



AMITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





Amity Family,

As we move into the new year together, I find myself in awe of all that God is doing here among the saints of Amity Church and who we're becoming as God's people. It seems like I say this every year, but 2022 was a year of meaningful change for our congregation. If 2020 was the year God taught us to be flexible and adapt, and 2021 was the year we dreamed of our future together with God, then 2022 was the year we began to build a solid foundation for those holy dreams.

We restructured our committees into Ministry Teams based on our congregational visioning process, and the Food Justice, Safe Space, and Community Connections teams began their work. The Congregational Life team kept us joyfully worshipping and gathering as we settled into a post-pandemic rhythm. The Property, Administrative, and Finance teams faithfully kept our ministry wheels turning, equipping the church to live out Christ's call.

We have been blessed by the gifts and presence of Isaiah Cornelius, our new Director of Music, who got the choir singing again! Thanks be to God for Isaiah, and for all the Amity musicians who step in and step up to lead us in praising God. In the fall, we welcomed Sarah Simmons, a ministry intern from Union Presbyterian Seminary. What a blessing she has been!

It would take too many pages to name all the beautiful things and people we experienced at Amity last year, so this report can only be a snapshot of all that beauty. And even with the goodness in 2022, we were no strangers to sorrow. As a church family, we said goodbye to many loved ones, saw each other through illness, grief, and struggle, and too often felt the heartbreak of national tragedy. These are the moments we truly learn what it means to be the church and to be Christ's love with and for one another.

I could sing Amity's praises for days, and you all have stories even I don't know. What I do know, and what I give thanks to God for, is that together we get to meet Jesus in each other. And we get to shine Jesus' light in the world! Through your faithful listening to the Holy Spirit's movement, we've been dreaming big dreams. Through your faithful giving of gifts and time, God has been doing powerfully big things here among us. And through your faithful financial giving, trusting in the Lord who provides, there continues to be enough for us to follow Christ's call into the future together.

Keep dreaming, church! And expect to be surprised.

With gratitude,

Pastor Megan



Rev. Megan Argabrite
pastormegan@amitypc.org



2022 BUDGET IN ACTION

Loving: Worship & Care

Worship is what makes us a church. We believe we are called together to give our hearts to God in worship and to care for each other as only the church can. Money in this area pays our **pastor and musicians** for their gifts and preparation time, for a **sanctuary** where we can gather to worship, and for **supplies and resources** that help make our worship clear and meaningful, as well for home and hospital **visitation and congregational care** efforts.

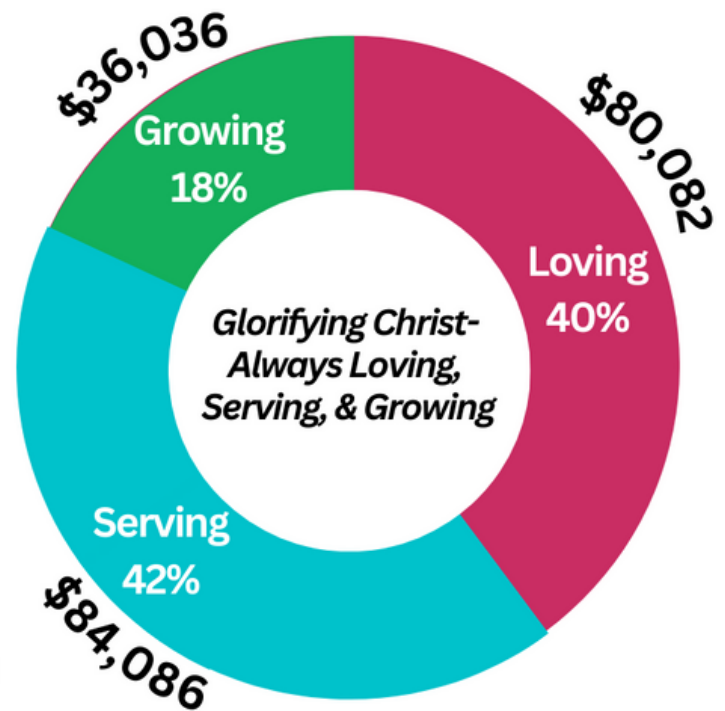
Serving: Outreach & Missional Connection

Scripture calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to alleviate suffering and stand for justice. Money in this area supports our presbytery and local missional giving by directly meeting **emergency needs for our neighbors** and church members such as **food, housing, and help with utilities**. It pays the **pastor and staff** for their efforts in responding to those needs and connecting with the community. The bulk of this portion of our budget goes into the **care, maintenance, and use of our church building and grounds** to allow us to host the **8+ ministry partner** organizations that call Amity home.

By keeping the lights on and the doors open, we get to be a **safe and joyous place** where kids learn music and martial arts, people find a sacred place to pray, addicts find strength in community, hungry bellies are filled, and people meet Jesus. While the budget only represents a fraction of our direct mission giving, God is glorified in how we serve our neighbors through the sharing of our space and our people.

Growing: Fellowship & Discipleship

Shaping and nurturing our faith is a lifelong commitment. Jesus calls his followers "disciples," and we believe there is always room to grow: grow deeper, grow closer, grow in number, grow in courage and faith. Money in this area provides for **curricula and resources** for Christian education, **clean and safe rooms** to gather, **background checks** for staff and volunteers, **VBS supplies**, and **fellowship** within the congregation. It pays the **pastor and staff** for their work to keep the congregation connected, learning, and growing. As a church, we laugh, cry, eat, learn, celebrate, and stand with one another, and commit to simply **being together** through all life's moments.



Total 2022 Expenditures: \$200,204

Unbudgeted Missional Giving	\$14,173
Wednesday Food Ministry: Bulb Weekly Market & Amity Food Pantry	\$9,691
On-The-Spot Urgent Needs	\$300 - \$400
10 Cents A Meal	\$2,419
Winterfield Elementary School Supplies	\$1,090
Joy Offering	\$311
One Great Hour Offering	\$362

BY THE NUMBERS

A BUDGET DOESN'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY



We do a lot here at Amity. When we stop and think about the ins and outs of all the ministry we make happen, and all the work that goes on here, it turns out that we do even more than we imagine. Many of the things we do don't cost a dime, because so many of you donate your time and energy. You stock the pantry and you straighten the pews for worship. You mow the lawn and sing in the choir and count the offering, and when it comes right down to it, this place would be sunk if it weren't for the abundant generosity so many of you demonstrate with your time, energy and resources. Here's a glimpse of 2022 at Amity. But of course, there's so much more to tell.

WORSHIP & CARE



4 VIRTUAL & 48 IN-PERSON, LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

So long, COVID closures!



1 NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

"Sing to the Lord a new song!"
Isaiah (Cornelius) 42:10



13 ANTHEMS SUNG BY THE CHOIR

Music offered and music enjoyed, all to the glory of God.



100+ CARDS SENT TO AMITY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Messages of love and care for each one.



4 PEOPLE ON THE AV TEAM

It takes a team to keep the sound, video, & livestream working!



10 CELEBRATIONS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

At Amity, all are welcome at the Lord's Table.

OUTREACH & MISSION



8 MINISTRY PARTNERS

From prayer space, to music, to food and support groups- Amity Church embraces & serves.



84 CHILDREN & YOUTH IN MUSIC AND JIUJITSU
These children of the church come to Amity EVERY WEEK!



61+ LIGHTBULBS CHANGED

Thanks be to God for the Property Ministry who keeps our light shining!



4 NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN BEDS

We laid the foundation to grow with others.



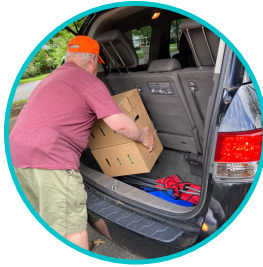
3 CSO COMMUNITY CONCERTS

We partnered with the Charlotte Symphony to host free concerts for our neighbors.



2 CARLOADS OF GIFTS FOR WINTERFIELD ELEM. KIDS

Sharing Christmas joy and school supplies!



46 WEDNESDAY MARKETS

With our partners at *The Bulb*, we got produce to the people!



1,607 HOUSEHOLDS & 6,419 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Our Wednesday Food Ministry continues to grow and provide fresh, healthy food to neighbors.



25,936 POUNDS OF FOOD GIVEN

Given with joy and without condition. The Wed. market and Amity Pantry make a difference.



2 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Growing in wisdom, together.



8 MINISTRY TEAMS

Using our gifts, time, and resources to serve God.



3 RULING ELDERS INSTALLED & 1 TEACHING ELDER ORDAINED

Faithful leaders who answer God's call.



18 KIDS AT VBS

It was a joy to welcome kids to our 1st Bible School since before the pandemic!



6 ACTIVE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

From bookclub to circles, from breakfasts to crafts... it was good to gather.



1 BABY BORN

Welcome to the family, sweet Layla!



2022 MINISTRY TEAMS

PROPERTY MINISTRY

Team Lead: Tom Phlegar

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY

Team Lead: Cheryl Foster

FINANCE MINISTRY

Team Leads: Bill Ross,
Ella Sue Stokes

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY

Mission Statement: The Congregational Life Ministry Team will encourage and facilitate the spiritual growth of the full congregation, and organize the overall needs of the church in the areas of worship, congregational care, and special programs.

Team Lead: Donna Dobson

SAFE SPACE MINISTRY

Mission Statement: With focus on physical space, congregational presence, and messaging, the Safe Space Ministry Team will work to ensure that here, among the people of Amity Church, each person will know and experience God's love- a love that protects the vulnerable and where all will find worth and belonging.

Team Lead: Monica Pittsenbarger

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Mission Statement: The Community Connections Ministry Team aims to build and deepen relationships with our neighbors by ensuring the ministry and message of Jesus Christ through the Amity Church family is visible throughout the surrounding communities. This team supports the other ministry teams in their work of meeting the needs of our neighbors without expectation, and providing opportunities for fellowship and friendship.

Team Leads: Ava Williams, Bing Michael, Debi McClintock

FOOD JUSTICE MINISTRY

Mission Statement: The Food Justice Ministry Team will work toward food justice and equity in our community by fighting food insecurity and hunger.

Team Lead: Julie Corder, Neill McLaughlin

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Ron Talton

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair: Danielle Brassington

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Chair: Dick Houston

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: George Foster

STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM

Leads: Monica Pittsenbarger,
Ava Williams





THE YEAR TO COME

2023 BUDGET

2023 Amity Budget Comparison

<u>Income</u>		<u>Actual 2022</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
Pledged Offering	(2022 Budget: \$119,720)	\$145,367	\$122,000
Non-pledged Offering		\$25	-
Non-Pledged Memorials		\$3,687	-
Loose Offering		\$1,640	-
Facility Use Donations		\$6,800	\$7,000
Sales Tax Refund		\$1,409	\$1,750
Prayer Room Rent		\$4,800	\$4,800
Presbytery Utility Usage		\$1,935	\$2,000
Presbytery Rent		\$29,712	\$30,400
Net Income Life Insurance		\$2,126	-
Total Income	(\$164,819)	\$197,501	\$167,950

Expenses

Fellowship Committee		\$258.00	-
Admin. Committee Payroll	(\$93,422)	\$86,620.00	\$106,256
Admin. Committee Operating Expenses		\$22,483.00	\$28,090
Christian Education Committee		\$459.00	\$550
Property Committee		\$79,005.00	\$83,244
Worship Committee	(\$4,950)	\$8,284.00	-
Missions		\$2,400.00	\$2,400
Finance Committee		\$700.00	\$1,100
Congregational Care		\$0.00	-
Stewardship		-\$5.00	\$100
Publicity/Outreach		\$0.00	-
Total 2022 Expenses	(\$208,352)	\$200,204.00	

New Ministry Team Budgeted Expenses

Congregational Life Team	-	\$6,810
Food Justice Team	-	\$1,500
Safe Space Team	-	\$2,000
Community Connections Team	-	\$500
Total 2023 Expenses		\$232,550

Net Loss (2022 Budget Faith Portion: \$43,533) **-\$2,703.00** **2023 Faith Portion: (\$64,600)**

Special Offerings 2022

Ten Cents Per Meal	\$2,419.00
Joy Offering	\$311.00
Winterfield Supplies	\$1,090.00
One Great Hour	\$362.00
Total YTD Special Offering	\$4,182.00



LEADERSHIP

ELDERS & STAFF

Elders Currently Serving

Class Of 2023

Julie Corder
Debi McClintock
Monica Pittsenbarger

Class Of 2024

Lynne Hutchins
Neill McLaughlin
Bill Ross

Class Of 2025

Faye Castle
Bing Michael
Ava Williams

Clerk of Session: Faye Castle

Vice-Clerk: Julie Corder

Corporate Officers

President: Monica Pittsenbarger

Secretary: Faye Castle

Vice-President: Debi McClintock

Treasurer: Bill Ross

Staff



ADRIAN BOYD

Church Secretary



ISAIAH CORNELIUS

Director of Music



TINA EMMONS

Financial Assistant,
Facilities & Care Coordinator



SARAH SIMMONS

Seminary Intern
Sept. 2022 - April 2023



BEVERLY HANFT

Newsletter Editor



**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH
OUTREACH**

