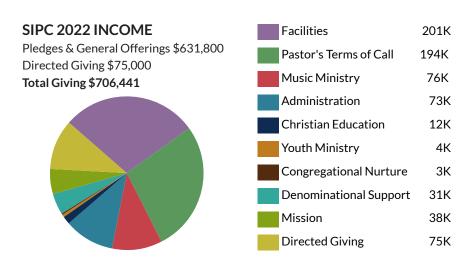


Just as each of us are challenged to practice good stewarship, so we should be aware of the way Sea Island Presbyterian Church engages in stewardship and how our church helps fulfill the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

We are blessed with dedicated pastors and staff, a beautiful church campus, and an engaged and generous congregation. On the next two pages, you can read some of the ways in which we have opened our hearts, our doors, and our wallets to the Beaufort community and beyond.



Pledges and general offerings are operating income and managed by SIPC staff and session. Directed giving is designated for specific areas such as The Shelter Box, Special Offerings, or the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

### **Providing Meeting Space for Non-Profit Organizations**

Sea Island practices stewardship by honoring our mission statement to "Love God, Love Others, and Reach Out". A significant way SIPC does this is by making space on the church campus available to many non-profit organizations in our community. These groups include **Scout Troop 200**, three local **Rotary Clubs**, **Lowcountry Habitat for Humanity**, **League of Women Voters**, and **Alcohol Anonymous**. A large number of congregants volunteer and share their time and talent with several of these organizations,

## **Supporting Students and Education**

Education has always been a priority for Presbyterians, and assisting students is important at Sea Island. With the support of the national **Presbyterian Women** organization within the Presbyterian Church (USA), **Beaufort County School District, United Way of Beaufort**, and support from the Mission Committee and Session Council, the Sea Island campus hosts the **Safe Haven After School Tutoring Ministry** for 20 elementary and middle school students from nearby schools.

During the summer, a large group of high school and college students affiliated with **Salkehatchie Summer Services** via the United Methodist Conference of South Carolina use our church campus as their headquarters in addition to room and board as they work with the Penn Center on house repair projects located in various neighborhoods located on the barrier islands in northern Beaufort County. In addition, college groups frequently use our campus as home base as they tackle projects sponsored by the **Lowcountry Habitat for Humanity**.

We provide classrooms and playground space for over 100 children attending the **Sea Island Presbyterian Day School**. Many of our member's children and grandchildren have their first school experience here.

Scholarships for Andrew Byrd and college students...

## **Partnering with Other Area Congregations**

Sea Island works in concert with the St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Catholic Church, and the Water's Edge Methodist Church in supplying the local Fransiscan Center with canned goods and dry staples. We house the Food Trailer on our campus once a month. We also participate in and support the the annual Walk for Water.

## Taking Care of those in Special Need

Through the financial generosity of church members and friends, Sea Island maintains a generous **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** that assists families and individuals in need. The discretionary fund covers the cost for food items, needed medicine, utility bills, bus tickets, and in certain emergency situations, rental payments and mortgages.

Before the pandemic, sponsored the only **Cold Weather Shelter** in Beaufort County and teamed with area congregations in hosting families connected with **Family Promise**, an agency that assists families who are homeless and working hard to establish stability in their lives. We hope to soon renew these ministries and again open our doors to those who seek shelter and signs of Christian friendship.

## Supporting the Mission & Ministry of Others

On a larger scale, Sea Island financially supports the work and ministry of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, the Synod of the South Atlantic, General Assembly Council and the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Through the years the congregation has sponsored missionaries and their families in Brazil, Egypt, Kenya, and Mozambique.

Our Congregation has generously contributed to the **Shelter Box**, an organization that provides kits (tents, tools etc) for families and individuals in areas and regions around the globe that are suffering displacement because of storms and armed conflict. We also provide support to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** organization, and our Special Offerings through the year support **HELP of Beaufort**, the **Thornwell Home for Children**, the **Presbyterian Villages of South Carolina**, self-help of people and new church development.

## **Mission Trips**

Our church has also supported youth and their adult advisors on mission trips to New York City in relationship with the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church working in food kitchens, housing sites, hospitals and shelters; to Pedras Negras, Mexico with "Construction for Christ" building a four room concrete home in five days; to the Dominican Republic organizing and implementing a Vacation Bible School in a suburb and local congregation in Santo Domingo; to Charleston, SC supporting a Vacation Bible School in a public housing location.



The Sea Island Presbyterian Church is recognized as a seven day a week church. Our hearts should always be ready and our doors always open.

The ways the church uses our gifts and resources signifies our faithfulness and commitment to Jesus Christ and his message of the gospel to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and to visit the sick and the lonely.

## The Four Pillars of Stewardship



### **PERSONAL**

Private prayer, reading the Bible, and showing the gifts of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control



### COMMUNITY

Regularly
participating in
the shared
experiences of our
church family worship, fellowship,
breaking bread
together, and
prayer.



### **PUBLIC**

Showing our faith outside of the church through involvement and service to others. Done for the Glory of God with no expectation of anything in return.



### **FINANCIAL**

Giving a portion of our income and financial assets to support the ministry of Jesus Christ through our congregation.

# Giving Sunday is November 13, 2022

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