

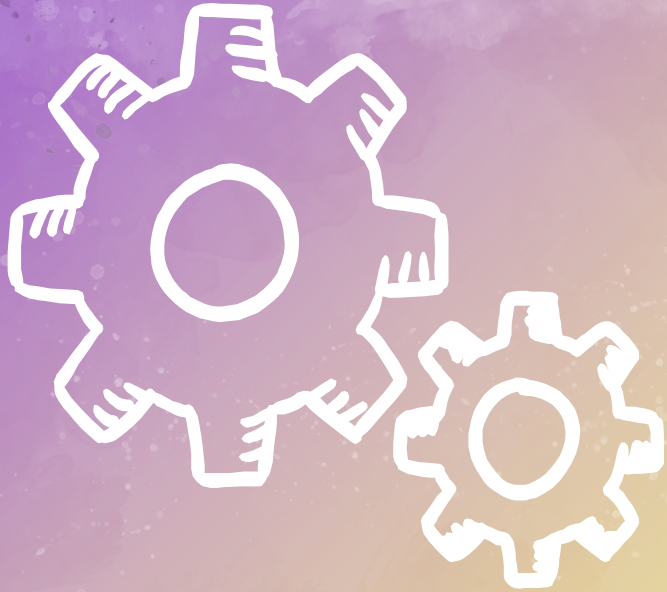
➤ We had the opportunity to see God at work through the sharing of fellowship via zoom; through the talents of many who provided programs for our group; through providing comfort food for members and friends; through remembering members and friends whose spirits may need a lift by sending a card; by providing continued financial support of the work of Girl Scout Troop 20142; and by providing Christmas gifts to Janus House residents—all the while adhering to health and safety protocols during this time of COVID.

Next Year

➤ To continue with the “why” of our ministry and, with the hope of conquering COVID and its restrictions, identify and expand upon ways we might be of service to others in our congregation and the wider community.



God at Work



Administration at First Congo, Annemieke Laport

- My tasks vary from accounting to bulletins, from porch deliveries to hosting Zoom meetings-- and everything in between.
- I've seen God in all of us as we continue to rally around Safe Camp, SafePlace, and Unity Shelter.
- My hope for the future is that we will be able to use our indoor spaces again like we did before.

First Congo by the Numbers: Membership Data, Annemieke Laport

Total members as of June 30, 2020	238
Losses:	5
Deaths	4
Moved out of the area	1
Moved to inactive	0
Additions:	0
Total members as of December 31, 2020	233



In Memoriam

Vera Aas

(September 2, 1919 – July 16, 2020)

John Holmes

(July 7, 1921 – October 14, 2020)

Annemarie Holmes

(February 28, 1923 – November 29, 2020)

Lloyd McNally

(August 26, 1941 – December 29, 2020)



➤ **First Congo by the Numbers:
Social Media Reach,
Annemieke Laport**

Our Facebook page was visited 4,754 times per month

- Of those visits, 508 clicked on a post to engage with the content.

This represents 10.7% of all monthly visits.

- Our MailChimp e-mails (weekly newsletter and Sunday liturgy) were sent to 337 recipients.
- 43% of those recipients opened the e-mail.
- 12% of those clicked on a link or links in the e-mail

Website, Facebook, Mailchimp Data

On average, in the past 20 months:

Our website was visited 729 times per month

- 60.3% access our website via a desktop
- 39.7% access our website via a mobile device—mostly by mobile phone.

First Congo by the Numbers: Stewardship, Mike McNally

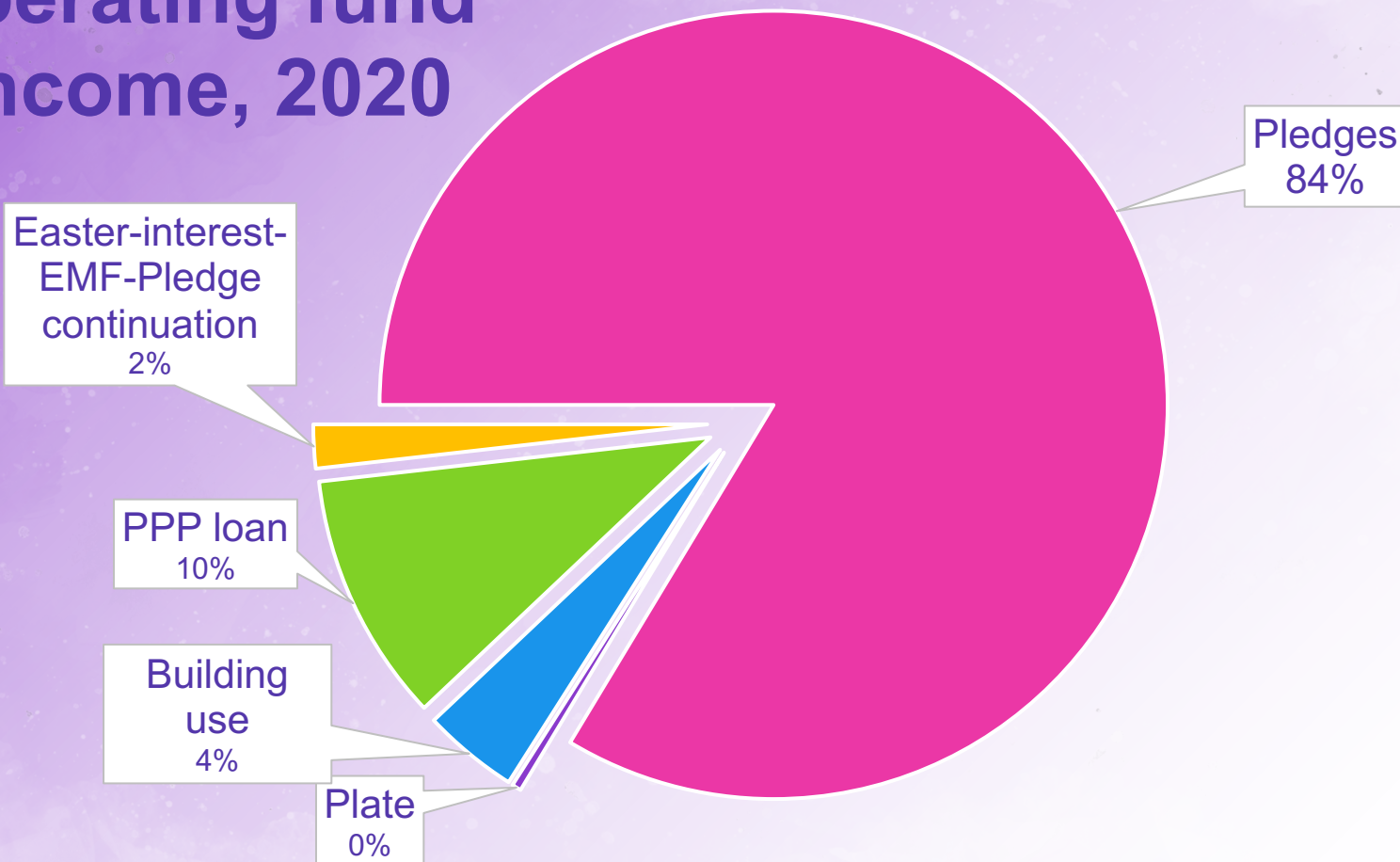
The Stewardship Team and the Budget Committee work to ensure that the church has the financial resources necessary to attain the congregation's goals. We saw God at work last year in the remarkable support your pledges offered to the church during crazily unstable times. Thanks!



- The “More Light” campaign (2021) raised pledges of \$537,346 from 122 donors
- Rental income in 2020 was down dramatically, but we planned for that
- Through July 2021, pledge income and total income are up about 6 percent over budget
- Through July 2021, expenses are about 8 percent below budget
- We have not yet had to tap into our contingency fund to balance the budget
- Planning is underway for the 2022 campaign; expect another year of “light”



Operating fund income, 2020



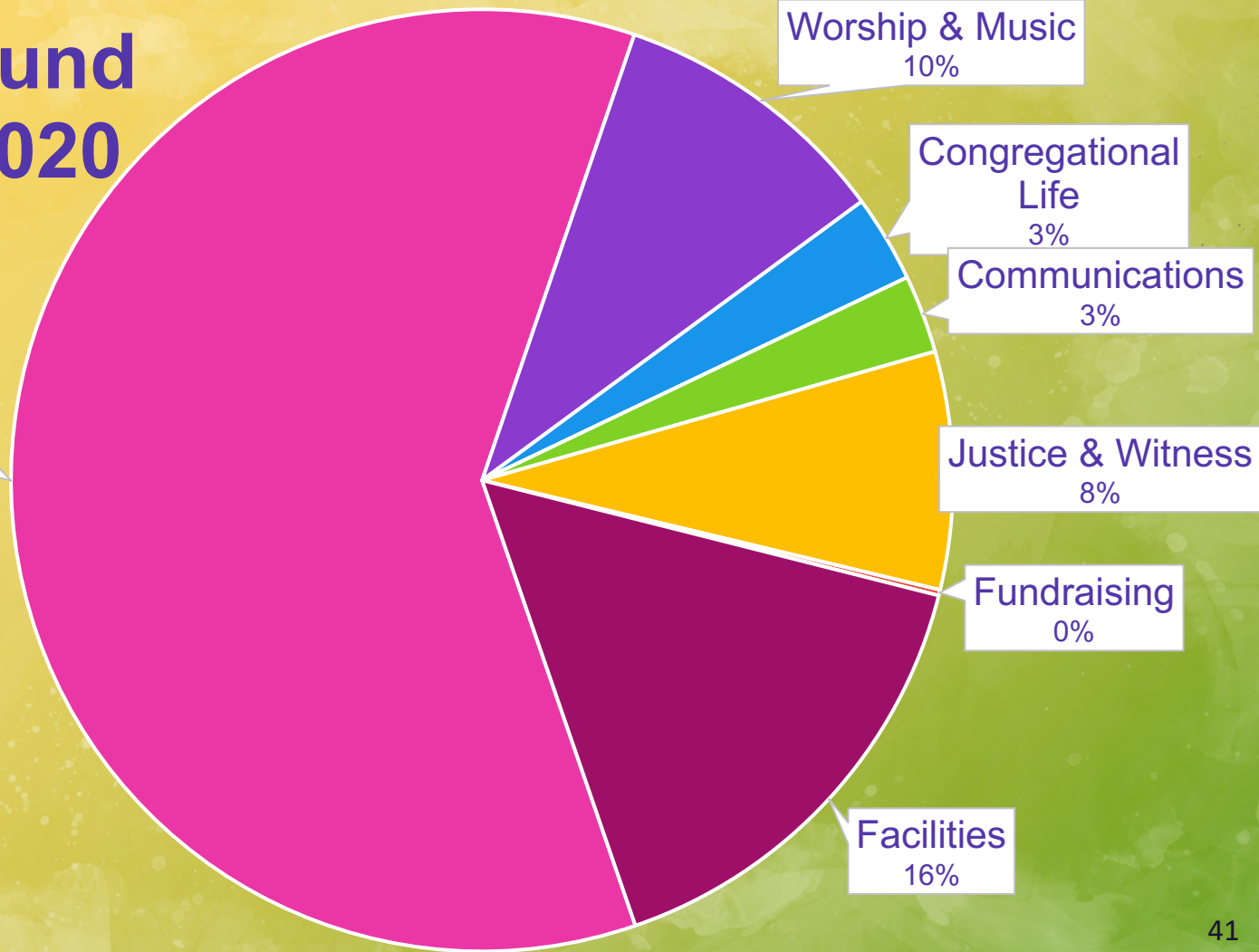
More Light Indeed!!

➤ In 2020 123 donors
pledged and
donated \$525,946

➤ In 2020 39 donors
did not pledge yet
donated \$13,974

➤ Thank you,
everyone!

Operating Fund expense, 2020



January	UCC One Great Hour of Sharing	\$2,253	Safe Camp Donations Received: \$35,254.81
February	Rainbow PUSH	\$1,766	
March	Mid Valley Healthcare	\$1,346	SafePlace Donations Received \$13,032.60
April	Corvallis Environmental Center	\$1,316	
May	Westminster House	\$1,126	SafePlace Grant Received \$15,000.00
5 th Sunday in May	Corvallis/Albany NAACP	\$1,550	
June	UCC Strengthen the Church	\$651	Total Received 170,825.41
July	Healthcare for All Oregon	\$991	
August	Corvallis Sustainability Coalition	\$996	
September	PCUN	\$1,411	
October	UCC Neighbors in Need	\$1,094	
November	Vina Moses	\$1,241	First Congo by the Numbers in 2020: Mission Giving, Mike McInally
December	Unity Shelter	\$90,072	
	UCC Christmas Fund (a.k.a. Veterans of the Cross)	\$1,725	



First Congo at a Glance: Endowment & Memorial Funds, Evan Scheessele

The goal of the Endowment and Memorial Funds Committee's work and processes is to preserve the long-term real purchasing power of the net assets, while allowing for predictable distributions in support of the Church's mission and ministry. The Committee invests, manages, and distributes estate gifts, memorial gifts, and other special gifts not restricted to an annual time frame in order to ensure that gifts to the Church can be used to effectively fulfill the Church's mission and ministry. The Committee also administers the Church's Planned Giving Program and Pledge Continuation Fund.



Givers' inspired generosity enabled our committee's managed funds to support, in 2020, the new commercial freezer for Gatton Hall, lighted security bollards for the church's entrance, and asbestos abatement in the church's sanctuary.

- **Oversee safe and effective investment of the church's endowments and memorial funds**
- **Understand documented intents & constraints on oldest gifts**
- **Prepare fresh guidance for how the EMF could best support in times of exigency (demands/requirements of a situation, not an emergency)**



First Congo Leadership, Election of New Council Members 2021 Program Year

Carol Canham Terrill

Raymund Ocampo

Amy Thomson

Responsive Prayer for the New Year

One: Nothing is more practical than finding God,

Many: than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.

One: What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination,

Many: will affect everything.

One: It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,

Many: what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends,

One: what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart,

Many: and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

One: Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.

Many: May it be so, Amen.