

Mark your calendar:
CELEBRATION SUNDAY
November 12

Dear Friends,

This week marks the start of our Stewardship season. The theme this year reflects the sense of excitement that has been so evident since Dr. Siegling's arrival: "CELEBRATE the newest chapter of First (Scots). BE a part of the story!"

And there is so much to celebrate. During services, nurseries are filled to overflowing. Youth programs are growing. The music is inspiring. Local and World Missions touch many lives in the community and across the globe. Because of your generous gifts, the loan on the Massie Building is very close to being paid off. Heartfelt thanks to each of you who have been a part of these remarkable accomplishments.

But let's face it, discussing money and giving is difficult, especially since each individual and family faces its own financial pressures. But imagine...

- If you were not able to worship in such a beautiful and historic building.
- If you could not count on a robust and meaningful youth program for your children.
- If the organ and the choir were silent.
- If First (Scots) could not extend love and compassion into the community and around the world.
- If our ministers could not meet the current and growing needs of the congregation for pastoral care—sharing in your joys and providing comfort in times of grief and sadness.

Your generous gifts allow First (Scots) to touch and change lives. But there are many unmet needs. Take a look at the back of this letter to see how First (Scots) is using your financial gifts in its many ministries. The colorful pie chart portrays so well the ongoing financial needs and possibilities.

So CELEBRATE! BE a part of the newest chapter of First (Scots)! Our prayer is that every member makes a pledge to support the work of Christ's Church through First (Scots). If you have pledged in years past, thank you and please continue your commitment. And please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge by 10% or more. If you have not pledged previously, please do pledge this year.

By making a pledge, you will be taking a role in shaping the newest chapter of First (Scots).

Many blessings,

Barbara Spell
Co-Chair, Stewardship Committee

Bob Dawson
Co-Chair, Stewardship Committee

P.S. Celebration Sunday is November 12. Please bring your pledge card to worship service that day! Pledge cards have been mailed and are in the pews. For online pledging and e-Giving, please go to: www.first-scots.org/stewardship-and-giving/

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“Each of you must give
as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly
or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

2 Corinthians 9:7

Dear Friends,

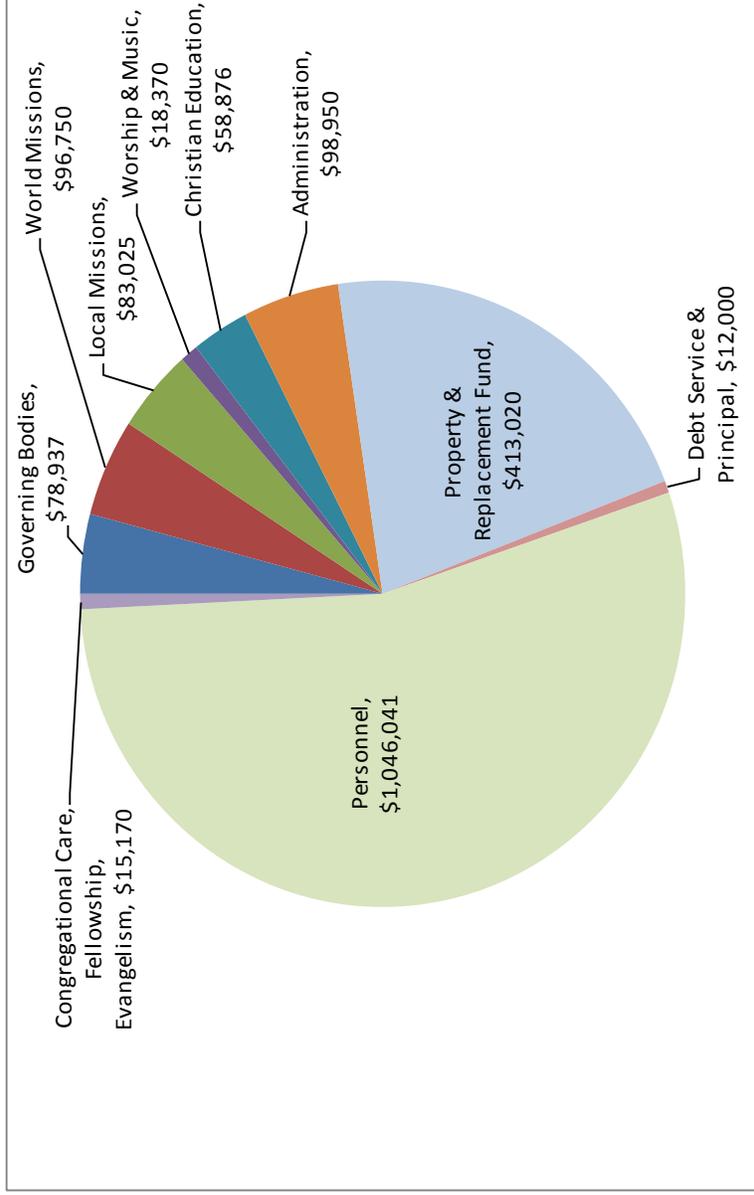
One of the many ways we witness to our faith is through our stewardship, and one particular spiritual discipline that manages to point our hearts toward the heart of Christ is the pledging of ourselves and our substance to the work of Christ’s Church.

As a friend, The Rev. Dr. William Pender, once said: “God does not need generosity from us. He wants generosity for us.”

As you read through this publication, may it help you to better understand how our church family joyfully responds to God’s goodness by using our tithes and offerings as a faithful expression of our growing faith and for the glory of God!

With a Grateful and Cheerful Heart,
Dr. Holtron Siegling
Senior Pastor

YOUR 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET \$1,921,139



GENERATIONS & DEBT SERVICES



In 2005, First (Scots) began planning for the renovation and expansion of church facilities, including Sunday School classrooms, the fellowship hall, the Kindergarten, the Kirk House for our Youth ministry, and staff office space. Construction was completed in the fall of 2011. The \$7.5 million project was funded by the generous gifts of many First (Scots) members to the *Generations* campaigns.

To fund construction, First (Scots) took out a loan of \$3.5 million. As of September 2017, the balance on that loan has been reduced to approximately \$156,000. Of particular note is the *Generations Tribute* campaign, during which First (Scots) members graciously contributed \$709,000 in tribute to retiring minister, Dr. Daniel W. Massie.