



2011 Narrative Budget

St. Mark's United Methodist Church has constructed a bold plan of ministry to continue our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We celebrate a great history but commit ourselves to even more ministry in 2011. Join us in this faith journey as we become the hands and feet of Christ from the corner of Magee and La Cañada.

Our Plan of Ministry

A. To provide meaningful, life-changing worship every week of the year.

We continue to provide three services in the sanctuary each Sunday: traditional services at 8:15 and 9:45 and a contemporary service, *The Gathering*, at 11:15. We also offer a Wednesday evening meal/service in Fellowship Hall at 5:45. Special services are held throughout the year following the liturgical calendar. Easter and Christmas Eve services are special at St. Mark's and present our greatest opportunity to reach the most people. We are blessed to have a rich music tradition that enriches our worship. The Chancel Choir, Folk Choir, Praise Team, Bell Choir, *For Peter's Sake* Youth Band, Children's Choir and our accompanists ensure that each service is a moving experience. Our Worship Committee prepares the sanctuary and chapel so an inspirational atmosphere exists for each service. We pray that attendance at each of these services continues to grow and that lives and hearts are transformed. We are a welcoming congregation and strive to live the motto of "*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.*"

(This total includes a percentage of the pastors and staff salary and benefits, the music director and accompanists' salary, insurance, maintenance and utilities.)

Budget Total \$391,921

B. To nurture people in their faith journey.

At St. Mark's, we believe a person's faith journey is never over. That is why we constantly work to discern how to help each other grow in our relationship with God. The Church Growth and Hospitality Committee focuses its efforts on community outreach and internal member support by reaching out to members, both present and potential. The Health and Wholeness Ministry promotes the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual health and well being of the congregation. The Membership Care Committee provides ministry through contact and support to our homebound members -- those sick and grieving -- by visiting and providing meals and communion. St. Mark's offers visitors and members the opportunity to deepen their faith. It makes no difference if you are 1 year old or 101.

There is always room to be closer to Christ. This ministry is supported by all of our education committees including Family Ministry and Nursery Enrichment, Children's Christian Education, Youth Ministry, and Adult Education. Each of these areas has new and exciting educational opportunities in

2011, and growth is planned for each one. Social Principles are an important part of the Methodist tradition and we have the opportunity to learn about and advocate for our world, community, and environment through the efforts of the Church and Society Committee and Green Team.

(This total includes a percentage of the pastors and staff salary and benefits, insurance, maintenance, and utilities.)

Budget Total \$446,580

C. To witness to our faith in service beyond ourselves.

St. Mark's is a church known for its mission commitment. We have a deep understanding that Christ's work is done by Christ's people. For 2011, the St. Mark's congregation committed 10% of the operating budget to missions. Part of this commitment is sent from St. Mark's as part of our apportionment gift to the greater United Methodist Church, which designates money to missions through the World Service Fund, Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, and the Ministerial Education Fund, supporting those called to ministry; Our Missions Committee discerns the allocation for the remainder of our commitment. This year that allocation is more than \$38,000. Each month a "mission moment" is lifted up so congregation members may experience the difference their gifts make in God's world.

Total Budget \$105,315

D. Apportionments – supporting the greater United Methodist Church

The main way we support the ministries of the United Methodist Church is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches. Funds not dedicated to missions include the Episcopal Fund, supporting our bishops and their ministry; and the General Administration Fund, supporting the general activities of the greater church.

Total Budget \$109,567

Total of our 2011 Intentional Budget \$1,053,383