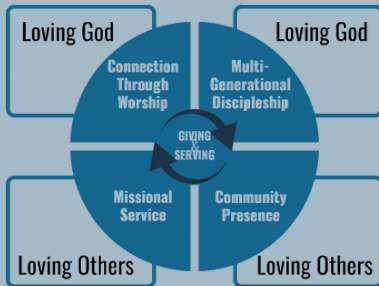


2024 ANNUAL REPORT

EBENEZER CHURCH

Transforming lives through Jesus Christ as we connect, heal, and bring hope to the world

Focus 2030



Multigenerational Discipleship

- We launched a pathway for discipleship called Stepping Stones.
- Pastor Emily led a study on Cultivating Grace in the Body of Christ.
- We helped children, students, and adults of all ages grow in faith as disciples.

2024 IN REVIEW

God is moving at Ebenezer. What a blessing to be part of all that God calls us to be. As we mark another year of ministry, God has been, is, and will always be faithful. We experienced blessings and challenges this year and hear Christ calling us forward.

We kicked off 2024 with a new strategic vision called Focus 2030. Our priorities, in following Christ's call to Love God and Love Others, are Connection Through Worship, Multigenerational Discipleship, Missional Service, and Community Presence. This shared ministry happens by the grace of God through all of us Serving and Giving together. We celebrate how God is moving in us.

Three Focus 2030 areas are highlighted below as we also highlight growing through Worship by recalling each of our sermon series for 2024. In January, we encouraged everyone to be All In on Focus 2030. The pastors created resources for a churchwide Lenten study of the Journey to the Cross through the gospel of Matthew. After Easter, we dug into evangelism preparing Good Dirt, followed by a study of the Lord's Prayer. In summer, we studied Leadership and Becoming More like Christ. In the fall, we delved into Greater Than, a study of the book of Hebrews. Then we put Faith in Action through stewardship. For Advent, we studied Portraits of Christmas, looking at characters within the story of the birth of Christ. It has been an amazing year of worship. We are grateful for the Praise Band, Choir, ushers and lay readers, the AV and Livestream Team, and all the greeters and Welcome Desk crew and other volunteers who bring worship to life.

Thank you to all the servant volunteers, leaders, and our incredible and gifted staff who help us live out God's call in this new vision. It has been a season of grace and God's guidance. As we kneel before our Lord at the close of this year, let us continue in 2025 to serve and grow in faith, grateful to be united in Christ for the mission ahead. Thanks be to God for each of you – and how we live out faith together!

Pastor Emily Moore-Diamond

Missional Service

- We packed over 30,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger.
- We provided gifts and food through Angel Tree.
- We packed backpacks for local schools through Build a Backpack, and Go Live Love bags for Rice and Beans Ministry.
- We filled 50 disaster recovery buckets for UMCOR and provided funding for an additional 50.
- We held our 14th annual Go for Bo race, raising money for Helping Children Worldwide in Sierra Leone.
- We grew 2,047 pounds of produce for our neighbors through Ebenezer Acre and were SERVE's produce donor of the year.

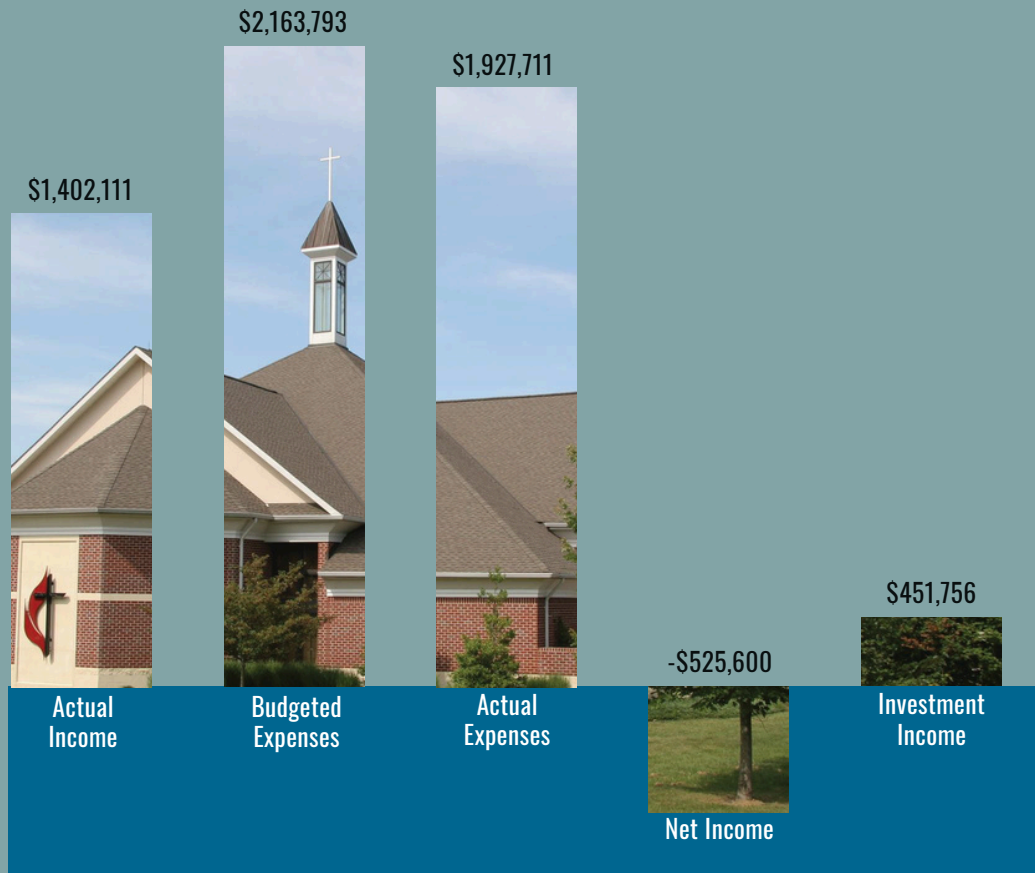
Community Presence

- We helped provide breakfast for incoming teachers for Stafford County and supported two elementary schools for their Field Days.
- We met neighbors at National Night Out and at our Tuesdays at the Park in Autumn Ridge.
- We held a community Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch for the Imagination Library.
- We provided space for the Red Cross Blood Drives, Systems of Self Defense classes, and opened the doors for many recreation and community groups to meet.

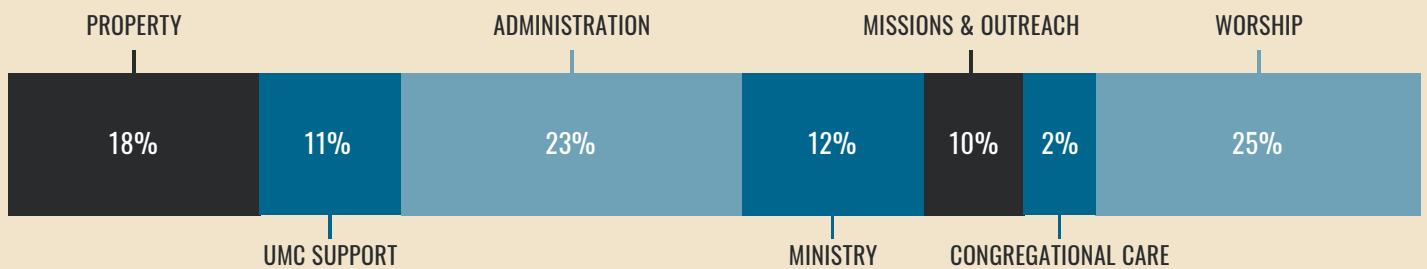
GENERAL FUND AT EBENEZER

Total General Fund income for 2024 was \$1,402,111. This is 12% less than our budgeted amount of \$1,600,000. Total General Fund expenses were also down compared to budget. Total expenses were \$1,927,711, which was 11% less than planned. We ended the year with a deficit of \$525,600, which was 7% less than budgeted.

Our investment income was a great boost to the financial situation with an additional \$451,756 net of expenses and excluding unrealized gains. After applying that income against the actual deficit, the church needed an additional \$73,844 from the general fund reserve to cover the expenses for the year.



WHERE WAS OUR MONEY SPENT IN 2024?



Property – costs of maintaining the physical church

UMC Support – includes apportionments paid to both the district and the conference

Administration – general expenses associated with supporting all aspects of the church’s mission, including general office, communications, finance, etc.

Ministry – includes children, student, young adult, and adult ministry expenses

Missions & Outreach – includes support of local, national and international mission partners and individual assistance

Congregational Care – includes counseling, connection services, and lay leadership

Worship – includes expenses associated with the pastors, worship leader, music ministry, and supplies associated with worship services