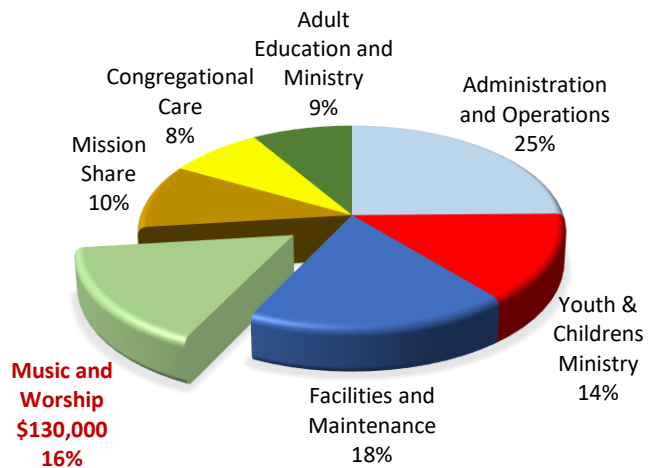


Last week's Investor Bulletin we introduced you to Woodlawn's fall Stewardship Campaign and asked you to imagine Woodlawn's budget as an investment portfolio.

This week we highlight the first of many "investments" made by Woodlawn donors: **Worship and Music**. Roughly \$130,000 is invested each year to create meaningful weekly worship services as well as for special days throughout the year. Woodlawn holds more than 165 distinct worship experiences each year with a combined attendance of more than 20,000 persons! People are not only moved by the music, but encouraged by heart-felt prayers and inspired by God's word. Has worship touched you and helped you sense God's nearness? This could be the best return of all on our investment in worship.



Perhaps you love traditional worship featuring an organ, piano, excellent choir and bell choir. Our investment allowed Woodlawn to employ our directors of music through the pandemic to not only provide music for online services but to also ensure the return of our many music offerings upon returning to our building. Beginning October 18 we hope to again worship in person with an ensemble and pianist, and it won't be long before our organist, pianist, choir and bell choir will all be touching our hearts with their stirring music once again!



And if you enjoy a more modern worship style, you'll be pleased to know that on October 18, Woodlawn's Worship Band also plans to lift our hearts and create an atmosphere of worship as we gather once again for our contemporary service!

Last March, Woodlawn was able to quickly pivot from in-person to online worship to help our congregation stay spiritually connected despite the pandemic. This sudden shift was possible only because of your ongoing investment in equipment, software, licenses and staff. A Woodlawn member recently wrote, *"Having the services online provides me with some sort of normalcy for church. I appreciate all the work everyone has done for all these months to bring these services to us every week."*



Woodlawn also pays careful attention to worship as a tool to share the Good News of Jesus with those beyond our congregation. Worship is also one of our greatest Evangelism tools. People often remind us that it was Woodlawn's music that drew them back after they first visited. For any who care deeply about reaching new people with the gospel, an investment in Worship and Music is key!

Next week, look for another investor's bulletin featuring Children and Youth Ministry, and begin thinking about your own investment in Woodlawn's ministry, and how you would like to contribute in the coming year.