

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

EBENEZER CHURCH

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

EXPANDING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- 67 New Members (including 33 students through Confirmation)
- 37 Baptisms (including 4 through the Love Your Neighbor Network)

2022 IN REVIEW

What a blessing to be part of all that God is doing at Ebenezer, Stafford, and beyond over the past year!

Our church is growing, as we welcomed 67 new members and celebrated 37 baptisms, each one an individual story of God at work in people's lives. We are moving forward making disciples by the grace of God in ministry onsite, online, and in the Love Your Neighbor Network offsite.

Adult Ministries offered many ways to find community and grow in faith. United Methodist Men and United Women In Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) relaunched with a renewed commitment to living out faith through service. Our Young Adult Ministry was revitalized with fall and winter gatherings, and our Empty Nest Ministry continued to foster learning and connection.

Children's and Student Ministries provided Christian growth opportunities for kids of all ages. Parents joined their children for our first in-person Vacation Bible School since COVID, KidzRock Sunday School students explored a new aspect of discipleship each month, and KidzChoir returned with a joyful Christmas program.

TNT middle school and Axis high school students thrived in weekly gatherings featuring large and small group discipleship, and on day and weekend retreats. In May, we celebrated 37 new confirmands. In June, high school students and adult leaders had an amazing Summer Mission Trip to Harrisburg, PA.

We continued to support our community through partnerships with local ministries including the Brisben Center, Micah Ministries, and many more. Ebenezer Acre was once again in full bloom, yielding 1,100 pounds of fresh produce for S.E.R.V.E. We brought smiles to area children through our Build A Backpack and Angel Tree programs and connected with neighbors through Tuesdays at the Park, National Night Out, and our Imagination Library Pumpkin Patch. At our 12th Annual Go For Bo, 400 runners raced the runway at Stafford Regional Airport to raise \$50,000 for the ministry of Helping Children Worldwide in Sierra Leone.

Thank you for living out God's love in real ways in 2022. May we continue to transform lives through Jesus Christ as we connect, heal, and bring hope to the world in 2023.

Pastor Emily Moore-Diamond

EQUIPPING OUR DISCIPLES

- 25 active small groups met on and off campus
- 33 7th, 8th & 9th graders completed Confirmation
- 37 high school students and 10 adult leaders served on the summer mission trip in Harrisburg, PA
- 80 students participated in day and weekend retreats in February and October
- 25 elementary students attended Communion Class in March
- 175 children and adults participated in Vacation Bible School: Family Edition in June
- 130 students enrolled in our Preschool
- KidzRock Sunday School packed 60 gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child in November
- 10 neighborhood churches welcomed 130 people for weekly worship and engagement

NURTURING OUR COMMUNITY

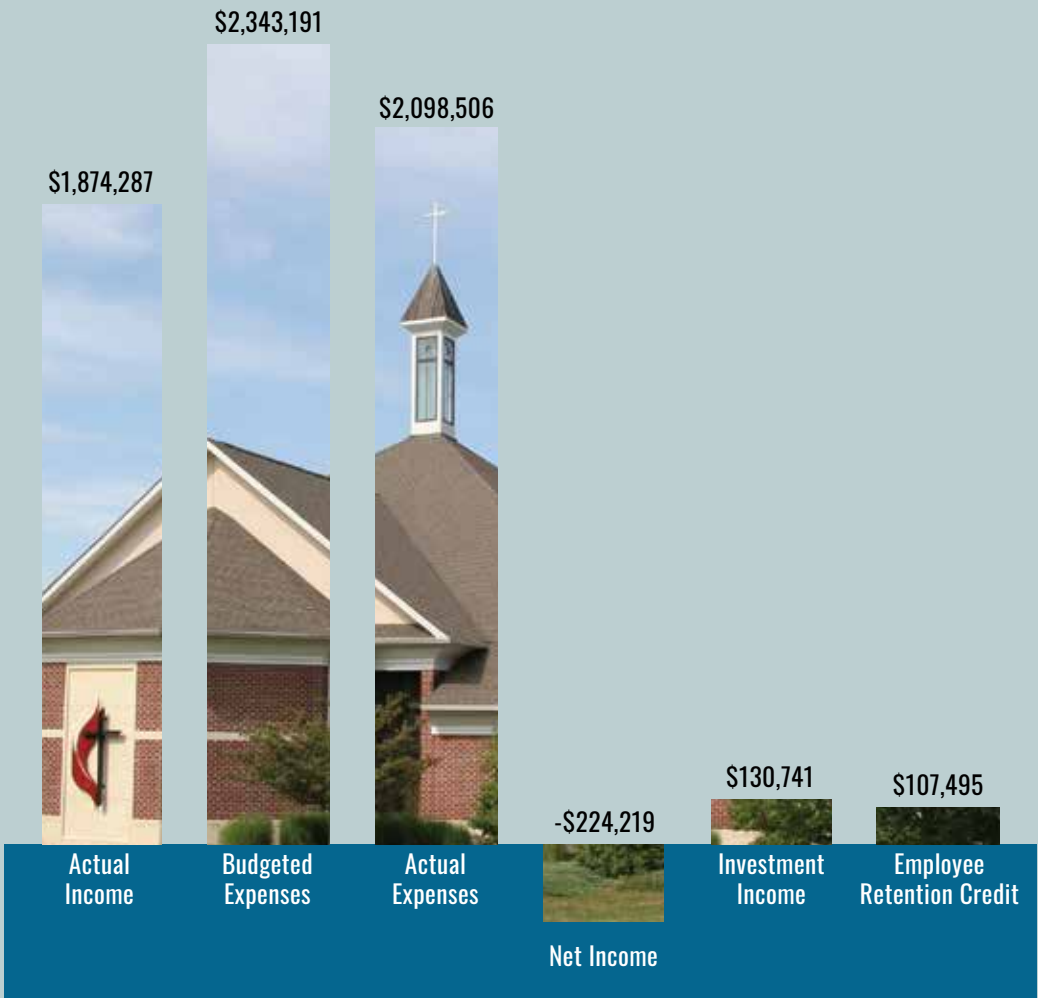
- Ebenezer Acre harvested 1,100 lbs. of fresh produce for S.E.R.V.E.
- Build a Backpack provided 200 backpacks filled with school supplies for students in need in August
- 400 runners raced the runway at Stafford Regional Airport and helped raise \$50,000 for Helping Children Worldwide in September
- Angel Tree collected 400 gifts and \$4,000 in food for local families and seniors in December

GENERAL FUND AT EBENEZER

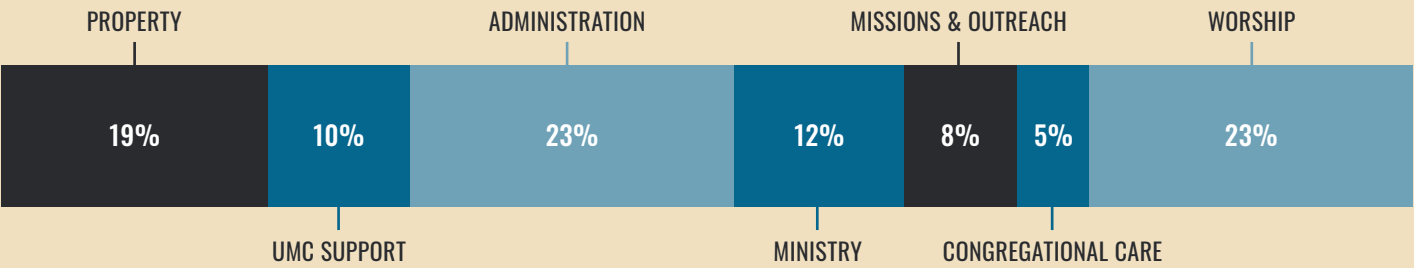
Total General Fund income for 2022 was \$1,874,287. This includes a one-time transfer of \$150,000 received as part of a Preschool state grant. Actual donations were down 5% compared to last year.

After reducing planned expenses by almost \$250,000, total General Fund expenses were \$2,098,506, creating a deficit of \$224,219.

The church earned investment income of \$130,741 and received the last payment from the Employee Retention Credit federal program amounting to \$102,788. These two sources of income offset the operating deficit but are not recorded as part of the General Fund accounting.



WHERE WAS OUR MONEY SPENT IN 2022?



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