

From A to Z,
at Shandon Presbyterian Church, we're

All In

2024 Stewardship Campaign



Dear Shandon.

Every day, I give thanks to God that I am your pastor. I mean this with the utmost sincerity. I am overwhelmed with love for you on a regular basis and I am often (almost) sinfully proud of you. You, more than any congregation I have ever served, know what it is to be **All In**.

Earlier this fall, we began a new sermon series: *The Alphabet of Faith*. We have been reflecting upon alphabetic words that embody our faith community: acceptance, belonging, communion, (space for) doubt, enough, freedom, generosity, home, and imagination. At Shandon, we are **All In** on these theological ideas and more.

Even more, though, you practice an **All In** faith. There is room for everyone. Everyone has a place. Everyone is "in." With every passing day, we are reminded that the world around us does not always believe the same. In all we say and do, we point to an enduring hope in God's Promised Day. A day when swords will be beaten into plowshares, because it will make more sense to feed each other than fight each other. A day when justice will roll down like waters and we will be awash in compassion and dignity and rights for all people. A day when we will not just talk about God's shalom, we will experience it.

You are **All In** on the kingdom of God, Shandon. You always have been. You know that the kingdom can be noisy and boisterous and messy, because children always have something to teach us about God. You know that the kingdom sparkles with inclusion, because the marginalized members of society teach us that whenever we draw a line, God will always be found on the other side of it. You know that the kingdom creeps closer every time someone's gifts are recognized and amplified.

For us to continue living into the church God is calling us to be, **our budget for 2024 must increase**. General expenses have all increased. We are deepening our commitment to children's ministry and need to make sure our staffing model reflects this. The cost of every church event is higher because we have more people attending. And even as we expand the budget that serves our congregation, we are determined to keep expanding our outreach budget, as that keeps us looking beyond ourselves and making sure our faith does the same.

We need a 12% increase in pledges over last year's pledge total. That is to keep pace with ministry as we know it. To increase our ministry in significant ways, that percentage will need to be higher. Your faithful commitment of time, energy, imagination, and inclusion has brought us this far. Please prayerfully consider how your finances can keep us going.

Peace,
Jenny



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BEAUTY BELONGING BREAD COMMUNITY
CREATION COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP DOUBT
DREAMS EMBODIED ENOUGH FORGIVENESS
FREEDOM FRIENDSHIP GENEROSITY GOOD
GOSPEL GRACE HEAVEN HISTORY HOLINESS
HOME HOPE IMAGINATION INCARNATION
INCLUSION JOURNEY JOY JUSTICE KINDNESS
KNOWLEDGE LAUGHTER LEARN LIGHT LOVE
MEMORY MIRACLE MISSION MYSTERY
NEIGHBOR NEW NURTURE OPENNESS PEACE
PEOPLE PLAY PRAISE PRAYER QUESTIONS
RELATIONSHIPS RESURRECTION SABBATH
SACRAMENT SANCTUARY SERVE SHANDON
SPIRIT STEADFAST STORY STUDY THANKS
THEOLOGY TIME TRADITION TRUTH UNITY
VOCATION WATER WELCOME WINE WISDOM
WORSHIP ... AND YOU

THE ALPHABET OF FAITH | SHANDON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



How to Give

There are a number of ways to make a pledge (estimate your financial giving) to Shandon for 2024:

Pledge online with Realm

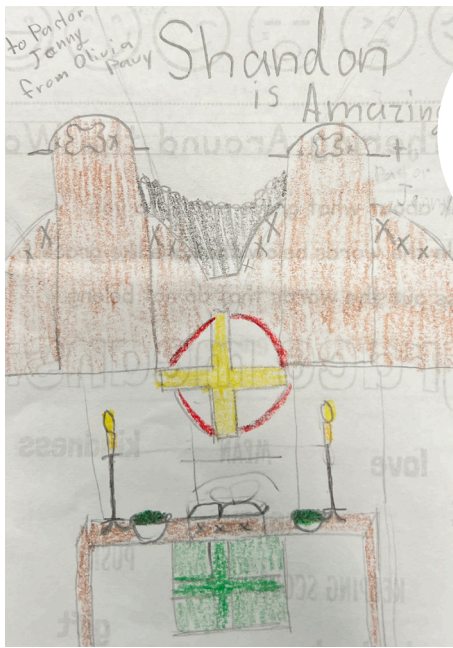
If you have a Realm account, go to onrealm.org; select *Giving*, then *Pledge*. (This does not affect recurring payments or automatic bank withdrawals.)

Return the enclosed pledge card

Fill out the enclosed pledge card and return it to SPC via USPS or in person.

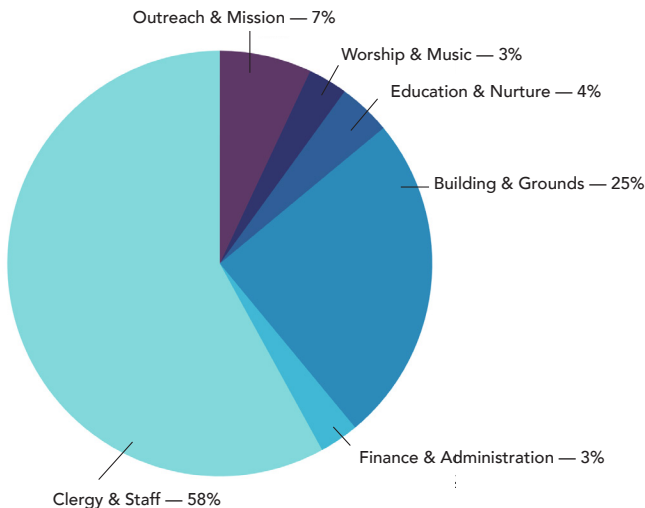
Pledge online via QR code





2024 Pledge Need: \$1.02 Million

This need is a 12% increase over our 2023 pledge total and will make it possible for us to continue living into the church God is calling us to be.



We report our budget directly and transparently. These percentages are drawn directly from our operating budget. Our 2024 projected budget for 2024 is **\$1.35 million**. To meet these expenses, our 2024 pledge goal is \$1.02 million.

The majority of our expenses are fixed costs, especially related to **Building & Grounds**. Operating and maintaining our church building, keeping our organ in good repair, and general upkeep of the Riddle Education Building, the McDonald Youth House, and the Live Oak Counseling Center are all built into our operating budget. Each of these is an important piece of our ministry.

Our greatest expense, however, is our staff. **It is an investment in people** – people we believe are called by God to serve alongside us in ministry. By investing in them, **they, in turn, invest themselves in the congregation**. We have assembled one of the finest staff teams anywhere in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our growing ministry – both in breadth and in depth – reflects this. -



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