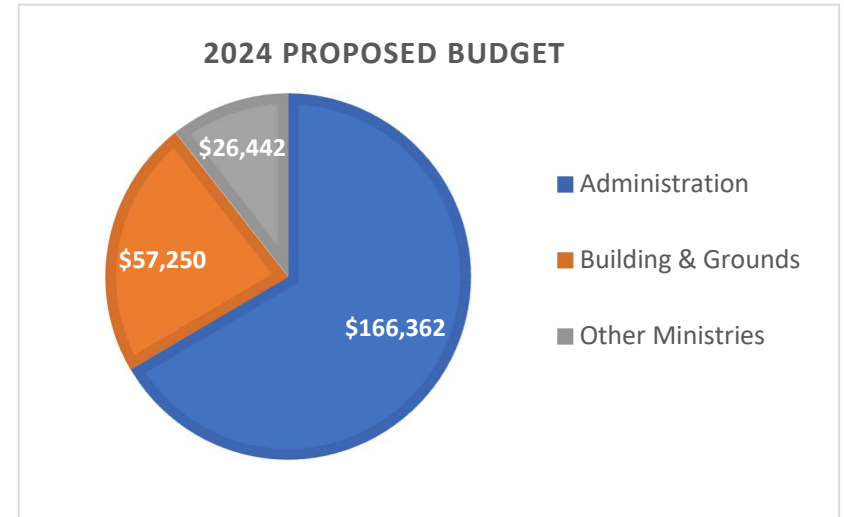


# Stewardship

## How the Church Uses Your Financial Gifts, A Narrative Budget

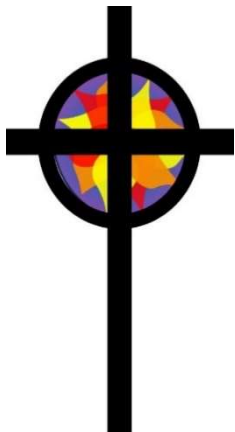
Stewardship is defined as the **careful** and **responsible** management of something entrusted to one's care. As individuals we are called to be good stewards of the gifts of time, talent, and wealth of which God has blessed us. This congregation has repeatedly demonstrated its dedication and generosity. Your tithes and offerings show your connection and commitment to Peace and God's mission in the world.

As a Session we are called to be good stewards of the tithe you have entrusted to Peace Church. This pamphlet is a brief explanation of how your tithes and offerings have been utilized in the past year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of Session.



The budget of Peace can be divided into 3 major categories: **administration**, **building & grounds**, and **other ministries**. The 2024 proposed budget is \$250,054.

### Administration



Every institution has administrative expenses and Peace is no different. While extremely frugal, Administration still makes up 66% of the total budget. The administration budget includes:

- Personnel expenses – salaries for the pastor, office administrator, music director, and nursery worker
- Financial expenses – building reserve and CPA payments
- Office expenses – the copier, computers, phones, internet and supplies.

The vast majority of the administration funds are designated for personnel expenses because “The worker is worthy of his wages and he deserves fair compensation.” (1 Timothy 5:18b)

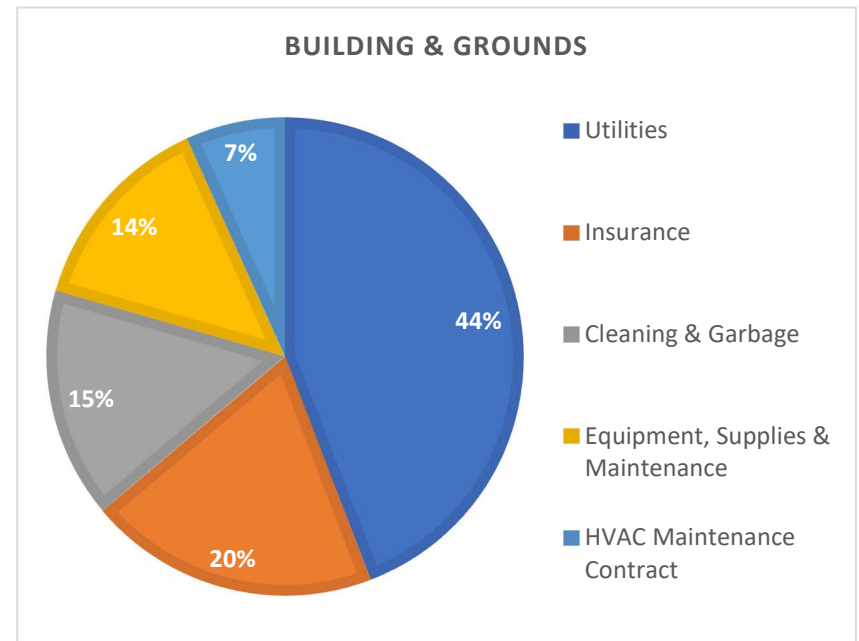
## Building & Grounds

Buildings & Grounds account for 23% of the total budget and covers multiple items that keep the church building and exterior campus in the best possible shape. We have an approximately 20,000 square foot building and 11 acres of property to maintain. Budget items include janitorial services, garbage pickup, HVAC Maintenance, Insurance, and Utilities. This budget also covers our costs to self-perform our lawn care needs, and other building maintenance tasks.

Recently, B&G has overseen improvements to the property such as a new ice maker install in the kitchen, new playground mulch, and removal of unsightly landscaping.

The Building Reserve Fund was used for roof repairs and replacement of light bulbs in the sanctuary this year. This fund is important as we plan to eventually fund other long-term projects such as light fixture conversions, and full roof replacement, which could take place within the next 10-15 years.

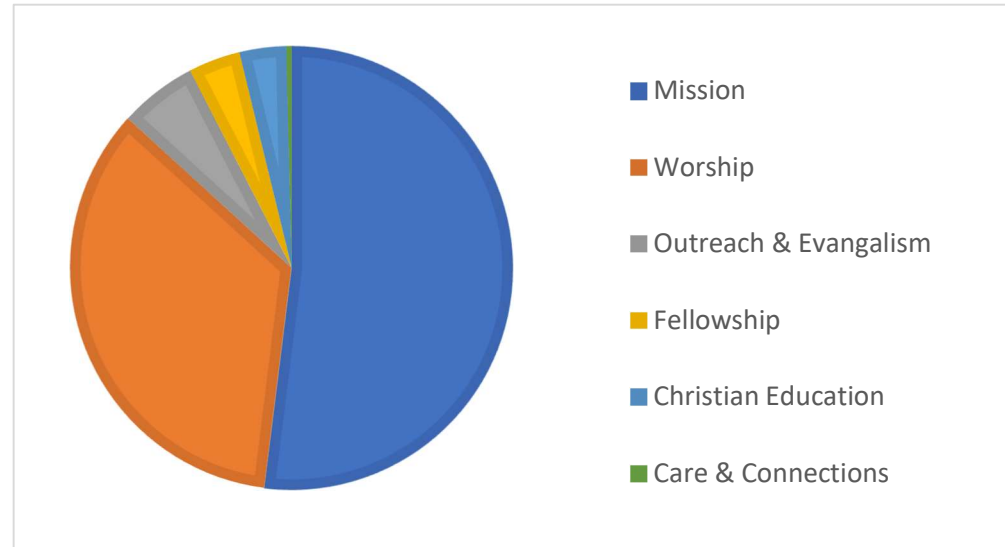
Other potential short-term projects could include tree trimming on our large oak trees, and pressure washing of the building.



## Ministries

Many ministries are supported through the budget of Peace. To learn more about these ministries continue reading.

- Mission
- Worship
- Outreach & Evangelism
- Fellowship
- Christian Education
- Care & Connections



### Care & Connections (\$100)

The purpose of the Care & Connections is to encourage and foster relationships among those connected to Peace Presbyterian Church, and to organize care for members of our church family, especially during the more challenging and delicate times of life. Our ministry includes:

- Peace Connections
- JOY (Just Older Youth)
- Transportation and Meal Support
- Prayer Breakfast

Because we are a person and service focused ministry our financial needs are small, however we will always welcome offerings of time, service, and friendship.

### Christian Education (\$900)

The duty of the Christian Education ministry is to nurture the spiritual life of our church family, lead us to deeper faith, shape us as disciples of Jesus Christ, and enable us to worship God. One of the goals of our Children's Ministry is to connect the stories of the Bible with the choices we make to reach out to the community and to recognize God's blessings so that we might become a blessing to others. The funds provided for in the budget are used to purchase curriculum and supplies for:

- Adult and children's Sunday school classes
- Youth Group
- Vacation Bible School
- Community events

### Fellowship (\$1000)

The goal of our ministry is to promote active fellowship among the members of the Peace family. We use our budgeted funds to support activities such as 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Gatherings and Coffee Hour.

### Outreach & Evangelism (\$1500)

The purpose of this ministry is to work with other ministries of Peace to provide opportunities to experience and share the welcoming love and joy of God for ALL of His children.

One of our goals this year has been to increase the visibility of Peace in our wider community. To that purpose, we have purchased promotional items such as pens and notepads, and sponsored community events like Food Truck Fridays, Trunk or Treat, and the Community Christmas Party.

Another goal was to provide information and ways to connect with the ministries of Peace. We published a new pictorial directory, established ministry email addresses, and have provided informational flyers at all community events.

Our final goal was focused on providing opportunities for members of the Peace family to share God's love with our neighbors. Through our partnership with the Grifon School and hosted community events our Peace family has exceeded our every expectation.

### Worship (\$9,200)

“Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” Psalm 100:2

The intension of our ministry is to provide opportunities for attendees to draw closer to God through scripture, teaching, music, prayer, and contemplation. We use our allotted funds to pay talented musicians and pulpit supply, to purchase supplies such as oil for advent candles, communion supplies, and music licenses, and maintain instruments and sound equipment.

### Mission (\$13,742)

One of the commitments agreed upon by the founding members of Peace Presbyterian Church was to devote significant resources and efforts to serving others through missions. To that end, Mission has always received the largest appropriation in the church budget after personnel and facility’s needs.

One of our goals for 2023 was to encourage more direct participation of congregation members in mission efforts such as providing and serving meals at the homeless shelter, donating food for the food bank, and providing Christmas gifts for underprivileged children through the Angel tree.

Peace Church Missions has provided direct financial support to a number of local, national/international relief or assistance efforts. A few of these include:

- Doctors Without Borders
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Rise Against Hunger
- Grifton School
- Food Bank of ENC
- Camp Albemarle
- Awaken Coffee
- Hope Farms
- Community Crossroad Center
- Stop Human Trafficking

For more information about the work of the Mission ministry or how you can become more involved please visit <https://www.peacepresbyterian.org/mission.html> or email us at [Mission@peacepresbyterian.org](mailto:Mission@peacepresbyterian.org).