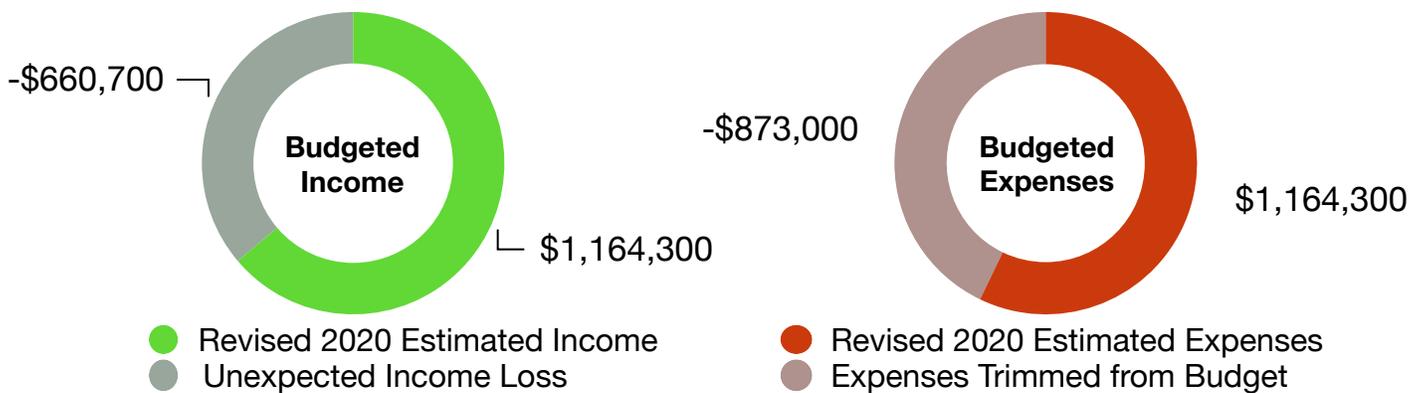


When the 2020 budget for Community UMC was set in 2019 the expenses were set at \$2,037,600. At the same time anticipated income for 2020 was set at \$1,825,000. So at the beginning of the year a \$212,600 shortfall was already expected for 2020. As the year began Community Church experienced the disruptions to clergy and staff leadership and the reality of COVID-19 cancelling all in-person activities. The downward trend of giving carrying over from 2019 combined with these realities to show a forecast model of Community being without money to pay expenses by June 2020.

Thus, changes to staffing were made as hours were cut and positions were eliminated and/or not filled after departures. All but necessary expenses were stopped. UMDf, our lender, even gave us a three-month reprieve on the mortgage payments. Weekly giving in several weeks between March and May dropped below \$10K.



This meant that adjustments had to be made once a reconstituted Finance Team had a handle on income trends, payroll and expenses. With these in hand an adjusted budget of \$1,164,300 was set by Finance as the working figure to help guide Community UMC through the remainder of the 2020 calendar year.



With \$815,200 of non-restricted giving through the end of July, Community's estimated needed income for the balance of the year would be \$349,100 — the needed weekly income being around \$20,000 to meet our expenses and to continue to go above and beyond to fulfill our obligations to Missions and the Western PA Conference.

The last 6 weeks, including our three weeks back in the Worship Center, we have averaged \$19,770 in giving each week. And our attendance at in-person worship for those three weeks has been 254, 235 and 243 respectively — not counting those who are still choosing to worship by joining in online.

I am thankful for these positive and hopeful signs as we continue to find healing in being the church together in worship — and in ministry and mission. Please continue to give and support Community UMC with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness. We look forward to welcoming more ministries and programs back as safety and finances allow.

I am so grateful to the teams, ministry groups, countless volunteers and individuals who are seeing this rebuilding through, giving behind the scenes, offering presence in worship, and being constantly in prayer for their leaders and church — each giving so that Community Church might continue to follow Jesus and lead others to Him.

Blessings,  
Pastor Seth

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