

Narrative Budget 2005

INCOME – \$418,508

I. Pledges & Loose Offering

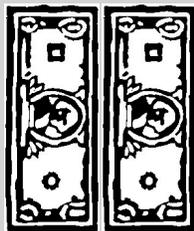
\$405,958

It is **your** giving that provides **97 percent** of Plymouth's income. While other congregations have large, historic endowments, Plymouth relies entirely on your generosity in making possible all aspects of our ministry and mission. We each have been blessed by God in unique ways; our giving is one way we live out our gratitude and say, "Thanks!"

II. Parsonage Rent, Church-Use Donations, and Interest Income

\$12,550

Each month, we receive approximately \$900 in net income from the rental of our parsonage next door to the church. More than 30 nonprofit groups call our church home, as well, and they are asked to make a donation for the use of our space. Interest income for Plymouth is minimal (<\$200).



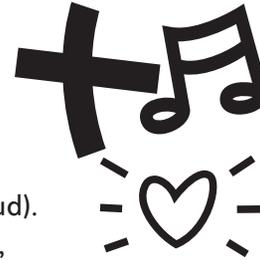
EXPENSE - \$418,508

I. Worship & Spiritual Life

\$208,776

Plymouth's mission statement is **"to worship God and help make God's realm visible in the lives of people."**

Funding provides salaries and benefits for two dynamic clergy (Sharon and Hal) and three terrific music staff (Carrie, Jan, and Donna Solverud). Worship supplies, sheet music, piano tunings are all contained in this largest segment. Every aspect of worship and pastoral care (including our Calling/Caring Ministry) is included here. You also support our new Congregational Life Committee, which helps connect us as a community of faith.



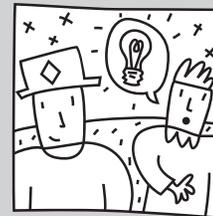
II. Christian Education

\$54,034



Our young people are a vital component of our community at Plymouth, and we demonstrate this through supporting Sunday School, fellowship groups, and confirmation. Plymouth's well-developed adult education

program is a treasure, thanks to your giving. Outstanding staff in these areas (Alice and Donna Greene) have made a critical difference in the vitality and spiritual depth of this congregation, and you provide their salary and benefits.



III. Facilities

\$60,176

This group of expenses is large, but our trustees keep maintenance and repair costs down through a lot of "sweat equity." (Thank a trustee!) Also included is rising costs for utilities. Plymouth demonstrates its environmental stewardship commitment by purchasing 100% of its electrical power from wind-generated sources. Welcoming nonprofit groups into our church is a significant way Plymouth provides "in-reach" to groups that do teen restorative justice, homelessness prevention, stem homophobia, and over 30 other services for our community.



IV. Mission & Outreach

\$51,080

Your giving supports the United Church of Christ, allowing its mission to flourish not just in the U.S. but with missionaries around the globe. Our giving through Our Church's Wider Mission is the largest portion of this area. (It has an impact as near as United Ministries in Higher Education at CSU to funding AIDS educators in South Africa.) This area also includes our social concerns giving, the largest portion of which goes to the Mission in Fort Collins. You make a difference!



V. Administration

\$44,402

Each Sunday when you read the bulletin, each month when you read the Placard, each time you call Plymouth, every email you receive is paid for by your giving. The salary and benefits of our faithful, long-serving church secretary (Karin Marsh) are also included in this area.

