

Minetto United Methodist Church

Notes about the 2010 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for 2010 totals \$109,642, up from \$97,094 for 2009, an increase of 12.92%. However, it must be remembered that for five months of 2009 we had no expenditure for pastoral support, thus causing the relatively large percentage of increase next year. The 2010 budget includes a full year of support for our half-time pastor. It also includes money for a part-time (16 hours per week) secretary.

Noteworthy changes in the 2010 budget:

- Shared ministries assessment decreased \$259.
- Health insurance for retired pastors and dependents increased \$696.
- Church administration increased primarily because of a larger amount for unanticipated contingencies and the addition of money for background checks to comply with our Safe Sanctuaries policy.
- Church maintenance increased \$500 to cover projected electricity and natural gas costs. The parsonage will be occupied for the whole of 2010.
- Christian education increased \$200 to provide for a confirmation class.
- Nurture and care increased \$325 to cover the *Upper Room* subscription, that was transferred to this area from health and wellness and to provide for cards and contingencies.
- Health and wellness decreased \$170 reflecting the transfer of the *Upper Room* subscription and an allowance for cards.
- Worship and music increased \$150 to accommodate needed repairs to the air supply for the pipe organ.
- The director of music's salary was increased to \$70 per week for 45 weeks of work.
- Provision is included for a secretary working 16 hours per week at a maximum of \$10 per hour.
- Unlike 2009, the pastoral support package covers the entire year 2010.
- The pastor's salary and benefits were calculated on the basis of him being a licensed local pastor by January first.
- The pastor has chosen to maintain his health insurance through his former employer and we have budgeted a contribution to cover approximately one-half his premiums, reflecting his half-time status with us. His plan is considerably less expensive than the one available through the UMC.