

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing financial reports, authorizing the financial secretaries to distribute contribution statements, implementing an annual Stewardship Campaign, assisting the treasurer with the development of an annual budget, and providing recommendations to SaLT regarding revenue and expense management. The Finance Committee fulfilled these responsibilities during 2021 via email communication and Zoom meetings.

Our Financial Secretary (Sue Haeffner) distributed contribution statements electronically and by mail to those without email access during the year. The Finance Committee agreed in November to conduct a limited Stewardship Campaign this year. Donors were requested to identify a giving commitment for 2022; a memo with this request was distributed in November along with the January-October contribution statements with a follow-up memo distributed in December. In December, the Finance Committee met via Zoom to finalize a proposed 2021 budget.

McFarland UCC remains financially strong; we've been able to maintain some excess operational funds to cover any unexpected expenses such as replacing the freezer this past summer. With the church building closed until October 23rd, we continued to experience some minor reductions in operating expenses similar to 2020.

In March 2018, we began experiencing an increased revenue trend (positive increase from prior year). This positive trend continued until April 2021. For the past eight months, there has been a 4% - 8% decrease in revenues compared to 2020. Similarly, the Finance Committee and the Servant Leadership Team monitored how operational expenses exceeded general fund revenues for several months during the year. This appears to be stabilizing, but will continue to be closely monitored.

The Finance Committee identified the need to build up a capital fund to at least partially cover some of the anticipated costs projected by the Building and Grounds Committee over the next 10-12 years (e.g., roof replacement ~ \$75,000; furnace replacements ~ \$15,000). In addition, the Green Team in collaboration with the Building and Grounds Committee is in the process of developing a plan to replace trees and enhance the landscaping with native plants and species. It was determined to request contributors designate their intention to support future capital expenses.

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