

Greenfield Hill Church Budget: A Snapshot

What goes into the making of a healthy church?

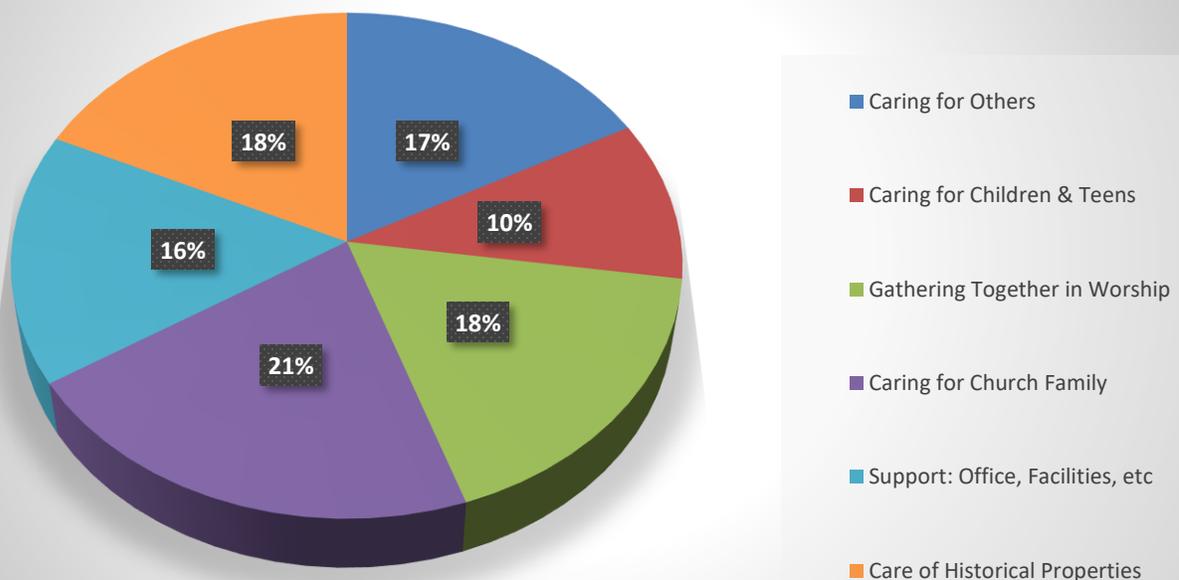
It's in the Christ-like spirit of its members: in the love, compassion, faith and hope lived out in their lives.

It's in the way that it uses its material blessings: caring for a hurting world, tending with kindness to those in the family who are in need, welcoming and teaching children the way of Christ's love, worshiping and praising God together, and seeing to the wellbeing of the church itself ... so that future generations will also have a church home.

And it's in the joyful giving of its members: in the generosity and enthusiasm of each member of the "body of Christ," as they offer time and talent in tangible ways to keep their church lively, loving, and thriving.

Greenfield Hill Church is blessed to be a healthy church: thanks to its wonderful church family! In the generous giving of its members, and in the wise and caring way its gifts are used, Greenfield Hill lives out its call to be both a sanctuary and a witness in this world. The graphs below illustrate in a simple, concrete way how GHCC's yearly support is used. A detailed explanation of each category can be found on the back of this sheet.

Expenses, by category (includes staff hours)



Your gifts at work!

Caring for our Children and Teens -- Education and Youth Groups

Church School, overseen by director Marcia Carothers, offers classroom learning and mission experiences for children from 2 through 7th grade, as well as the fun of the kids' choir. GHCC's three youth groups, run by Alida Ward, provide fellowship and service opportunities for pre-teens and teens from 4th grade through 12th grade, and involve over 400 church and community youth. Confirmation Class, for eighth graders, leads teens into an understanding of church and lived faith, as taught by both pastors.

Caring for Others -- Mission and Outreach

Our outreach as a church includes grants made by our Mission Board to organizations which help us extend the hands of love to others -- including our long-time partnerships with Pivot Ministries, Operation Hope of Fairfield, and the Appalachia Service Project. Through financial gifts, we touch the lives of thousands ... but our outreach is also hands-on, with of service opportunities and mission trips offered to our congregation from Bridgeport to Appalachia, and even to India.

Caring for our Church Family -- Pastoral Care and Fellowship

A church is not a church if it does not care for the hurting within its walls. Along with Rev. Brian Bodt, hired in 2022 to provide pastoral care, David and Alida spend significant time in counseling, visiting and caring for those in need, from the elderly shut-ins of our congregation to the young people facing challenges. And our Fellowship events and gatherings allow us to strengthen the bonds between us as a church family.

Gathering Together -- Worship and Music

At the heart of our life as a church family is our worship together: gathering to remember God's call upon our lives, to place our burdens before God in prayer, and to give thanks for God's presence among us. Our pastors' preaching, our musicians' contributions, and the joyful singing of our choir led by Michael Crowley all combine to create uplifting experiences of worship.

Caring for our Historic Properties

The beauty of our centuries-old physical plant draws visitors from all over New England, and rightfully so: we worship in a church that is postcard-pretty! But our five old buildings, including the two historic parsonages, require significant care each year -- from regular maintenance of old structures to crucial work such as the shoring up of the parsonage foundation. Sexton Jim Zalenski oversees maintenance of the buildings, and projects.

Support: Clerical Staff, Office Equipment, other

This category includes all that goes into supporting our ministry "behind the scenes," from our outstanding office staff (Roni Widmer and Kathy Russell), our Web/Livestream coordinator (Todd Jones) to all the basic tools of running a church, from paper to postage, from equipment to property insurance.