

INTRODUCTION

A Budget Is A Story Waiting to Happen

Let's be honest...

Budgets aren't usually the most exciting thing we talk about in church. But this isn't just a budget.

This is a story waiting to happen.

A story of what happens when a group of people decide to live generously—when prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness all come together in one place. Because when you give to Hope, you are not just supporting a church. You are stepping into something bigger.

A legacy that stretches back further than we can see.

A process of formation that shapes who we are becoming.

A sense of calling that gives our lives purpose.

And—maybe most surprisingly—a kind of joy that can't be manufactured any other way.

Or, to put it simply:

Hope Changes Lives.

What follows is a look at how that happens—through six core areas of ministry:

- **Welcome** – Creating spaces where all people are received with warmth, dignity, and care, including thoughtful attention to accessibility and safety.
- **Worship** – Gathering as a community to praise God, hear the Word, and be renewed through music, prayer, and sacrament.
- **Nurture** – Growing in faith together through children, youth, and adult discipleship opportunities that shape lives over time.
- **Serve** – Extending love beyond ourselves through mission, outreach, and generosity to our neighbors near and far.
- **Witness** – Sharing the story of God's love in Christ through invitation, communication, and lived faith.
- **Neighbor** – Opening our space and our lives to the community, building relationships and supporting the common good.

Each of these reflects who we are—and who we are becoming—together.





WELCOME
\$87,600



11%

First impressions matter. At Hope, **welcome** is a commitment.

It looks like greeters who know your name (or want to), safety for our children, accessible spaces for those with special needs, and a community where people feel seen.

It's also the behind-the-scenes work that helps people move from "visiting" to "belonging." It includes the Fellowship Committee, who magically turn food into ministry—hosting meals, receptions, and those sacred moments of care after a loss.

Because meaningful community doesn't just happen. It's created—intentionally, consistently, and with love.

Worship is the center of it all. Every week, we gather because something happens here.

Through music, prayer, scripture, and sacrament, we are reminded who God is... and who we are. It takes pastors, musicians, tech teams, volunteers, and a whole lot of coordination to make that happen. It also takes a space—heated, cooled, lit, connected, and beautiful!

But more than anything, it takes people willing to lead us into something real. Because worship isn't just something we attend. It's something that shapes us.



WORSHIP
\$222,500



29%



NURTURE
\$184,000

24%

Nobody drifts into a deep faith. It is nurtured—over time, through relationships, practices, and community. This investment helps make sure that happens.

Children's Ministry – where faith begins to take root.

Youth Ministry – where questions get real and ownership begins.

Adult Discipleship – Sunday classes and new small groups forming.

This is where we live out our value of Future Generations.

And honestly? It's not just for kids. We're all being shaped here.

We don't exist for ourselves. We are called to serve.

Among other activities, this year we will send 13 participants to Kenya. And we will renew or begin new partnerships

with five mission partners:

Center for Health & Hope

Focus Points

Habitat for Humanity

Mile High Workshop

Movement 5280

This is where Servanthood becomes visible. Because love isn't just something we feel. It's something we do.



SERVE
\$147,400

19%

WITNESS

\$80,000



We have a story worth sharing. To tell that story we need the tools that include:

how we communicate (website, social media, and print), how we invite others into the life of the church, and how we tell the story of what God is doing here.

It's also about equipping you to share your story. Because the most powerful witness we have isn't a program.

It's a changed life.

Neighbor is a noun. It's also a verb. And we're not just in this community. We're part of it.

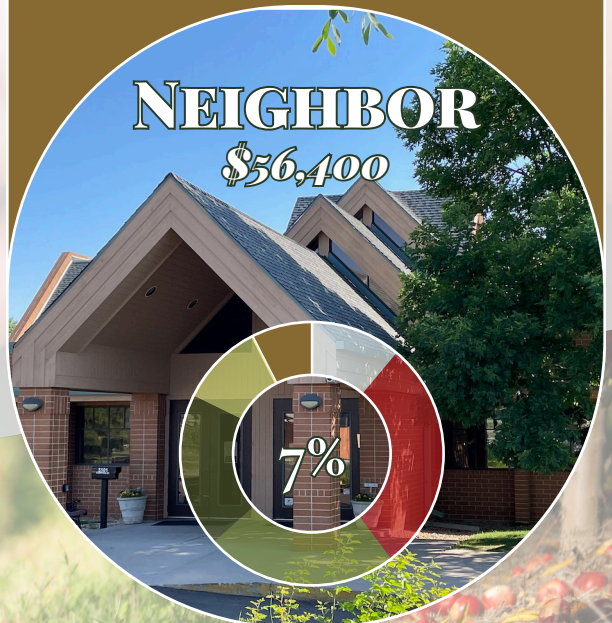
Hope has become a place where people gather—not just on Sundays, but all week long. Support groups, community organizations, and local partnerships all find a home here.

This is one of the ways we live out Meaningful Community—not just inside our walls, but in relationship with the world around us. Because being a good neighbor isn't a side project.

It's part of who we are.

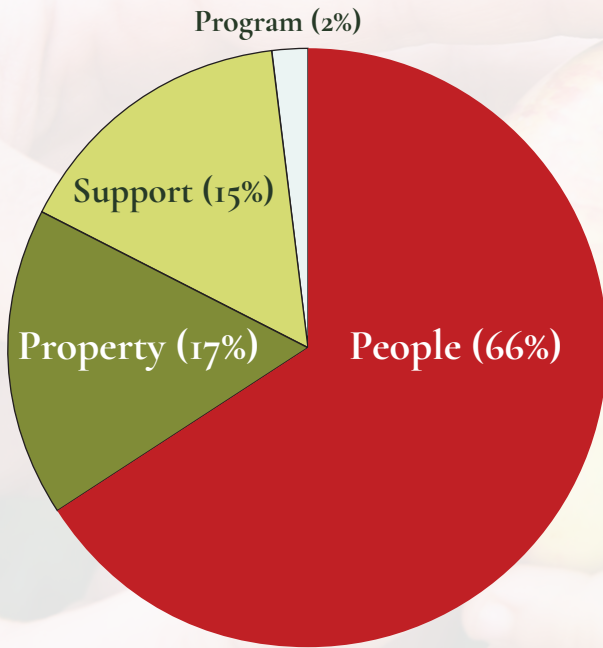
NEIGHBOR

\$56,400



HOW THE BUDGET WORKS

People, Property, Program, Support



We've talked about the areas of our congregational life. But it takes four things to make those ministries happen—people, property, programs, and support. And each of these takes money.

People – \$512,800 (66%)

The largest investment we make is in people. Pastors, program leaders, staff—those who teach, lead, care, organize, and make ministry happen every day.

Property – \$130,300 (17%)

Our building isn't just a space—it's a tool. For worship, formation, outreach, and community life.

Support – \$120,600 (15%)

The systems that keep everything running—technology, communications, administration.

Program – \$14,200 (2%)

Direct ministry expenses—curriculum, supplies, events.



OUR GOALS

2026-27 Revenue Targets

Achieving our ministry goals will require a shared effort. Like all churches, our primary support comes through the contributions of our members and friends. In recent years, we have also worked to diversify our sources of revenue. Hope PDO & Preschool is a primary partner, and in recent years, the revenue from building use fees has also increased.

We are still budgeting the need for use of some reserve funds (a deficit), but due to strong revenue and judicious spending, we expect to end this fiscal year in the positive for the third year in a row. We will work to continue this positive trend.

Contributions from members and friends

\$643,000 (83%)

Preschool (PDO & PEP)

\$70,000 (9%)

Building Use Fees

\$36,000 (5%)

Interest & Dividends

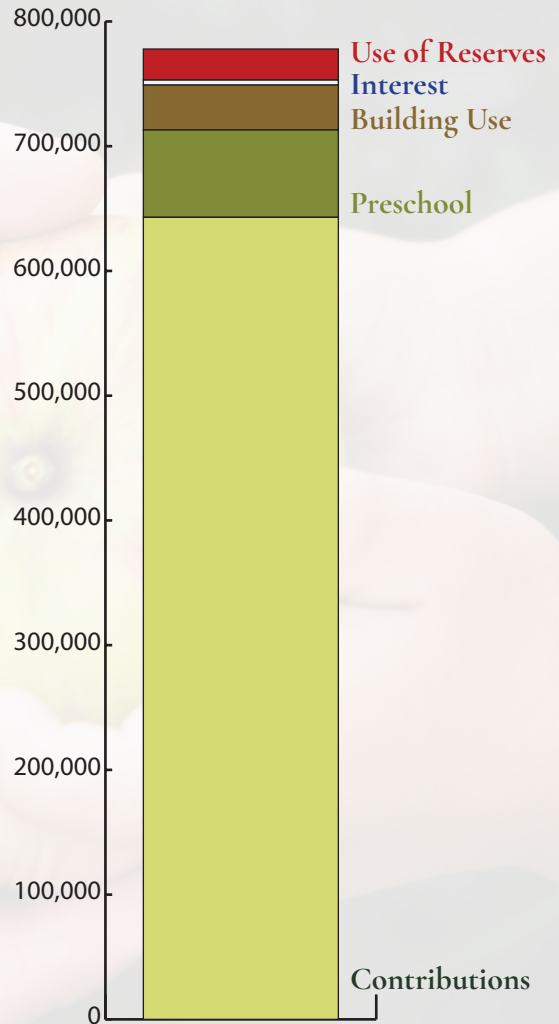
\$4,000 (<1%)

Use of Reserves

\$24,900 (3%)

Total Revenue

\$753,000





WAYS TO SUPPORT

Complete a Commitment Card

Filling out a card is a prayerful act of worship, an expression of gratitude — and it helps our church plan for ministry, missions, and goals in the year ahead.

What if financial hardship prohibits me from making a commitment this year?

Don't worry — your worth at Hope isn't tied to your finances. If you can't make a financial commitment right now, we still invite you to fill out a card. And you can adjust your commitment anytime by contacting the church. And if you're facing a tough season, let our pastors know — we want to pray for and walk with you.

Online Giving

Auto-deduct from your bank account, credit or debit cards. Please consider covering the 3% credit card processing fee.

<https://hopeumc.breezechms.com/give/online>

Offering Plate

You are invited to place your check in the offering plate during worship. Put cash donations in an envelope with your name on it, if you wish it to be counted toward your pledge

Text to give

720.893.8046 and follow the easy prompts

By Mail

You are invited to mail your check to:

Hope United Methodist Church

5101 S. Dayton St.

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Need any assistance?

Please feel free to contact Auriel Ramsey,

Hope UMC's Treasurer

Phone: 303.779.1040

Email: treasurer@hope-umc.org

A FINAL WORD

Here's the most important part:

This is not just about covering a budget. This is about participating in something that shapes lives—including your own. Because when you give, you are not losing something.

You are stepping into something.

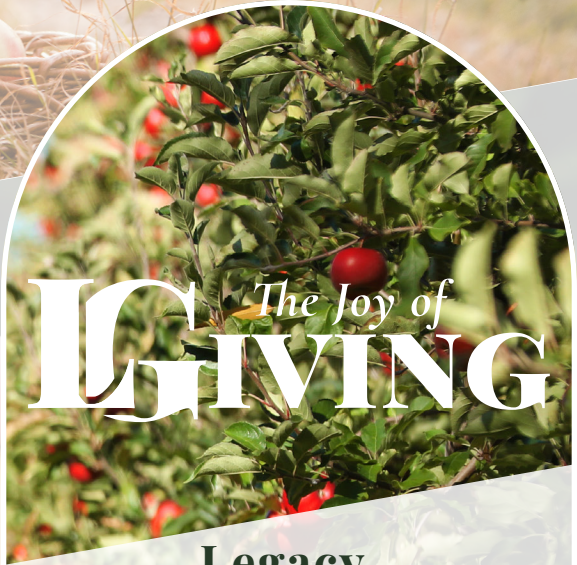
A legacy. A life of formation. A calling.

And, ultimately... joy.



Commitment Sunday, May 3, 2026

We hope you will join us for our stewardship series and bring your commitment cards to be consecrated on Commitment Sunday, May 3, 2026.



The Joy of **GIVING**

**Legacy.
Formation.
Calling.
Joy.**

*How we give shapes
the life we live.*



Hope United Methodist Church
**Our Narrative
Budget
2026-27**

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