

SPECIAL APPEAL UPDATE

We made a special appeal to the congregation in May and June since we expect to be \$61,150 behind in our budget by Dec. 31, 2022. This gap was due to unplanned expenses due to the lightning strike, big ticket items needing repair in the parsonage and large increases in some line items of the budget that had not been anticipated. Steps have been taken to better plan for these in the future, but we still have to deal with 2022 and the budget gap.



As of the end of July, we have received \$13,473 marked as “special appeal”. Thank you! In addition, we have received gifts from more people — either one-time gifts or new gifts — thank you! We are also experiencing an increase in pledges coming in – thank you! We have also been blessed with a donated lawn tractor (saving us that \$3000 expense) –thank you! The Trustees have been working to bring the necessary repairs in under budget—thank you.

As of this time (mid-September) we anticipate our budget shortfall to be \$25,200. Thank you, Middletown UMC family! Together, in 3 months, we have closed the anticipated deficit by \$35,950. Different families are supporting the special appeal through different means. As such, it is complicated to identify the exact funds given towards the special appeal; therefore, we are tracking the anticipated budget shortfall which is now only \$25,200. AMEN!

We are beginning to look at the 2023 budget. Costs continue to rise. EVERY expense associated with operating our church building has increased, just as they do for our homes! We do anticipate a shortfall for 2023. We hope to provide raises for our employees, but it is hard to do with the anticipated shortfall.

Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry that God is doing through the Middletown United Methodist Church.