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Your Generosity Changes Lives!

Greetings,

To those of you who have been consistent, long-term supporters of Columbine United Church, we thank you! Your generous investment of time, your unique capacities, and your financial resources sustain and grow this ministry. You have helped Columbine face the future in a strong position, with an excellent staff, vibrant ministries, and an up-to-date building we can share with others. Thank you.

Will you consider giving to Columbine in the coming year? We invite you to take the first step and fill out an "estimate of giving" card so that we know your giving plans. This says, "I'm here, and I'm in." Automated giving is the easiest way to make your giving goals, so take time to do that online. At CUC, we are a community that believes generosity is how we live out our faith together.

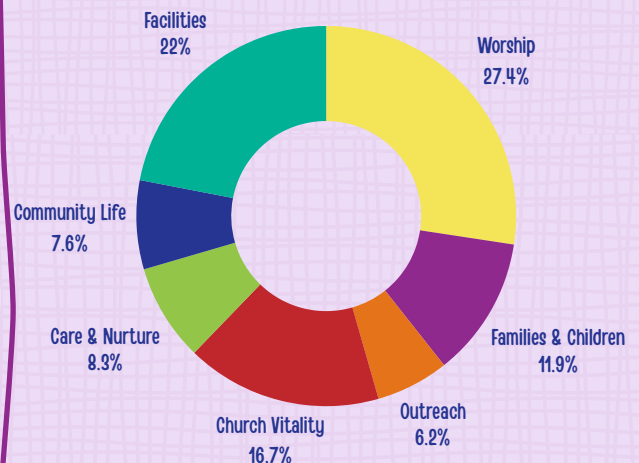
Thank you for your partnership in sustaining the future of the CUC.
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The Columbine United Church Staff, and the Generosity Team



COLUMBINE UNITED CHURCH

When we think about the generosity of so many individuals at CUC, we like to zoom out and look at the impact. Each of us giving generously combines into something powerful and life changing. Yes, some dollars are spent on cleaning products, donuts, and building repairs in addition to ministry; but combined, every dollar works toward a greater cause in our community and creates a space for shared life. So many lives come in and out of CUC that need love, care, and a place to be known. Your giving meets those needs. When you give your time, your talents, and your money lives are changed. This is the work of Columbine United Church.



How has your life been changed at Columbine United Church?



Every year, CUC is producing new ideas about how to love each other and our neighbors. This past year was no different. From the beginning of CUC Presents with its production of Godspell, to all-church retreats, and outreach ministries to migrants- Columbine United Church is alive and in motion. Your commitment in this coming year will result, not only in completion of the plans we already have, but the freedom to follow ideas yet to come.



Change Makers

“In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.
-1 Tim.6:19”



What does your generosity fund?

TOTAL FUNDING GOAL: \$ 925,000
Our fiscal year starts May 1, 2026

Church Vitality: 17% \$154,614

Thoughtful administration and effective communication are the foundation of church vitality. Our business and finance staff keep the church running. Our office receptionist and media designer welcome the community and communicate who we are through our online presence, website, social media, and newsletters. Our neighbors are looking for a progressive church like CUC and they find us online. 90% of first time visitors have found us online!



Inspirational Worship: 27% \$254,042

Worship is at the center of our community life. We gather on Sundays around food, music, and teaching to celebrate community, life together, the sacraments, and to be inspired in our faith. Your support sustains creative worship, preaching, and music on Sundays as well as vibrant programs for kids, security helpers, adult education, the coffee bar and breakfasts. In our traditional and contemporary services, welcoming folks is embodied in all of our Sunday morning happenings where everyone can find a place.



Youth, Children, and Families: 12% \$110,770

We are committed to growing and deepening our connections with families, children, and youth. Our staff and volunteers seek to create unique and meaningful spaces for faith formation by offering opportunities for kids to wonder, learn, and connect. This next year will be full of fun with VBS, camps, retreats, Sunday school, game nights, service projects, youth group, mission trips, and much more.

Care and Nurture: 8% \$76,543

All CUC participants are called to care for and support each other. Care is a top priority for the Pastors who visit the homebound, make hospital visits, and counsel people through difficult times. The Care Team keeps Joys and Concerns up to date and sends cards to CUC friends and members. We also extend care through offering support groups like ex-vangelical support. This is how we care for one another in the journey of life.



Facilities: 22% \$203,657

We have an updated multi-functional building and we have groups in our building every day of the week, all hours of the day. Our mortgage payment is \$60,000 annually on our \$650,000 mortgage. We open our facilities to outside groups such as OLLI, music recitals, concerts, yoga, and more. Our facilities budget covers staff, maintenance, and the occasional water heater leak. In 2026 we look forward to a new deck! Let's enjoy it!

Community Life: 8% \$70,051

Community life encompasses how we do fun, formation, and life together. It is the web that connects us as we grow. Community connection through small groups are a foundational value for Columbine. We look forward to our celebrations (Kick-Off Sunday, Shrimp Boils, picnics, and breakfasts) and learning together (small groups, adult education, retreats, and community service).



Outreach & Mission: 6% \$57,570

The Mission Team and newly formed Journey Together groups lead our vision for partnering with community organizations. We support 20 local and global organizations through volunteers, donations, and funding. A portion of this budget also supports the UCC, UMC and PC(USA) denominations in their advocacy, administration, and aid work.

