

PLATTE WOODS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2021-2022

Fiscal Year-Ending June 30, 2022

FINANCIAL
IMPACT
REPORT

A LETTER FROM PASTOR YVI

Dear Platte Woods UMC,

“Hold on tight!” is something I have said a lot to my children over the years – as I push them high in a swing, as we buckle up for a ride at Worlds of Fun, as I let go of the back of the bicycle and send them wobbling down the sidewalk, training wheels off! It’s a phrase we use when whatever-is-about-to-happen-next is uncertain. We don’t know which way the path is going to turn, how many bumps are in the road, or if the bottom is going to drop out from under us. Hold on tight!

But anyone who has been on a roller coaster, or mastered the art of a playground swing, or ridden a bike long enough to embrace their center of gravity, knows that while ‘holding on tight’ may (or may not) guarantee our safety, letting go can make the ride a lot more fun and free!

These past 2 years, at Platte Woods Church, like many other churches and organizations, have been a season of ‘holding on tight’ AND ‘letting go!’ We have held on tight, not knowing what pandemic and pastoral transitions, denominational uncertainties, economic ups and downs, inflation and global conflict might throw our way next.

And we have let go, trusting that the Spirit of God is up to something new, even in the midst of grief and loss of the way the world and church-as-we-knew-it used to be.

In this Impact Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 that follows, you’ll see the stories of both holding on and letting go reflected in our financial picture. We held on tight in the two previous fiscal years by reducing expenses, tightening our belts, doing more with less, not knowing what to expect from the world! This allowed us to end both years strong, to let go and further pay down the loan on our building, align staff to meet new needs in our church, and reach new people in our community looking for a spiritual home.

As fiscal year 2021-2022 drew to a close, we recognized the shared struggle of many Americans with regard to the economy and overall uncertainty. Like many churches and nonprofits that rely most heavily on donor contributions, we realized people were feeling the need to hold on tight in their own personal lives.

That reality is reflected in our end of year numbers that put us at a net loss at fiscal year end.

Even amid that downturn, we have been able to let go! You’ll see here the ways in which ministry continues, frugally but uninhibited, as our staff constantly finds ways to adapt and maximize the resources you have given! We let go, with Leadership Council approval, of reserved funds (faithfully given in years past for use in a more difficult season) to meet the needs of our budget. We let go of our Christmas Eve offering to bless those in our community needing the most basic comfort of a roof over their heads. Individuals in our congregation let go of their own resources to give to Platte Woods UMC – we celebrate first time givers and new giving units in the pages that follow!

I am proud to pastor a church that is faithful in its generosity – that cares about the spiritual growth of the people in our church AND wants to be a church for so many more who need to know how much God loves them. I am proud that we Gather together for worship, Grow in learning, prayer and care, Give of our time and resources and Go into the world with acts of justice and mercy. I am proud that we are flexible and resilient and love one another through easy times and hard times.

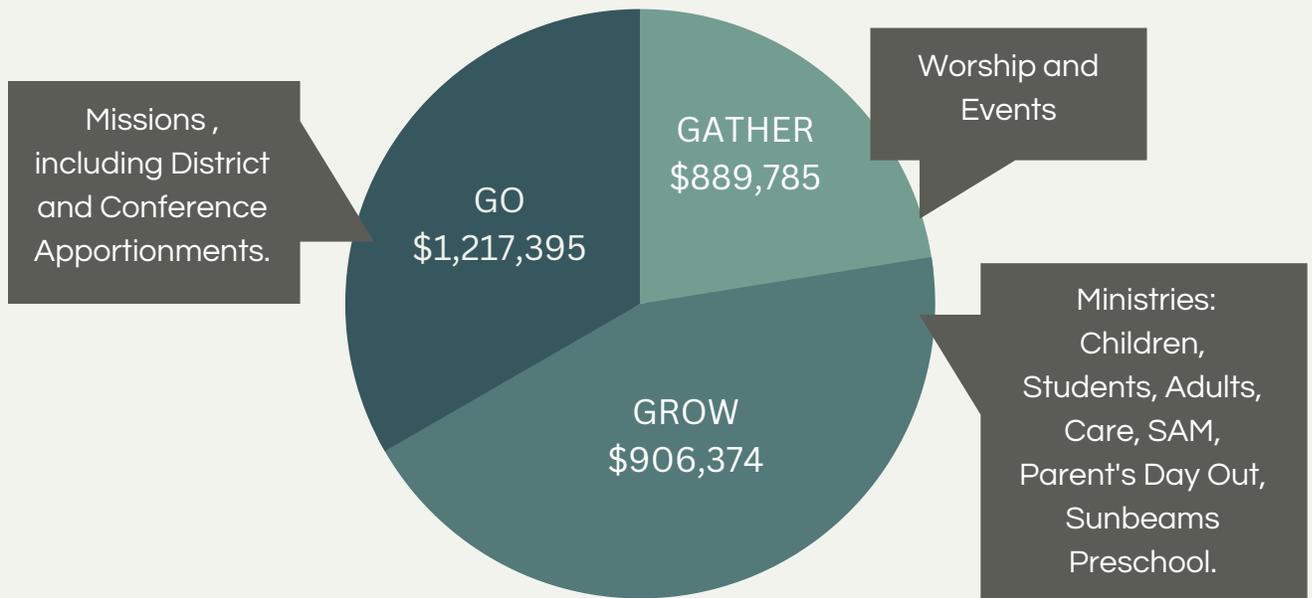
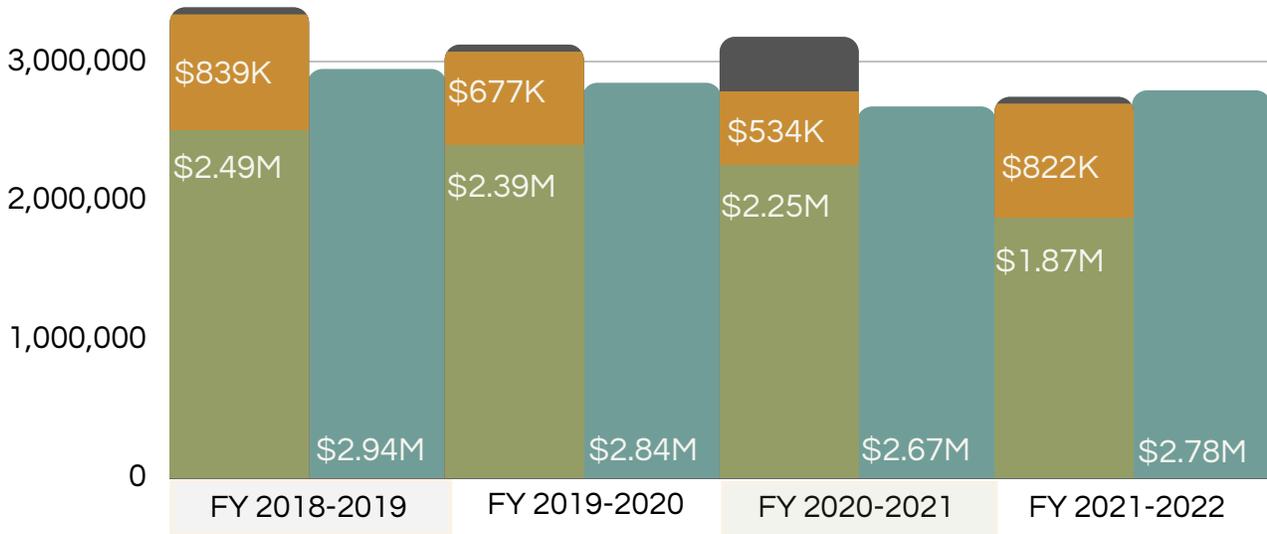
We believe that Jesus has come into the world so that we might have abundant life. That’s a life that looks different from what the world would prescribe for us. And it’s a life that includes trusting God and practicing generosity in God’s church. As you read through this Impact Report, I invite you to consider what Platte Woods UMC means to you – how you have encountered the Spirit of God in this place – how your life is different because this church is here. And then imagine how Platte Woods could impact someone else’s life, someone new to faith, someone you might never meet who follows after you. You’ll find ways that you can start giving or increase your giving on the final page of this report. How might your own generosity reflect that hope in the year that lies ahead?

With gratitude for who you are as a church,



WHERE YOUR DOLLARS GO

■ GIFTS: Charitable contributions
 ■ TUITION: Sunbeams Preschool/PDO receipts
 ■ OTHER INCOME: Non-deductible receipts (building use, interest, PPP)
 ■ EXPENSES: All spending from the general fund



The pie chart represents all general operating expenses. All administrative expenses, including personnel costs are split equally.

**FOR FY ENDING
JUNE 30, 2022**

\$320k

principal of loan paid off

\$712k

capital loan balance

\$231k

reserve \$ used

\$44k

net loss

\$592k

general reserve balance

GATHER

"Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful song." - Psalm 100:2



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DID YOU KNOW?
In the past year, we have
welcomed **250** FIRST TIME
guests into worship and have
received gifts from **74** NEW
givers.
”



■ Confirmands ■ New Members ■ Baptisms



"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer." - Acts 2:42

GROW



FROM NEW MEMBERS - RYAN AND MICHELLE BOYER

Michelle and I decided to visit PWUMC not too long after I had found out I didn't get a life changing promotion for a position I had been hoping for the past couple of years. It was just the right time because the combination of worship, the message, and seeing so many caring, friendly faces was just what we needed. Attending reignited our faith and we can both feel our hearts changing, even though we were in a pretty good place before. I had attended many churches in the past and it always felt like I was visiting someone else's church, but PWUMC feels like MY church and the people feel like MY people.

This led to us wanting to take the next steps to become members, to affirm the work that God is doing in our lives, and to us wanting to put our faith into action! As members, we don't want to just sit on the sideline - we want to serve and participate. We decided the Hospitality Team was a great place to start. We love being the first smiling face that people see when they walk into the church! Sometimes we have all been in places where just a friendly smile and an earnest hello can make all the difference!

We have both been incredibly blessed at PWUMC and now we also want to be a blessing to others.

WEEKLY, THERE ARE
OVER 30 ONGOING
GROUPS FOR
CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND ADULTS
TO ENGAGE IN
FAITH GROWING
OPPORTUNITIES

42 FAMILY UNITS
PARTICIPATED
TOGETHER IN
MONUMENTAL
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
THIS YEAR

MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE
TOOK PART IN
COURAGEOUS
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT :
RACISM
THE BIBLE AND HUMAN
SEXUALITY
DEPRESSION AND FAITH
GUN VIOLENCE



GIVE

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35b



Worship Attendance is calculated based on online viewership and headcount.

AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (BY FISCAL YEAR)

2018-2019: 846
2019-2020: 808
2020-2021: 475
2021-2022: 504

An Average Giving Unit is based on household giving. These AGU's reflect giving to the general budget only.

AVERAGE GIVING UNITS (BY FISCAL YEAR)

2018-2019: 745
2019-2020: 684
2020-2021: 521
2021-2022: 524

These numbers reflect the breakdown of how total dollars given to the general budget were received.

WAYS PEOPLE GIVE

Online: 25%
Text: 4%
Check/Cash: 46%
ACH: 18%
Charitable Gift: 7%

FINANCIAL GIFTS TO OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS

(INCLUDED IN FINANCIAL REPORT EXPENSES)

BENEVOLENCE
\$4.5K

CARE PORTAL
\$3K

NORTHLAND ASSISTANCE
\$12K

HILLCREST APARTMENTS
\$10.3K

HILLCREST BLESSINGS
\$12K

IGLESIA DE CAMINO
\$12.7K

DELLA LAMB
\$8.7K

UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF
\$37.9K

ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS MAYA
\$4K

\$77.4K

ADDITIONAL \$\$ GIVEN TO SUPPORT MISSION PARTNERSHIPS FROM 2021 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” — 1 Peter 4:10

GO

PARTNERSHIPS IN MISSION

Our partnership with Della Lamb Community Services has provided incredible blessings to the refugee resettlement families we have supported this past year as well as blessed those from PWUMC involved in providing this support. From House to Home Team members who searched for and collected furniture and household supplies, shopped for groceries and stocked kitchen cabinets; to the Blankets of Hope team members who provided a new warm bedcover, and the Co-Sponsorship Team members who made themselves available to help with job searches, fill out school paperwork, provide transportation or help with conversation over a language barrier, our entire PWUMC community has joined together in providing support and blessings to this partnership.

We all have gifts to share. In my role as Director of Missions, I feel incredibly blessed to witness the generosity and love shared through PWUMC. We are called to go outside the walls of the church to reflect the grace and mercy of Christ to those in our neighborhoods, cities and around the world and the PWUMC community has come together to do that through the refugee resettlement work we do.

Brandi Molina – PWUMC Director of Missions

DID YOU KNOW?

11 homes completed by the House to Home Team

55 teachers adopted by the Adopt A Teacher program

150 families received a Thanksgiving feast

250 gifts to local families given from the Angel Tree

35 families adopted at Christmas



WAYS TO GIVE



SCAN ME

We all come to faith in God in different ways and at different times. And we each have different stories of what brought us here, to PWUMC - a church home where we can explore our questions and curiosity, and live out our struggles and celebrations.

Whatever your story is, we are grateful that you are part of PWUMC. We encourage you to keep practicing your faith as we Gather, Grow, Give and Go together!

Someone before you gave of their resources so this could be your church home. How will you respond in giving today to make it a home for someone else?

If you want others to experience what you have found at PWUMC, please make a gift to the ministries of Platte Woods United Methodist Church.

TEXT:

Text PWUMC \$___ to 73256

ONLINE:

Go to www.plattewoodschurch.org and select GIVE for options through credit card or checking account

ACH:

Request ACH Giving Form from Misty Wilkinson to set up an automated bank draft

IN WORSHIP:

Place gifts in secure giving boxes in the Worship Center and Sanctuary

MAIL:

Platte Woods United Methodist Church
7310 NW Prairie View Rd
Platte Woods, MO 64151

CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS, STOCK GIFTS AND ESTATE GIFTS:

Contact Misty Wilkinson,
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