

Mission
\$18,000



Global Mission

International
Mission Trips
Youth Work Trips
Church-to- Church
Partnership with
Johanneskirche
(Germany)

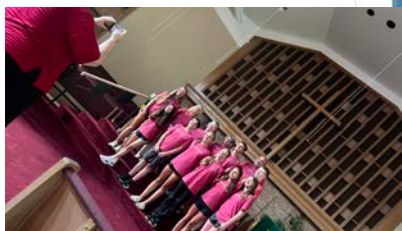
Faithful Servants
Family Promise
Rebuilding
Together

Denominational Giving

OCWM (Our
Church's Wider
Mission)
Disaster Relief
Ministries

Local Missions

Habitat for
Humanity
Shelter Care
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First Serve
South Street
Ministries



In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the innkeeper's role included managing resources, ensuring the inn's readiness, and extending mercy and help – roles we mirror when we care for one another and open ourselves up to caring for those in our community.

Focusing on the innkeeper can also challenge the ways we operate our building. Having a building is not the point of church. Rather, the building serves as a tool of our ministry. A church facility matters only because it can facilitate our mission. Your gifts to our congregation help us provide a place of healing in our community, an "inn" where Good Samaritan ministry can happen.

(This brochure is not a detailed budget presentation but a visual look at what our pledges support.)



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Our Mission for God in 2026

First Congregational Church of Tallmadge strives
to be a congregation that "makes God the
foundation of everyday living."

What Kind of Dream Can We Dream Together?

The familiar Parable of the Good Samaritan tells the story of the Priest and the Levite who walked past a person in the ditch and the Good Samaritan who stopped to help. We often overlook another character in the story: the innkeeper. The Good Samaritan brought the wounded person to the inn, where the innkeeper nursed them to health until the Good Samaritan returned.

Saint Augustine, reflecting on this parable, highlights the unique role of the innkeeper, who provided a place where healing could happen. What would it mean to understand our congregation as an "inn" for Good Samaritan work? Can we see our community as a place where healing happens?

Our Church Home \$107,820

Building Operations

Gas/Water
Electric
Telephone
Insurance

Custodial Supplies

Cleaning/Paper
Products
Lighting
Tools &
supplies

Custodial Staff Salaries

Building Maintenance

Upkeep and
maintenance
Major repairs
(e.g.:Boiler/
Roof repair)

Operating Expenses

Print/Mail
Office
Equipment
Leases
Repair/
replacement



Inviting and Welcoming Others

Welcome Packets
Newsletter
New Members
Advertising
Confirmation
Dinner

Christian Education

Curriculum
Bible/Book Studies
VBS
Program Staff
Salaries
Teacher supplies
Youth Activities
Confirmation
Child. Gift Bibles

Worship/Ministry/Faith Formation \$148,329

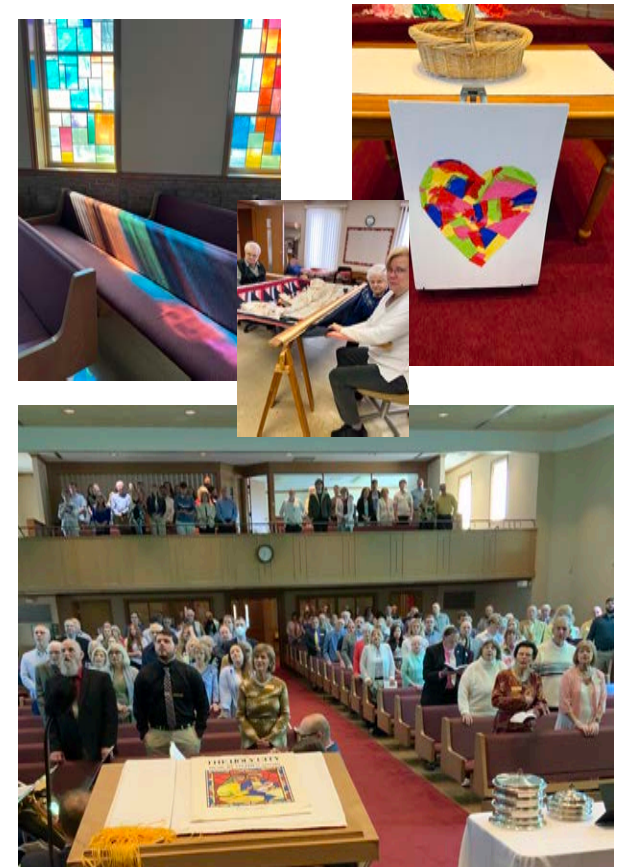


Worship

Supplies for Holy
Communion &
Baptisms
Candle oil, wicks,
pew pads, etc.
Bulletins
Busy Bags
Liturgical materials
Pastoral Leadership

Music Ministry

Music Supplies
(Bell, Chancel &
Children's Choir)
Piano/Organ
Tuning
Youth Musical
programs
Music Staff Salaries



Administration \$62,520

Administrative Staff Salaries
Business/Travel/Education expenses
Training & Workshops
Staff Retreat
Continuing
Education
Employee Benefits

