

Saints Alive! Living Generously



As Living Saints of Lafayette United Methodist Church, your generous gifts enable us to *Experience and Express Christ's Love* in a multitude of ways. Our projected 2012 budget of \$332,965 will be used in the following ways to fulfill our mission.

Giving is our reflection of Christ's generosity, a means of participating in the work of God.
– Lauren Libby

Growing Faithful Disciples **48% of our projected 2012 budget: \$160,026**

Our primary mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ is implemented through worship, Sunday school, choral music, youth groups, small groups for spiritual formation, youth confirmation, an all-church retreat and more.



Averaging 30 children in our Sunday school, \$40 provides curriculum for one student each year. Our youth director provides a balanced program of spiritual formation, service, and fun for 40 youth active in our various youth ministries. Sunday worship is enhanced by choral anthems lifting a new song to the Lord; a new anthem costs approximately \$60. Our pipe organ is serviced every year for \$1,000. 73% of our staff time (\$139,155) goes toward our ministry of disciple-making.

Expressing Saintly Service 21% of our projected 2012 budget: \$68,722

United Methodists have a rich heritage of spreading the good news of God's love beyond our own circle of concern. We do so by sharing our time, talent, and treasure with various ministries and agencies – local, nationally, and globally.



While the youth participants contribute to their Sierra Service Project mission and raise additional funds, the congregation pays for the four adults who accompany them each summer (\$360 each). We contribute toward local and global ministries serving college students; families seeking housing; students in Afghanistan; persons living with AIDS.

We support advocacy ministries for social justice and interfaith relationships. Our campus is utilized by nearly twenty organizations, part of LUMC's service to the community. 5% of our staff time (\$16,195) supports our outreach to the community and beyond.



By pooling our resources, United Methodists do amazing ministry, including:

- build new churches;
- support missionaries in developing countries;
- offer summer camps for children, youth, and young adults;
- provide theological seminaries that train pastors
- fund continuing education for pastors;
- participate in ecumenical & interfaith organizations;
- contribute to Africa University in Zimbabwe.

Cultivating Sacred Space
31% of our projected 2012 budget: \$104,217

Our beautiful, historic church campus provides a “home base” for making disciples who are sent into the world in service.



LUMC’s monthly bill for gas and electricity ranges from \$535 to \$1,550! Our monthly phone bill, including Yellow Page Advertising, is \$240. 22% of staff time (\$48,490) is spent managing building use, cleaning, and caring for the facility. The Board of Trustees hires contractors for building maintenance not handled by our volunteers.



God of Abundant Grace, I am grateful to be a Saint Alive participating in the ministry of Jesus Christ through Lafayette United Methodist Church. My faith is strengthened as I worship, serve, and share with fellow disciples on the journey. Guide my daily living and my giving, that they will be a worthy reflection of my gratitude for your blessings. Lead our congregation into deeper faithfulness as we seek to honor the name and ministry of Jesus Christ. Amen.

