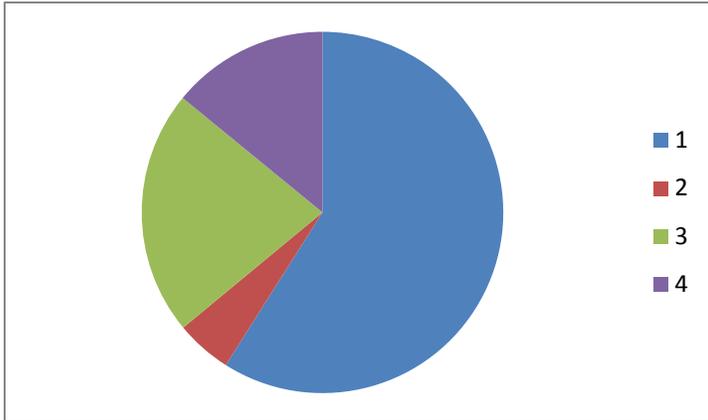


“Every Dollar We Spend Builds Community”

EMMANUEL’S 2019 NARRATIVE BUDGET



Every year at this time Emmanuel asks you to support our Annual Budget by making a “pledge,” indicating your financial contributions for the year ahead. We calculate that our expenses for 2019 will be \$267,679. But do you know where that money goes? We hope these illustrations will help you see what you support when you give to Emmanuel Church.

1: Worship, Fellowship & Pastoral Care – \$ 163,198

The heart and soul of the life of a congregation is the time its members come together – for public prayer, to enjoy each other’s company at a meal or an event, and to reach out to each other in times of need. Community is built when we share time with each other, focused not on our own

particular needs, but on the needs of the others around us. This category includes the salaries of our clergy, musician, and office staff, as well as the expenses needed to organize and communicate these activities to the congregation.



2: Christian Formation \$13,868

Not just Sunday School for our children but adult Bible Studies, Lent Programs, Vacation Bible School, “Episcopal Church 101,” and other seasonal offerings. The world is constantly changing around us, and continuing Christian Formation gives us the tools to stand up to the challenges we confront.



3: Hospitality - \$ 60,669

You could call it “Buildings & Grounds,” but the point of having so many spaces is to make them available, not just to parishioners, but to the Bel Air community. We welcome people to the serenity of our sanctuary and make our hall and meeting spaces available to about a dozen different groups each month. The expenses in this category include heating and cooling costs, repairs and maintenance, other utilities and our Sexton’s salary. These expenses are increasing faster than others in our budget due to the age of our buildings.





4: Staying Connected - \$38,944

Emmanuel Church is a member of the Diocese of Maryland, and thereby of the Episcopal Church. Thus we are part of a natural “community of communities,” sharing many common goals, activities and policies. We pay an annual assessment to support the Office of the Bishop and a variety of ministries sponsored by both entities. These include everything from Human Resources support to mission trips to places like Haiti or Honduras, to conferences and ministry experts who are available to consult with congregations. We have also expanded the ways in which we stay connected with our local community as well, with more to come soon as we explore a variety of new social media outlets. The beautiful banner you see on the Broadway aisle of the church is of the Anglican Compass



Rose, symbolizing our fellowship with congregations in almost every country on earth founded by and linked to the Church of England.

“But Wait ... There’s More!”

NOT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY BUILDING IS FOUND IN OUR BUDGET!

Outreach - \$ 0

Surprised? All of our outreach efforts – the food pantry, the porch cooler and church doorway baskets of food for our homeless friends, the items produced and given away by our yarn guild, and our Thrift Shop policy of giving clothing away to families in need –



cost nothing to our budget. Each effort is staffed and supported by volunteers who



understand what a difference our concern for our community makes. Thanks to the generosity of Emmanuel parishioners who grab a couple of extra items at the grocery store, or who donate a couple of skeins of unused yarn, we can continue to make a difference in Bel Air and Harford County. Thanks to efforts of church groups such as the Third Saturday band, these efforts receive significant boosts at key times during the year.

Emmanuel Church Needs Your Help - \$220,000 of It!

We did the math. Our projected expenses for 2019 are about \$267,679. Given our experience over the last couple of years with income, we anticipate that the amount we need from parishioners’ pledges is \$220,000. We hope that you will be able to help us meet that goal. If you have never pledged to the church before, please consider offering \$100 a month. The average pledge in the Episcopal Church is around \$2500 – and we all want to be above average, don’t we?! You can use PayPal to set up regular payments, or get your bank to debit your account automatically and send us a check at no cost to you. However you choose to do it, we need your help.