

## **Mothers Day Out**

The mission of MDO is to provide socialization for young children and support to families in our community. MDO families pay tuition which supports our staff, facility upkeep, and supplies. MDO has typically generated revenues around \$108,000.

- 50 Students attend either twice or three days a week;
- Monthly tuition is \$160 for two days a week.
- Beth Robbe, director, supervises our teachers and substitutes.

## **Growing Dreams: Seeds of Hope & Joy for 2010 & Beyond!**

Woodlawn Chapel members yearn to grow—as individuals, and as a church. Our hopes for growth were reflected in the dreams shared in this summer’s “Lemonade, Listening & Learning” conversations. These dreams are like seeds planted in the imagination of our congregation. In order to grow, they require additional funding.

### **As a congregation, we will respond to God’s invitation to grow by:**

- Adding a staff person to coordinate our ministry to children and young families.
- Expanding our ministry to youth. Key to this is growing a vital middle school and high school faith community.
- Emphasizing numerical growth in the congregation, while upholding values of intimacy, fellowship, and spiritual community.
- Increasing our financial commitment to mission through direct support of Terri Rider a missionary in India, whose mother is a Woodlawn Chapel member. We plan to increase our support of our “hands on” mission projects.
- Maintaining and improving the church’s building & grounds.



## **Sowing Seeds of Our Faith Woodlawn Chapel’s Narrative Budget**



*“...the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance...”*  
*(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)*

Look through these pages, and discover how Woodlawn Chapel is responding to God’s call. Each day, we sow the seeds of Christ’s abundant love. Through ministries of worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we plant seeds of God’s grace in the lives of our members and community.

Our congregation generously supports a budget of just under \$300,000 annually.

Use this resource as a guide to prayer and study. Consider how God is calling you to plant seeds of faith in the fertile ground of our congregation. (Detailed financial reports can be obtained from the church office. Please contact Al Passwater, treasurer.) Especially consider our dreams for growth, many of which arose from this summer’s listening sessions.

Pledge cards are included in this packet. This year, we will bring our pledges forward during worship on **Sunday, November 8**. If you prefer, you may return your pledge card by mail. By returning a pledge card, you let the church know of your commitment to Woodlawn--even if you cannot make a specific financial commitment at this time. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how you will help Woodlawn Chapel sow seeds of faith, hope, love, and joy.

*Thank you for your generous support, and thanks be to God!*

**Your contribution helps Woodlawn Chapel sow seeds of faith...**

**Staff.....\$175,808**

We are a congregation that believes in sowing the seeds of God's love through our preaching, teaching, worship and administrative life. Like most churches, personnel expenses are our largest portion of the budget. Our staff helps guide the vision of who we want to become as a loving, learning, and leading congregation. This figure includes:

- Salaries & expenses for the pastor, pastoral assistant for youth ministry, music director and secretary;
- The Pastor's medical and pension plan;
- Continuing education for our pastor, pastoral assistant, and music director;
- Stipend for our seminary student assistant.

**Worship.....\$7,090**

The mission of the Worship Ministry team is "to create a worship atmosphere enabling each participant to glorify God and receive God's love." Your contributions help the team achieve this through:

- Purchasing new music for the Bell & Chancel Choirs;
- Providing child care during Wednesday evening rehearsals, encouraging young families to participate in our music ministry;
- Arranging for special musicians, maintenance of our pianos, seasonal décor, flowers and worship supplies;
- Offering special worship services such as Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve, and Taize worship.

**Education..... \$10,600**

Our vision for education in faith, as expressed by the mission statement of the Adult Education ministry team, is "to build a vibrant community of believers through the practices of hospitality, spirituality, and service." Your contributions help sow seeds of faith in the lives of children, youth and adults by:

- Purchasing curriculum for elementary Sunday School, and offering special events such as the Christmas play;
- Offering a completely self-supporting VBS for 65 children in our community.
- Supporting our high school youth through mission trips, retreats, and weekly fellowship;
- Preparing "college care kits" for our students.
- Developing a growing middle school fellowship through resources, experiences, and monthly Agape dinners;
- Providing guest speakers, curriculum, and resources for the work of our Adult Education team.

**Property.....\$63,580**

The property, building & grounds ministry team has as its mission "to maintain the building and grounds, and in a timely manner to make required repairs and schedule routine maintenance on items such as HVAC units, and to keep the church grounds well groomed" This mission is fulfilled through:

- Snow removal, lawn maintenance & repairs;
- Twice weekly custodial services;
- Maintaining 11 heating and cooling units;
- Interior maintenance, repair and supplies;
- Mortgage payments, insurance;
- Utilities such as gas, water, electricity & sewer.

**Administrative Expenses.....\$21,950**

This includes office expenses, budget for the Session and Stewardship committee, printing and copying, telephone, postage, web site, and office supplies and equipment.

**Membership & Fellowship.....\$3,820**

Our membership & fellowship committees strive to create environments of hospitality and welcome. The mission of our membership committee is "to create a welcoming and spiritually nurturing environment for guests and new members, providing open doors to encourage and enable people to become disciples of Jesus Christ." Your contributions helped to support:

- Printed invitations, mailers & flyers;
- Coffee on Sunday mornings;
- Special events, such as our Ice Cream Social and Fall Festival, various receptions, potluck dinners such and other all church celebrations.

**Mission..... \$10,344**

Woodlawn Chapel reaches out to our neighbors to fulfill the Great Commandment. In mission, we grow in love and service. Our commitment to mission includes:

- Budget support for our Mother's Day mission (\$500);
- Mission pledge to Presbytery (\$5,444);
- Allocations to offset denominational per member apportionment (\$2,444);
- Local mission & miscellaneous funds (\$1,800).