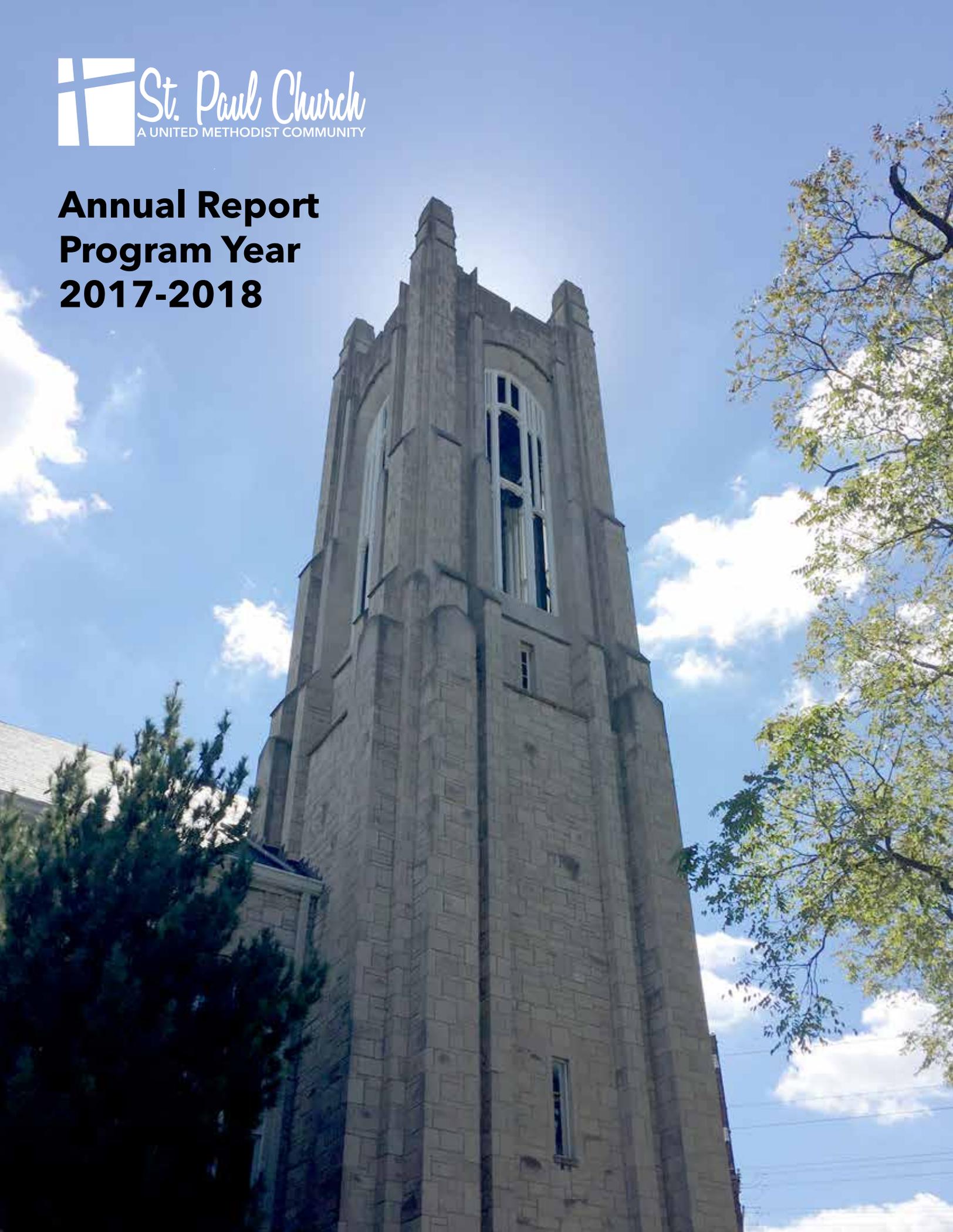




Annual Report Program Year 2017-2018



ST. PAUL CHURCH

Your commitment to St. Paul has made a real and lasting difference in the lives of this congregation and those who sojourn here. As you can see in the pictures throughout this report, we are a multi-generational church who enjoys being together for worship, fellowship, and study. The community we share gives us opportunities to encourage one another and serve our neighbors.



It's in our DNA to keep asking a simple question: "Lord, what do YOU want to do through me." During the Great Depression, in 1931 to be exact, the people of St. Paul felt led by God to construct our present sanctuary. For 103 years now, St. Paul has stood on the corner of Bardstown and Douglass as a visible sign of God's presence in the midst of our comings and goings.

Our magnificent windows tell the story of God's love and care for all creation. Another of my favorite things about the building is our three red front doors facing Bardstown Road. To me, these doors are a symbol of welcome and communicate the inclusiveness of our congregation. I shared that idea in a

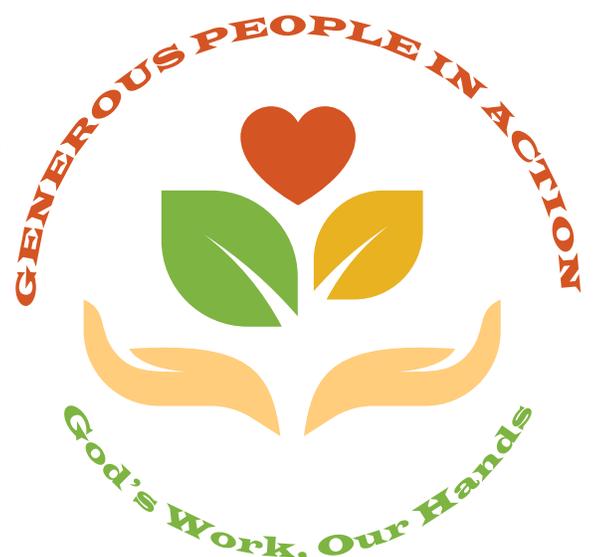
sermon, and a few days later, David Hartman came by my office and gave me a picture he drew of the three red doors. It hangs in my office, and every time I pass by it, I think of how he used his gift to bless me.

Looking at it now, I think of how God's answer to a hurting world is giving God's people gifts with which to bless others. Paul taught that we are given our gifts for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:7)

Our Stewardship Emphasis expresses what I have seen again and again here at St. Paul: "Generous People in Action; God's Work, Our Hands." So let's take some time to celebrate the ways that God continues to work in and through St. Paul United Methodist Church. We are grateful for your continued support.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace be yours in the name of the ONE who is Always faithful. Amen.

Pastor Darren





Worship and Music

St. Paul is a worshipping community and our worship overflows from our Sunday morning gatherings out into the world through our everyday lives. We gather as people from all walks of life and all of life's circumstances. We gather together with our joys, our sorrows, our questions, and our doubts. Through various styles of worship and various offerings of services, the Worship and Music ministry seeks to help form Christ in each worshiper to be the light of God in the world.

The Worship and Music ministry offers two traditional services at 8:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. We also worship in a more casual, contemporary style at KOINONIA on Sundays at 9:00a.m., which includes communion every Sunday. We offer contemplative,

healing worship through our Service of Sound and Silence on Wednesday evenings quarterly throughout the year. The music ministry performs and sponsors concerts in the beautiful sanctuary space. The Worship and Music ministry also helps form the next generations of worshipers by teaching them to sing the songs of faith through children's and youth choirs, as well as youth band.

Additionally, we offer opportunities for praise through instrumental music as a part of our Bells of St. Paul handbell ensemble and our St. Paul Orchestra, which perform several times throughout the year.

WORSHIP

167 Services for the Glory of God



8 Young People Confirmed



**2000 Attendees
BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL**



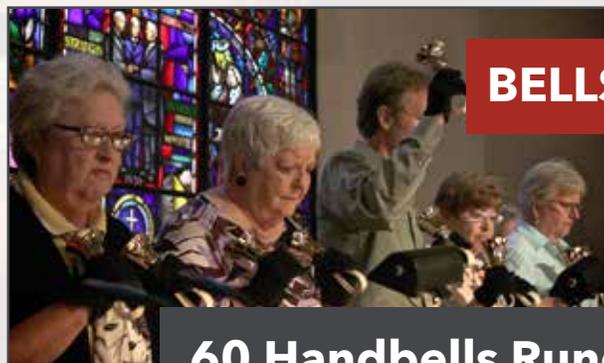
CHOIRS

25 Adults; 44 Youth; 47 Children



BELLS

60 Handbells Rung



Mission

St. Paul members have spread the love of God throughout our community and beyond. Helping the hungry, supporting Portland Promise Center, serving the people of Belize, sending diapers to the Henderson Settlement MIHOW (Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker) program, and providing life-giving resources through Heifer International.

\$21,500 Raised



25 VBS Kids Served



PORTLAND PROMISE

*"We were blessed by a group from St. Paul United Methodist Church ... the church members donated 3,429 diapers and 4,200 baby wipes to our MIHOW program. We are so grateful for their long and heartfelt support."
- Henderson Settlement*

150 Meals Packed and Delivered to Waller Williams School and Catholic Charities Food pantry



LOVE THE HUNGRY

BELIZE MISSION TRIPS

**\$6,338.36 Raised
14 Adults & 7 Youth
Serving 125 Kids**



**5 Water Buffalo
5 Bee Colonies
5 Flocks of Chicks
10 Sheep
5 Irrigation Pumps
6 Sets of Tree Seedlings
15 Rabbits
5 llamas
8 Goats
6 Pigs**

**HEIFER
INTERNATIONAL**

\$8,010 Donated

Discipleship and Spiritual Formation

The Discipleship and Spiritual Formation teams encompass our shared life as we seek to grow individually and as a community in our understanding of who we are as the body of Christ. Study and engagement in the practices that deepen our faith are crucial to Christian transformation. The story of scripture and the tradition of the Church are tools we can use to become more faithful disciples.

At St. Paul, members and friends are invited to practice discipleship and strengthen their faith through classes, small groups, guided meditation, retreats, and reading resources. Through these practices, individuals continue their journey into the heart of God. God is at work through the Spirit as we participate in practices and experiences that transform our hearts to become more Christ-like.

In the fall of 2017, our "Unseen" program opened Wesley Night to the outside community. Over 500 people attended the four-session series to engage in a valuable discussion on systemic race issues in our community. In response, other churches reached out to St. Paul to help them develop similar programs for their congregations and communities.

Our 2018 Touched Twice clinic saw 150 volunteers serving 90 guests who received medical, dental, and legal assistance, as well as food, clothing, and fellowship.

Two retreats at Valaterra treated 43 participants to a day of soul-nourishing sound, silence, movement, and story, while two weekly guided meditations groups served more than 40 souls.



UNSEEN

531 Hearts Challenged

"Unseen opened my eyes and heart to the systematic racism in my hometown." -Susan Stopher

SPAMS

30 Seniors Serving and Savoring



TOUCHED TWICE

140 Lives Touched



"I'd like to thank the wonderful church staff for medical service, dental, good luncheon, clothes, and bus tickets. You all are a blessing!"

- Touched Twice Guest

CHAPEL

Prayer



LABYRINTH EXPERIENCES



163 Spirits Moved

VALATERRA RETREATS



2 Retreats • 43 Souls Nourished

"We had a dozen people in the circle drumming and shaking rattles to one collective heartbeat. Just a very spiritual time in God's beautiful landscape."

- Lisa Blair



MEDITATION

40 Souls Quieted



PRAYER BEADS

175 Prayer Beads Delivered



CARE

30 Souls Comforted



"How appropriate that my word is Resourcefulness this year - so much so that I had a jewelry artist create a bracelet with my word engraved on silver. I wear it daily to remind me to heed the message in my faith and in my daily walk."

- Eilene Collins

STAR WORDS

450 Hearts Inspired

"Working with shut-ins has changed my life drastically. It is a true privilege and honor to meet with these wonderful people ... [They] enjoy talking about God, Jesus, love and grace. It certainly strengthens my faith ... as I hope it does theirs."

- Ann Riedling

Youth

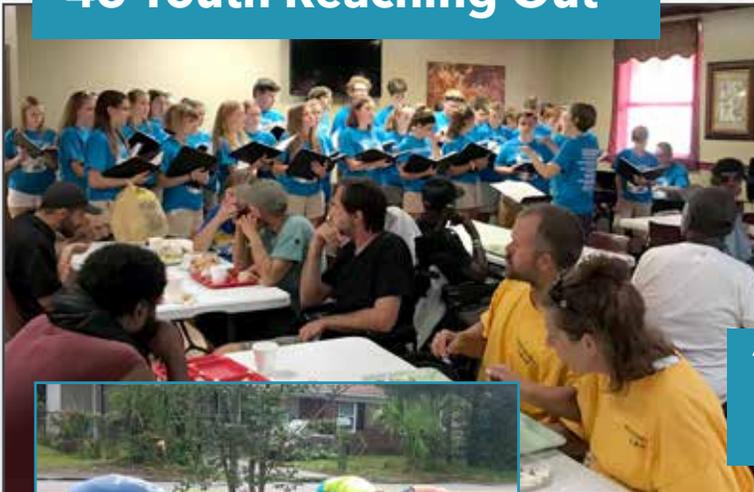
The youth at St. Paul have many different personalities and interests, but one of the clearest ways you can see their commonality is in their willingness to say yes when it comes to living as disciples. While on the FUSION 2018 tour (a week-long trip the youth choir and youth group take annually), the youth of St. Paul touched lives at a nursing home, homeless mission agency, and boys' home - shaking hands with the elderly, serving food and sharing meals with the homeless, and playing games with boys' home residents.



Again and again, these youth move beyond their comfort zones to share the love of Christ. They do not sit idly by when they're called to put their faith into action. They do not complain when it's inconvenient to put their faith into action. These youth seize the opportunities placed in front of them by saying yes. They travel outside of their homes to meet people who are different from themselves; they demonstrate compassion and understanding. They are dedicated to living their faith and exploring their spirituality and should be encouraged as they continue to say yes. These youth are not the church of the future; they are the church of the present.

FUSION

46 Youth Reaching Out



*"I've made my best friends in the youth group at St. Paul."
- Multiple youth members*

SENIOR BANQUET

45 Youth & Loved Ones



PROJECT SERVE

12 Youth Serving Others



FUN TIMES!

25 Movie Night Watchers
22 Lock-In Participants
17 Holiday World Revelers
20 Bats Game Fans



Children

Children are a vital part of St. Paul. They are our contributors, attendees, and members. These children are part of the church now, not just the future, and for this reason, it's vital that they feel valued and connected at St. Paul. The Children and Family Team provides opportunities for them to connect and grow in their faith. Amy Bishop, the Director of Children and Family Ministries, creates a team of volunteers who show up every Sunday morning to teach children about Jesus and living a life following Christ.



MUSIC CAMP

74 Participants & Volunteers

TWEENS

15 Kids Growing Together



SUNDAY SCHOOL

40 Children Learning



The Children and Family team isn't just committed to the kids who run around St. Paul, but rather, all of God's children. That's why you can often find the team planning opportunities designed for all kids in the community. This past program year, they hosted their annual Fall Festival and Breakfast with Santa. Before Lent began, they gathered over 100 people in McAdams Hall for a Fat Tuesday dinner. In April, they partnered with the Spiritual Formation team to host the Easter Eggpalooza. These community events provided another avenue to bring people from different walks of life together and share Christian community.

FUN TIMES!

Fat Tuesday
Easter Eggpalooza
Vacation Bible School
Back to School Bash
Fall Festival
Breakfast with Santa

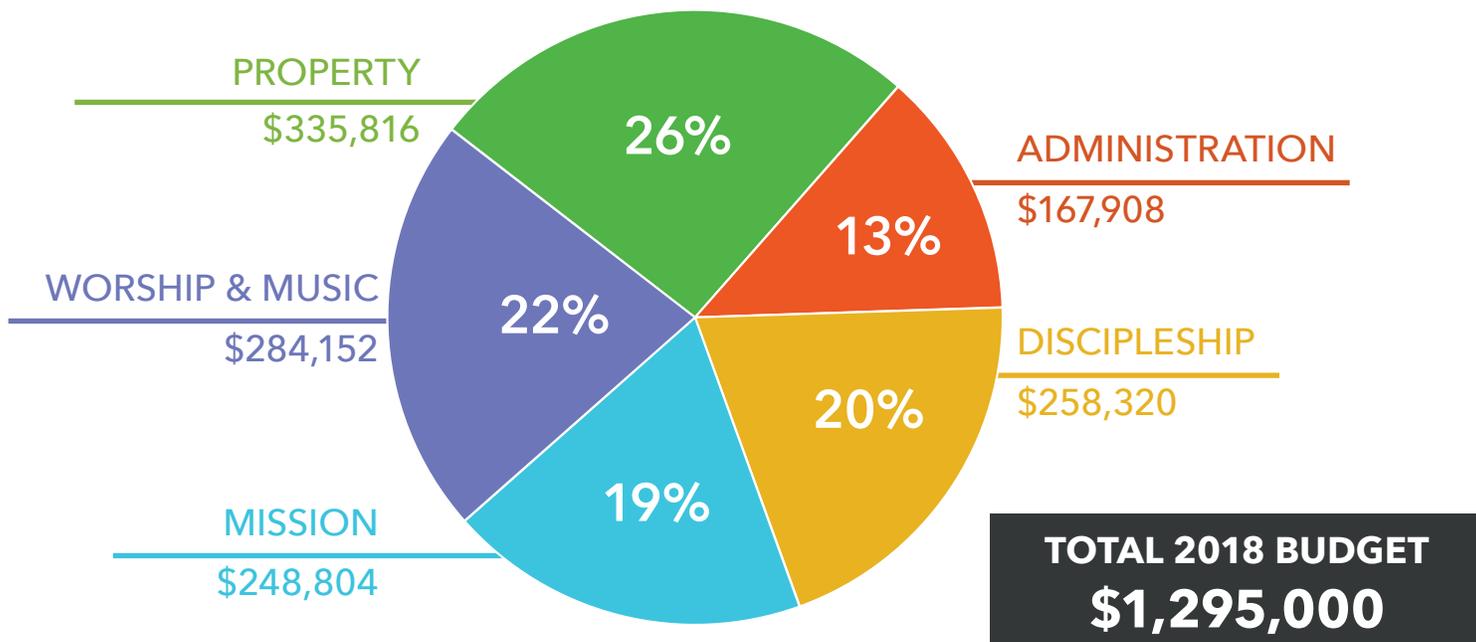


CHILDREN'S CHURCH

30 Kids Worshiping

Finances

2018 BUDGET OVERVIEW



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

St. Paul's contributions to the Kentucky Conference fund mission and ministry happening in our region, nation, and world, such as: camp and retreats, college ministries, natural disaster relief, and minister education.

\$133,866

**HIGHLAND
COMMUNITY
MINISTRIES**

\$5,000



**ENDOWMENT
AS OF JUNE 2018**

\$1,201,752.41

NON-BUDGETED GIVING BY ST. PAUL MEMBERS

The St. Paul community went above and beyond this past year. On top of donations made directly to St. Paul, this community also contributed to the Portland Promise Center, Waller Williams School, Heifer International, and the Good Samaritan Fund -- which provides emergency assistance.



SERVICE



WORSHIP



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