

SCARBORO UNITED CHURCH

Narrative Budget 2018

Together, we give to financially support the ministries and programs of our church.

Every budget tells a story; who we are, what we value, what our priorities are. A budget is also a theological statement; reflecting our understanding of what it means to be a church, our beliefs about God, and our commitment to stewardship.

This document does not replace the traditional Line Budget. It supplements it; illustrating how the resources God has blessed to us, support and contribute to the collective ministry we share.

Here, in part, is how we are living out this call together at Scarboro United Church and how we distribute **\$400,000** so all areas of our church's ministry and programming have financial resources to support them. All staff, office, committee, and building expenses are part of the costs of the ministry areas highlighted in this document.



- CELEBRATING OUR FAITH (WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL)
- WELCOMING OUR COMMUNITY (PASTORAL CARE, MISSION & SERVICE AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS)
- STEWARDING OUR FUTURE (BUILDING IN FAITH, PERSONNEL, STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE)

Each of us can contribute to making a positive change. No matter how small.

Our givings make it possible for us to offer faithful ministry!

Please read this information and prayerfully consider how you can respond on

Stewardship Sunday, November 26, 2017

(when you offer your Estimate of Givings form for 2018)

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

INVESTMENT \$163,300

Worship is at the heart of who we are as Christians; praising God, giving thanks, offering our gifts, talents and our lives to God in loving response to God's grace. We celebrate the vibrancy of our worship services, where we gather as a community of faith to celebrate God's presence and respond to God's call to service in our world. Each week, our ministry personnel, working with our choir director/organist, Children and Youth Program Leader and Worship Committee, prepare the weekly worship services. We have a strong tradition of involving lay members in leadership in our worship. We offer worship each week at 10:30 a.m. and special worship services at other times.

- ministry leadership in worship and preaching
- worship resources
- church school curriculum and children and youth programs
- instruments, choir, music, and staff hymn books and projection
- funerals, weddings, baptisms and official church records
- banners and decorations
- scripture readers
- supplies - bulletins, offering envelopes, etc.
- hymn books and projection
- special services
- appropriate technologies
- space for worship and preparation
- small group ministries, theme study, speakers' series, and discussion groups
- adult & youth faith exploration
- baptism orientation classes
- Scarboro Arts Ministry
- youth leaders and qualified childcare staff
- ushers, greeters, and other volunteers

WELCOMING OUR COMMUNITY

INVESTMENT \$154,300

Here at Scarboro we seek to show God's love in tangible ways that make a difference in people's lives. We offer ongoing care and support to all members and friends of our congregation and through outreach to our local and international community. We are an affirming church that celebrates people of faith no matter how they identify themselves or whomever they choose to love. Throughout the year, we reach out beyond this budget and provide additional support and funding to special projects as needs are identified. These projects may be in our local community or farther afield and include the Benevolent Fund, Christmas Hampers Program, Refugee Fund, and Women's Talking Stick Circle.

- staff time, travel expenses, and space
- visits to hospitals and seniors' residences
- women's groups, such as the Elda Daniels Group
- 'Scarboro In Touch' program to reach all people in the church
- premarital and marital counselling
- bereavement counselling and new member visits
- work with and through the LGBTQ community
- milestone ministries to mark significant life occasions
- newsletter distribution to all families
- coffee/social time before and after worship
- Mission and Service support- 7 ½% of all contributions
- support for presbytery/district and Conference work
- local initiatives for justice and care for the earth
- special appeals for emergency response both local and international
- Scarboro Café - a place to enjoy music and fellowship

We are called to support the church building and to administer our financial resources as stewards of the gifts we have been given. In addition to providing a home for our worship services and extensive outreach activities, our church building provides affordable rental space for many arts groups (Foothills Brass, various Adult and Children's choirs, various dance groups) and for many addiction control groups (AA, NA, CA, Al-Anon). We also serve as an affordable meeting place for other not-for-profit organizations, who would have difficulty arranging for their events. It is imperative to provide a safe and well maintained building to support our long time and future users with a welcoming place to support the work they do. And as an 'arts-based' destination church, we support musical programs and concerts throughout the year in our beautiful sanctuary and the brand new "Marilyn Perkins - Memorial Hall".

-staff time, travel expenses, and space

-providing affordable rentals to outside groups who use our space for rehearsals and concerts, through Scarboro Arts Ministry,

-providing safe and confidential meeting space for addiction groups

-providing affordable and easily accessible space for other not for profit groups

-providing a safe and accessible building for persons with mobility issues

-IT services, financial services and human resources services, as needed

-managing the "Building in Faith" fund as we plan for the next stages of our building re-development