunteer coordination, accounting, and communication via e-mail newsletters, social media, printed text and webpage. Expenditures for this area also include the financial costs involved in stocking and operating the church office.

2016 Narrative Budget Summary

In 2016, UCG had an operating budget of approximately **\$255,000**. Our pledge income was up 17% and our UCG members and friends pledged over **\$130,000**. Unpledged income (offering plate and other contributions) accounted for an additional **\$11,000**, and we received **\$42,000** in rental income for use of the Annex and our Meeting Room.

Even with a reasonable 5% draw (**\$35,000**) from our two invested asset funds, we had a large financial gap to fill. We withdrew nearly **\$36,000** more from those funds.

This level of dependence upon invested assets is unsustainable without additional major gifts. We encourage the most generous contribution you can make to UCG for 2017. Please return your 2017 pledge cards by November 1, 2016.

