



King Avenue
United Methodist Church

THE VESSEL

A newsletter to communicate the goals and status of
the Coming Together for Transformation Comprehensive Campaign

Keeping the Lights Burning Bright

If the Comprehensive Campaign involves improving, expanding, and preserving the legacy of King Avenue as a church that invites, welcomes, and honors all people, then our annual Stewardship Campaign involves supporting and maintaining that legacy through support of the annual Operating Fund. Our annual Stewardship Campaign is about keeping the lights on, literally and figuratively. By ensuring the lights of our church burn bright for those who come to King Avenue, whether for weekly services, meals, meetings or support group attendance, the light of our ministries and missions will be reflected on our community and the world. Our annual Stewardship Campaign will allow us to continue the important work being done today at King Avenue, right now with an eye on a bright future. King Avenue is a church with a mission of service. We fulfill our mission not only through weekly and special services but also through a dynamic series of social and spiritual interactions that last year touched more than 5,000 people.



**Add your piece of clay
to the transforming vessel!**

**Pledges for both the annual
Operating Budget and
Comprehensive Campaign
will be received on**

**Sunday November 15th
at Commitment Sunday**

**Please plan to attend in person or
on-line as we celebrate our
Coming Together for Transformation!**

Our Ministries & Missions include:

- Children, Youth and Families.
- Ohio State University Students
- Young Adult Fellowship-Next Chapter
- United Methodist Women
- Annual Rummage Sales
- Spectrum LGBTQI Fellowship
- Theatre and Drama
- Gates-4th Community Breakfast
- Art Gallery
- Music Ministry
- Retirees Ministry
- Faith Formation Groups
- Hubbard School tutoring
- NNEMAP Food Pantry
- Habitat for Humanity
- Unaffiliated neighborhood and support groups
- Casa de Misericordia Orphanage

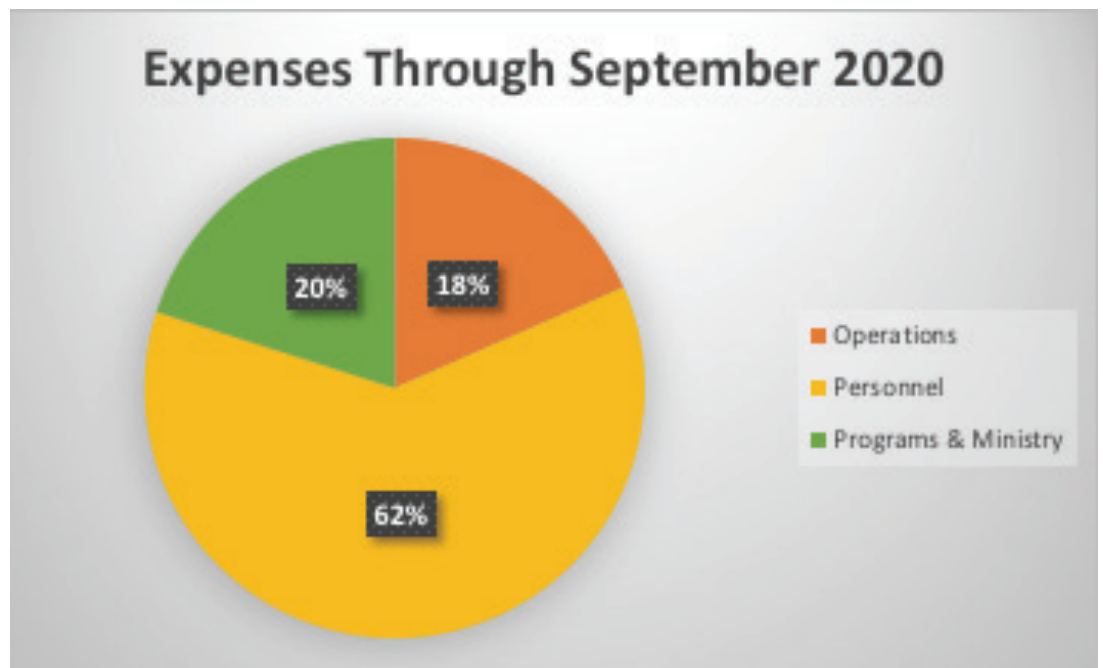
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Successful programs begin with an understanding of the church's finances, which must be strong. The strength of our finances depends on our support of the 2021 Operating Fund which is budgeted at \$930,000 and remains unchanged from 2020. Ensuring the strength of our ministries, missions, and facility must be at the forefront of our coming together. Like the potter creating the vessel, we

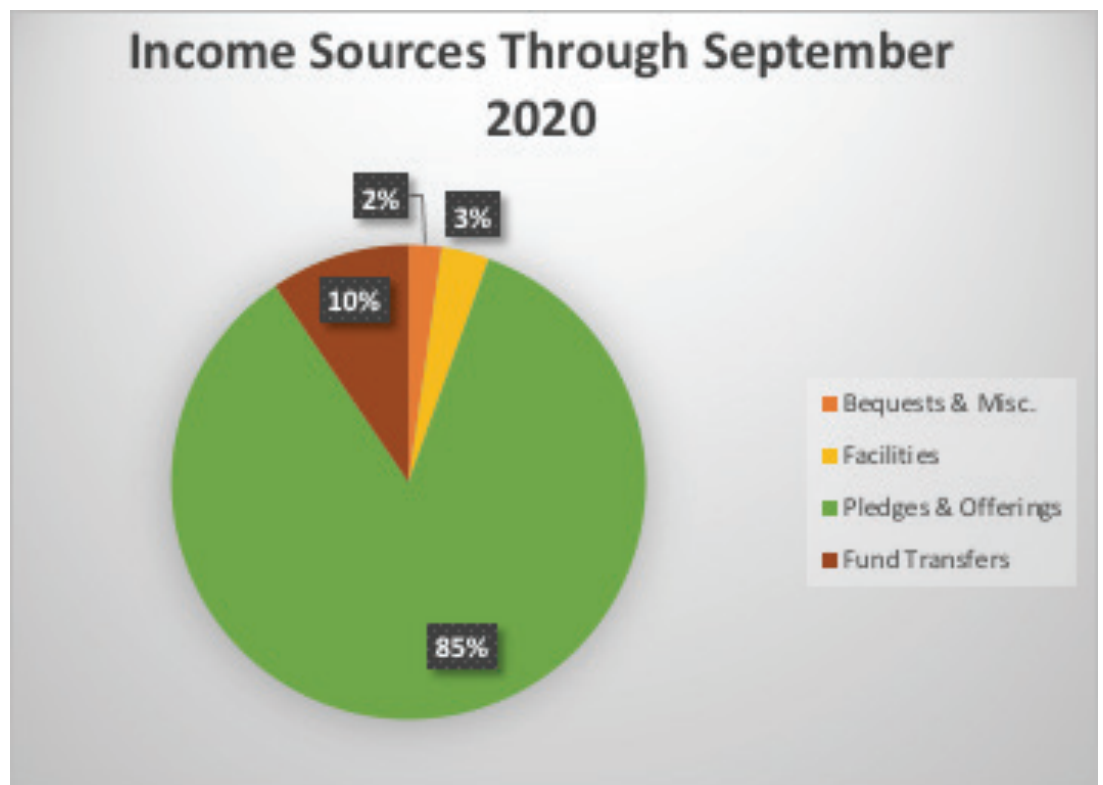
must begin with the right materials, center our clay, and apply just the right amount of pressure to our work. This work requires commitment. As Pastor Keeny recently mused, "Sacrifice is to give up something so that someone else receives the blessing" and "as we think of what we may sacrifice, it is worth thinking of the recipient of our sacrifice." During this season let us come together for transformation through our generosity.

How King Avenue "keeps the lights burning bright"

Two-thirds of our expenses are for the people in the trenches doing ministry. 18% is for keeping the building running and 20% is for direct ministry.



85% of King Avenue's income comes from the generosity of its members. Unlike some congregations, 10% comes from transfers of funds held by the church and 5% is derived from rentals and other sources. In short, King Avenue is a working congregation.



What does giving mean to you?

“I have learned LIFE is not about me, it is about loving GOD with every ounce of my heart and soul and loving my neighbor as myself. I do not always get it right but that is when the Holy Spirit reminds me, I am a child of the highest God.”

- Annette Robinson

“For us giving is the ultimate expression of gratitude. We approach our giving not so much as a payment or expense or investment but to give of ourselves to build up others.” - Shawn Compton

“ I have always felt that I have received so much more from my church and from God than I have ever given up.” - Kim Fischer

“An opportunity to transfer a blessing to those who need that blessing.”

- Andy Poole

“I like to think that I kept the church lights on for a few days, that I enabled part of a new children’s program, that I helped cover the costs of a meal being served to the congregation. I feel like those have a greater impact than money spent without intention.” - Kelly Conklin



Your pledge matters!

Maintaining our facility and supporting these ongoing ministries and missions is a transforming step in King Avenue’s future! Our ability to fulfill our mission is dependent upon having the facilities and financial stability. It is through our generosity that, as Pastor Keeny said, “we decide how to live in the present so that those in the future will be grateful for us”. As you consider your contribution to the Comprehensive Campaign, please help King Avenue keep the lights burning bright with your annual pledge to the King Avenue Operating Fund.

“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by the power at work within us; glory to God in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21



LET US PRAY...

...for inspiration and wisdom
for our pastors and Campaign
Cabinet members

...for unity of purpose and passion within
the KA congregation

...that individual giving decisions would be
guided by God and reflect generous
and grateful hearts

...that KA's doors will be opened even
wider in witness to the reconciling and
transformational love of God

...that we will faithfully lay the foundation
for God's vision for the KA of tomorrow

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We invite, welcome and honor all people and
nurture them to grow in service with Christ.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

We are a community of servants called by God's
reconciling grace to open doors of sanctuary, to
create new avenues of ministry, to equip Christians
for discipleship, to lead reconciling ministries.



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Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

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