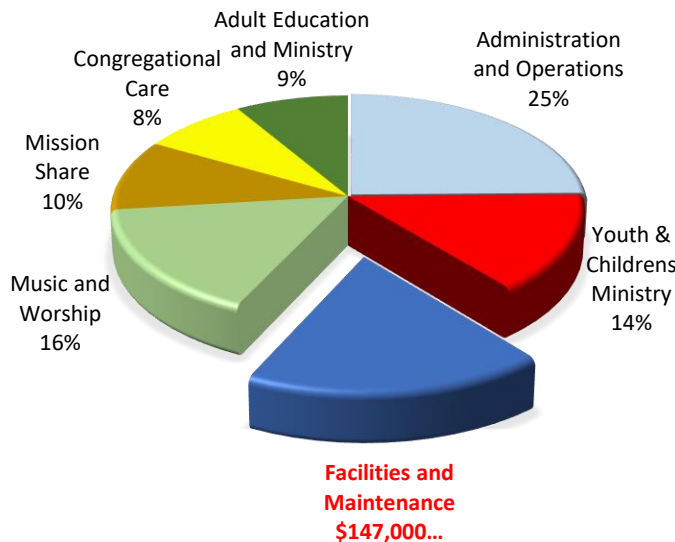


Nine months of not gathering together makes us all the more aware of just how much our church building means to us. Woodlawn United Methodist Church's building evokes strong emotions, from its elegant architecture and beautiful stained glass to its brightly colored children's wing. Eighteen percent of Woodlawn's total budget or approximately \$147,000 is allotted to **Facilities and Maintenance**. This does not include



contributions to our mortgage or the Capital Fund to cover building improvements and the replacement of large equipment systems such as air, heating, or plumbing.

It's important to understand that our investment in Facilities and Maintenance is really an investment that protects a very large asset. Did you realize that the replacement value of our church building alone is more than 7.4 million dollars? Woodlawn's Trustees are also responsible for the Jack and Jill Center as well as other buildings and personal property valued at almost 2 million dollars! Without the regular, continued investment into the upkeep, maintenance, utilities, insurance and inspections, this entire asset would be put at risk!

Even when our building is temporarily closed, utilities must be kept on and regular maintenance and inspections scheduled to ensure that everything remains in proper working order until we can reopen. Again, this is done to preserve the great asset of our building.

And don't forget Woodlawn's reputation for being generous with our facilities, especially in service to the needs of our community. Alcoholics Anonymous, Al Anon, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts all meet in our building regularly. We also host city, state and national elections, blood drives, the Derby Community Chorus and a variety of other groups who know they are most welcome at Woodlawn!



Perhaps one of the best ways Woodlawn gifts its facility is Winterfest, a large arts and crafts show attracting vendors from throughout the region. Proceeds from Winterfest fund missions in our own local community, so that even our investment in "bricks and mortar" returns a great yield for the Lord's work among us.

**Please consider how your own investment in Woodlawn's ministry, operations and even its building generates a mighty return for God's work. If you haven't already, you can make your 2021 pledge now online at [www.WoodlawnUMC.net](http://www.WoodlawnUMC.net) under the "Giving" link, or return the enclosed estimate of giving form to the church at 431 S. Woodlawn Blvd., Derby, KS 67037.**