

## Solomons UMC Narrative Budget

**Our Mission:** To live anchored to God, our community, and our special place in creation, the Chesapeake Bay



**Our Vision:** Physically built as a (inverted) ship's hull, Solomons UMC navigates the waters of life with God at our helm. Solomons Island itself and SUMC came to be as those

Very early in the morning  
Jesus came to his disciples,  
walking on the water ...  
When <he> got into the boat,  
the wind settled down.  
Then those in the boat  
worshipped Jesus and said,  
"You must be God's Son!"  
*Matthew 14:25, 32-33*

before us went down to the water, making their living on the mighty Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay. The abundance of life in the Bay and the abundant life God offers feeds us physically and spiritually. With our health inextricably linked to the health of the Chesapeake Bay, we engage in ministries of fellowship and stewardship with creation and community. We seek to end hunger in our community, with locally sourced, sustainably harvested food. We seek to build relationships with those who live here and those who are passing through this harbor. We envision a Bay healthy enough to support oysters, rockfish, blue crabs, and the rest of its aquatic

residents. We envision a Bay healthy enough to support the residents who live, play, and work along the Bay. We envision a Bay restored, whose waters can once again baptize those who seek to be restored in God's image. God will lead us to the harbor we hope for — the restoration of God's wondrous works in the depths of the Bay and in the depths of our lives.

### **Pastoral Note:**

What resources will it take for SUMC to live anchored to God, our community, and our special place in creation? What will it take for SUMC to be the anchor for our community? What resources will it take to end hunger in our community? What will it take to restore the health of the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay? Will the financial resources reflected in this budget allow us to accomplish our mission and vision?

Some went down to the sea in ships,  
making their living on the mighty  
waters. They saw what the Lord had  
made; they saw his wondrous works  
in the depths of the sea.  
So they rejoiced ... <and>  
God led them to the harbor  
they were hoping for.  
*Psalms 107:23-24,30*

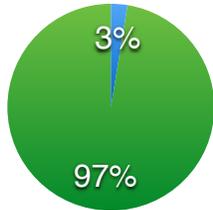
These are the questions I invite you to consider as you look at the attached 2020 budget for SUMC. Be in prayer about what resources you will contribute, and how together, with all our resources combined and the work of the Holy Spirit, SUMC will be the anchor in our community.

Blessings,  
Pastor Dottie

**Total Operating Expenses: \$160,668**

**Expenses — Operating**

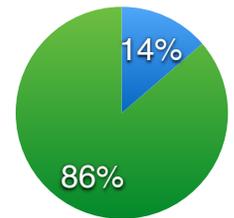
- Administration
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**Administration** [\$2,000] costs include office supplies, copies, and a subscription to an online worship planner. It also includes registration and travel for conferences, including Annual Conference, where we send our pastor and one lay person who represents SUMC in voting matters.

**Apportionments** [\$22,100] are basically a “UMC subscription fee.” Local congregations pool a portion of the money they collect to accomplish things that are either beyond their ability to do as individual congregations or that can be done more effectively or efficiently together. Apportionments allow the church to produce goods and services funded by all for the benefit of all.

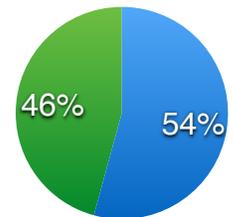
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Our **Website** domain and hosting fee with the company Sharefaith is \$750. This includes educational materials for Children’s Church. It is .5% of our budget.

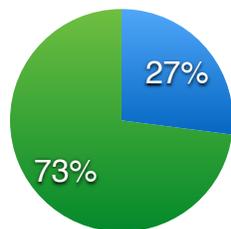
**Financial Expenses** [\$900] are managed by the Finance Team and include fees for payroll, bank accounts, and our online giving platform. It is .6% of our budget.

- SPRC
- Total Budget

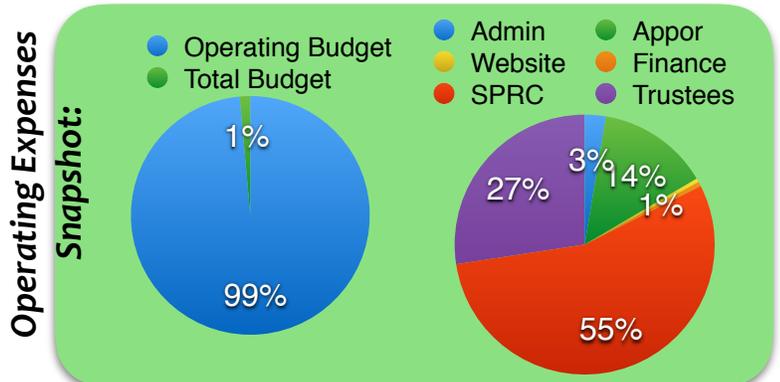


**SPRC Expenses** [\$87,250] are managed by the Staff Pastor Parish Committee, the “HR” committee of the congregation. It includes salaries for SUMC’s staff — pastor, office administrator, musicians, custodian, guest pastors. It also includes benefits for the pastor, payroll taxes, and background checks for all who work with children.

- Trustees
- Total Budget



**Trustee Expenses** [\$43,600] are managed by the Trustees Team and include maintenance of SUMC’s 150 year old sanctuary, building, grounds, equipment, and cemetery. It includes utilities, insurance, and taxes.



## Total Ministry Expenses: \$14,000

### Expenses — Ministries

**Christian Education** [\$475] includes resources for Children's Church and Upper Room devotionals. It is .3% of our budget.



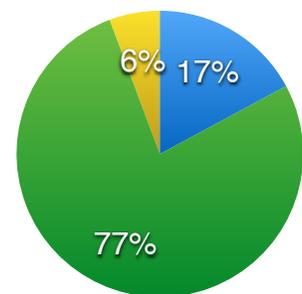
**Nurture Ministry** [\$1,300] includes expenses for worship, fellowship, and pastoral care for members. It is 1% of our budget.

**Witness Ministry** [\$200] includes expenses to connect SUMC to the community. It is .1% of our budget.



**Outreach Ministry** [\$10,000] includes expenses for More Tasty Blessings, HeartFELT, and the Food Pantry. **Because of grants and the generosity of SUMC and the community, these ministries have a small financial impact on our budget.** They are paid for by community grants or donations of money or food from our congregation and the community. That is why the Outreach Ministry is separated in the budget document from the rest of SUMC's budget. A grant from Dominion Energy to our church partners at the Lusby Charge pays for More Tasty Blessings all year for both SUMC and the Lusby Charge, feeding approx. 40 people a week. In 2019, \$13,500 was donated to the Food Pantry, in money and food. HeartFELT also receives generous donations of money and food, allowing us each week during the school year to provide approximately 30 children with backpacks of food on the weekends. **But the impact in the community is priceless.**

● HF ● FP ● MTB



## Income

- To the General Fund (includes Online Giving + Envelopes + Sunday Offering) = \$106,700
- To the Capital Fund = \$1,500
- From Endowment Growth (General + Capital) = \$13,500

**Total = \$122,900**

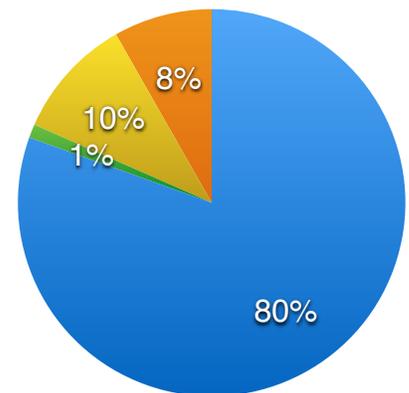
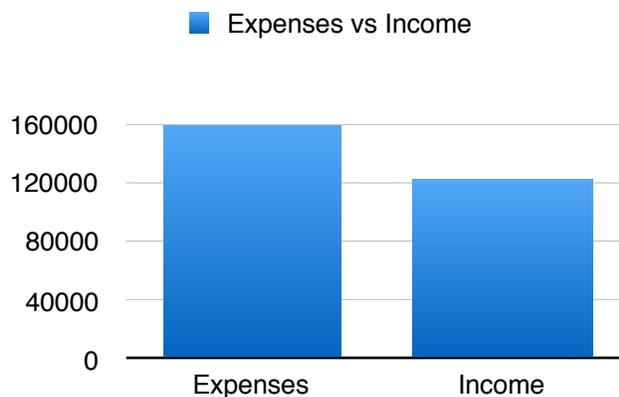
Donations that pay for our Outreach Ministry (More Tasty Blessings, Food Pantry, HeartFELT)

- Pastor's Discretionary Fund (donations go to Food Pantry, SMILE, and SoMD Christian Counseling Center) = \$3,200
- HeartFELT = \$3,000
- More Tasty Blessings (reimbursed from grant) = \$1,300
- Food Pantry = \$3,000 + \$13,500 (food donations + \$\$)

**Total = \$10,900**

**Combined Total = \$133,800**

● General Fund    ● Capital Fund  
● End. Growth    ● Out. Donations




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# Budget Over the Years

