

Byron Presbyterian Church

"Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn ..."

I Corinthians 16:1-4

2012 Narrative Budget - "For the Saints"



The life and ministry of a congregation is not easily presented in written form, and even less so as a financial spread sheet. For this reason we are presenting a "Narrative Budget", to show what the "saints" of this church are doing with their love, prayers, and generosity ... with each other and the world around us. The stewardship of many "saints" is what makes this congregation a strong witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Which ones of us are saints? The definition of "saint" is "one of God's chosen", which means that saints are not just the most extraordinary people with the most extraordinary attributes, but everyone whom God has gathered - extraordinary and ordinary alike - to engage in the life-giving and life-changing mission of Jesus Christ.

As we give we receive, and as we receive we give! This is our story of generosity in action! We pray that you will be a part of it in 2012!

--- Stewardship & Finance Committees

Photo: Youth volunteers giving and receiving at Cameron Community Ministries

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1. Enthusiastic Mission in the Community and the World!

"... they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means." II Corinthians 8:1-15

"Enthusiasm" is an understatement! We love to serve the Lord in the world around us. Pam Kenward tells about bringing backpacks with food to farm worker families over the summer months. Greeted with closed-door suspicion at first, by the end of the summer children bound out the door with excitement when Pam and Michaela drive up. This is the joy of mission, making a difference, breaking down walls of separation, and making new friends. In his Letter to the Corinthians Paul describes mission as a two-way street; sometimes we are the eager givers, sometimes we are grateful recipients. In either case, mission is possible because there are saints ready to share the love and generosity of God!



Local Mission

\$250

During 2010 our mission efforts involved work with these projects:

Genesee County Churches United - Emergency Food Shelf (Batavia)	<i>non-budget</i>
Byron-Bergen Children's Back-Pack Program (Byron-Bergen)	<i>included</i>
<i>(this project also receives significant support from other community groups)</i>	
Cameron Community Ministries (Rochester)	<i>included</i>
<i>(this includes a full week of the summer youth mission effort, a Sunday night dinner at Cameron, and July's "Undie Sunday" in which we collected undergarments for Cameron)</i>	
Ronald McDonald House (Rochester)	<i>non-budget</i>
Byron Rescue Squad	<i>non-budget</i>
Bethany House (shelter for women and children in Rochester)	<i>included</i>
Rochester Area Interfaith Housing Network (Rochester)	<i>included</i>

Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly mission causes

\$3,448

Includes support to Alternatives for Battered Women, Peoples Ministry in Christ, Church Women United, Genesee-Orleans Ministry of Concern, Habitat for Humanity, Cephas Attica, campus ministries, Farm Worker Legal Services, and many other mission projects in our area. To see what our contributions accomplish on a national and world-wide basis through the General Assembly Presbyterian Church (USA), please visit www.pcusa.org on the world-wide web.

Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

One Great Hour of Sharing (Food & agricultural development assistance worldwide)	<i>non-budget</i>
Peacemaking Offering (Local 25% for Backpack Project, and Worldwide 75%)	<i>non-budget</i>
Christmas Joy Offering (USA)	<i>non-budget</i>

Other Community Projects and Involvements

Abitibi Recycling bins (Byron) <i>(this project concluded during 2010)</i>	<i>no expense</i>
Byron Town Park Committee (Byron)	<i>no expense</i>

20% Pastoral Share

\$12,908

TOTAL \$16,606

Along with many individuals, the Mission Committee, Christian Education Committee, Byron Youth Group, and Deacons, have significant involvement in this arena of ministry.

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Photo: Youth volunteers proudly show the games shelves they organized at Cameron Community Ministries.

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2. Inspiring and Equipping the People of Christ to Serve

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" II Corinthians 5:17



The saints in our church gather each Sunday for worship ... and our hearts rise up to meet God. In music, in prayer, in proclamation, in study, and in joy these saints are alive to Jesus Christ. We delight in personal testimonies about our spiritual journeys, "aha" moments, generosity, faithful prayers, and more during worship. Anything can happen on a Sunday morning, and it usually does!

Celebration and Praise

\$5,462

Sunday Worship	<i>included</i>
Special seasonal services	<i>included</i>
Communion and Baptism	<i>included</i>
Organist, Choir Director, Choir, Piano & Organ tuning`	<i>included</i>
Special music (piano, flute, hammered dulcimer, violin, bassoon, and mandolin	<i>included</i>
Bell-ringers, Candle-lighters, Lay readers, Ushers, and Greeters	<i>included</i>
Nursery Care	<i>included</i>
Pulpit Supply (Guest Preachers)	<i>included</i>

Christian Education

\$450

Sunday School program, curriculum, and teaching materials	<i>included</i>
Adult Bible Study	<i>no expense</i>
Special Sundays: Children's Sunday, Baccalaureate, Kick-Off, Christmas/Advent and Easter programs	<i>included</i>
Nooma (monthly adult discussion group)	<i>no expense</i>
Lending Library (a project of the Deacons)	<i>included</i>



Leadership Training

\$715

Training elders, deacons, and trustees	<i>included</i>
Music and Training	<i>included</i>
Natural Church Development - survey & consultation	<i>included</i>

30% Pastoral Share

\$19,363

TOTAL \$25,990

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Photos: (1) Pentecost Sunday Youth-led service in the Dining Room - lots of red balloons, lots of Spirit! (2) Christmas flutes (3) Outdoor worship in July



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3. Maintaining the Home Base for Mission



"... we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." II Corinthians 5:1

We are blessed with a beautiful building and property that serve as a wonderful home base for Christ's mission. The property was purchased, a building erected, and now constantly maintained - not because the people of the church are unusually prosperous or wealthy, but because they give eagerly from the heart. The church building is not the be-all and end-all of our ministry, but it is an important gathering place for the saints of our congregation. When the saints gather ... wonderful things happen!

Building and Property

Regular building and property maintenance	\$2,500
Plowing	<i>included</i>
Lawn Mowing	<i>donated</i>
Utilities: Gas, Electric, Water/Sewer, Telephone	\$7,440
Insurance	\$3,001
Sexton & Cleaning	\$3,902
Parking Lot and Driveway repairs (<i>approximately \$23,000 was raised or committed</i>)	<i>non-budget</i>

Investments and Banking

Investment Management	\$100
Bank fees	<i>included</i>

Fundraising & Miscellaneous

Pancake Breakfast, Heritage Day, Turkey Dinner, & other fundraising activities	\$425
	<i>included</i>

Office, Staffing & Administration

Secretary & Office Operations	\$5,447
Newsletter (<i>thanks to all who have sent their e-addresses!</i>)	<i>included</i>
Web Site & E-mail	<i>donation</i>
Postage	<i>included</i>
Bookkeeper & Financial administration	\$2,247
Personnel - Social Security	\$932

Per Capita (our fair share of the administrative cost of the Presbyterian Church USA) **\$2,938**

15% Pastoral Share **\$9,681**

TOTAL \$38,613



Along with many individuals, the Trustees, Personnel Committee, Investment Committee, newsletter volunteers, webmaster (and of course, paid staff, too!) have significant involvement in this arena of ministry.

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Photos: Thanks to Trustees, support from the congregation, and a Presbytery loan, the parking lot is now paved!

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4. Caring for the People

"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us." II Corinthians 4:7



Not many of us will claim to be saints - we are too aware of how we fall short too many times. Yet who we are is exactly what God is able to shape into an awesome ministry of love and care. Whatever we lack, God supplies what we need to be faithful in the world around us.

Deacons

Get-Well, Thinking of You, and Sympathy cards	\$150
Hospital visitation	<i>included</i>
Home visitation	<i>included</i>
Meals for the sick and recovering	<i>included</i>
Connections with college students	<i>included</i>
Church Library	<i>included</i>
Community Welcome Packets (<i>in concert with other churches and Kiwanis Club</i>)	<i>included</i>
Thanksgiving Baskets	<i>non-budget</i>
Christmas Baskets	<i>non-budget</i>
Easter Baskets	<i>non-budget</i>

Other Ministry Projects

Prayer Shawl Project (local and beyond)	<i>non-budget</i>
Prayer Chain	<i>included</i>
Home Communion	<i>included</i>
Christmas Caroling (youth program)	<i>included</i>

Pastoral Care

Marriages	<i>non-budget</i>
Funerals, memorial services, graveside services	<i>non-budget</i>
Pastoral Counseling	<i>included</i>

Fellowship

Coffee Hour & Porch Fellowship	<i>non-budget</i>
Receptions and Special Meals	<i>non-budget</i>

15% Pastoral Share

\$9,681

TOTAL

\$9,831

Along with many individuals, the Deacons, Elders, Prayer Shawl team, Fellowship Committee, Prayer Chain volunteers, and youth have significant involvement in this arena of ministry.



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*Photo: (1) Carolers bring Christmas cheer to one of our older church members.
(2) Two of the people we enjoy visiting!*

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5. Preparing the Next Generation, Activating Young Christians

"So we are ambassadors for Christ ..." II Corinthians 5:20

Saints alive! We are blessed to have a large number of youth eager to learn, grow and serve as representatives of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond. In 2011 a number of them witnessed to their faith as they became members of our Church. We were privileged to hear their thoughtful reflections on what it means to be a Christian. This part of our ministry - equipping new saints - may be the most important part of our life together.



Youth Ministry

Youth Group (Sunday programs, special events, presbytery youth events)	\$600
Camp Whitman	<i>non-budget</i>
Confirmation Class (every other year, 2011, 2013, etc.)	<i>included</i>
Mission Trip	<i>included</i>
PCUSA Theological Education Fund	\$25

20% Pastoral Share

\$12,904

TOTAL \$13,529

Along with many individuals, the Christian Education Committee, teachers, confirmation class mentors, and church youth have significant involvement in this arena of ministry.

Photo: two of our newest church members

NARRATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY

1. Enthusiastic Mission in the Community and the World	\$16,606
2. Inspiring and Equipping the People of Christ to Serve	25,990
3. Maintaining the Home Base for Mission	38,613
4. Caring for the People	9,831
5. Preparing the Next Generation, Activating Young Christians	13,529
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$104,569

Where we will get the money to accomplish our ministry and mission:

Commitments and Pledges	77,829	Christian Women's Connection	500
Per Capita Contribution	1,500	Loose Offering, Additional, Special Gifts	3,800
Fundraising	5,500	Special Offerings	125
Investment and Manse Sale Interest	11,500	Building Use	1,050
Grants	665	Miscellaneous Income	200
Previous Year Carry-Over	1,900		
		TOTAL INCOME	\$104,569