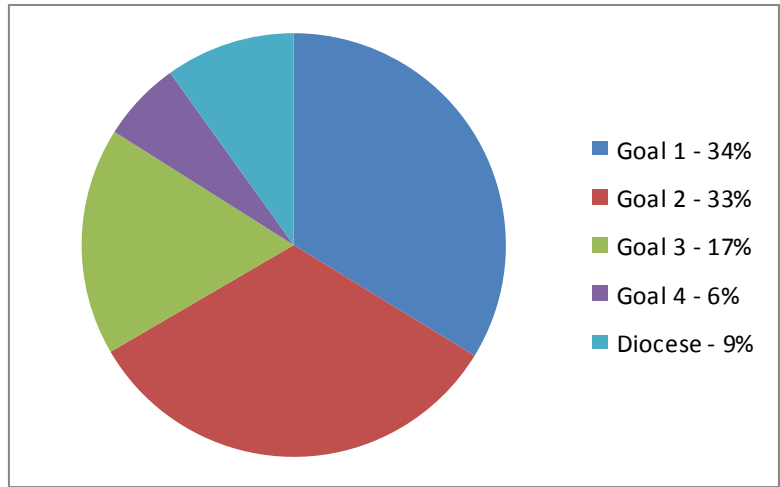


How Our Money Becomes Ministry



A Narrative Budget for 2012

Goal 1. Grow in devotion through challenging and dynamic preaching and reverent worship.

Our worship services help us to ponder more deeply, think more broadly, act more faithfully, and live more passionately. We seek to offer worship that has joy and enthusiasm, but is also liturgically centered and ordered. Our Sunday services at 8 AM and 10:30 AM give us a regular means to worship God, with the music of our organ, piano, and choir lending rich tones to that worship. The active involvement of ushers, acolytes, altar guild, flower guild, readers and lay Eucharistic ministers reveals the commitment of the parish to grow in devotion through worship.

About \$81,000, or 34% of our budget is spent in support of this goal.

Goal 2. Grow in love by embracing and practicing radical hospitality and intentional care of our parishioners.

We seek to challenge our understanding of hospitality and live into radical ways of embracing it, as in the story of the Good Samaritan; and to continue our commitment to pastoral care of our members personally and programmatically. We seek to keep the congregation well connected to the parish family and to one another through events such as coffee hour on Sundays following the late service, First Friday dinners, and monthly Film Forums. Through the active ministry of the pastoral care committee and the clergy, we support and assist members during times of crisis and struggle. We make regular visits to those who are sick or unable to leave their homes. We provide spiritual counsel and support to those who seek it.

About \$79,000, or 33% of our budget is spent in support of this goal.

Goal 3. Grow in faith and understanding through thoughtful programs of spiritual formation.

As, baptized Christians, we seek to live out the responsibilities of Baptism in the daily witness of Christ, and to explore a variety of ways in which to deepen our faith and understanding. Our church school for young children, youth group, adult forum, and Bible study are some of the ways we nurture the faith of the congregation.

About \$42,000, or 17% of our budget is spent in support of this goal.

Goal 4. Grow in service through passionate involvement in our community and with other faith communities.

We are committed to deepening our relationships in the larger community and with other faith communities, both Christian and non-Christian. We wish that both for the good we can do and for the good it will do for us. Outreach committee activities include deepening our relationship with St. David's Court through monthly gatherings, serving meals at the Samaritan Center, providing needed goods to Springfield Gardens, and raising funds for the CROP Walk and Heifer International organizations. We host meetings of AA and other community and self-help groups. We also host the annual Celebration of the Arts event, a visual and performing arts gift to the community.

About \$15,000, or 6% of our budget is spent in support of this goal.

NOTE: In addition, as an Episcopal Church, we share with our sister congregations in the diocese the cost of mission work both here in Central New York and in the Episcopal Church in the USA and the Anglican Communion. We do this through the remainder of our diocesan assessment, which is 24,000, or 9% of our budget.