

RENEWING
THE COVENANT

RCPC 2025



RALEIGH COURT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

Grace and Peace to you, the faithful of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church!

I sit today surrounded by dozens of prayers written by our Centennial Listeners this past weekend. We gathered for a day-long retreat to pray about our experience meeting with and listening to our church family. One phrase catches my attention over and over again, "I am being called."

I think back 100 years when God called a different group of women and men from across Roanoke to gather around kitchen tables and in parlors and drawing rooms to envision a faithful future for themselves and for us. Today, God is still calling.

The evidence is all around me at my kitchen table. It is around us when we gather for worship, serve in missions, and as we pray, learn and grow. God is with us now as God was with the founders of our church. And, like then, God is still asking, "How can you be my people?"

I see some of the answers surrounding me:

"God is calling me to serve our seniors,"

"God is calling me to listen more and talk less,"

"God is calling me to ministry with the men of our church,"

"God is calling me to, however imperfectly, live in a way that is just, kind, and of service."

There is fresh energy in our church, and a longing to go deeper in faith, relationship, and mission. Right now, perhaps you sense, like I do, that "God is calling us to be a source of and testament to His endless love and grace in the place we are planted. To bring hope and better things to our community – practically and spiritually."

What does that mean for me? It means I want to give in a way that I haven't thought about giving for a while. I want to give in a way that allows the fullness of our ministry of love, grace, and mercy to be unleashed in our community. I want to offer gratitude for God's presence in our church, giving of my time, treasure, and talents as abundantly as God pours out mercy and grace on me.

My prayer for this season is that we each give out of a sense of abundance. I was reminded recently that generosity is not something we tire of: instead, generosity reflects the condition of our spirit.

With an 18% increase in pledged giving this year we can restore all our benevolences, fully fund our budget, expand our ministries of music and worship, give much needed attention to our ministries of care, particularly to our seniors and those who are grieving losses, and deepen our mission work for justice and mercy in our broken and hurting world.

This year, I chose to say yes because I felt prompted to respond to where God was calling me.

Where and how is God calling you? May we be filled with peace, love and joy as we respond.

-Jennifer Owen-O'Quill, Generosity Elder



LOOKING AHEAD

2024 PLEDGE	2025 REQUEST	WEEKLY INCREASE
\$500	\$590	\$1.73
\$1,000	\$1,180	\$3.36
\$2,000	\$2,360	\$6.92
\$3,000	\$3,540	\$10.38
\$4,000	\$4,720	\$13.85
\$5,000	\$5,900	\$17.31
\$6,000	\$7,080	\$20.77
\$7,000	\$8,260	\$24.23
\$8,000	\$9,440	\$27.69
\$9,000	\$10,620	\$31.15
\$10,000	\$11,800	\$34.62
\$15,000	\$17,700	\$51.92
\$20,000	\$23,600	\$69.23
\$30,000	\$35,400	\$103.85

We have seen growth in our church in new members and baptisms. We have seen growth in spirit as we pray, study, and care for one another in small groups, Sunday School classes, in retreats and conferences, meal trains and Presbyterian Women. We benefit from a talented, dedicated, and committed church staff who keep pointing us toward the risen Christ. We benefit from a facility that connects us to God, to one another, and to our community. This building is a resource to our neighborhood many days a week, a center of our community's life. We are committed to being a church for the world. In order to meet our goals in 2025, therefore, we are asking you to consider an increase in your annual commitment to our life and mission.

Looking for 15 new pledges and an overall increase of 18% in pledged giving.

With an increase in giving in 2025, RCPC can...

- ... Restore benevolences to 10% of operating budget.
- ... Fund our ministry staff and programs.
- ... Service the debt on the Capital Campaign.
- ... Fund regular maintenance of the building.

2024 Actual

Pledges: 179
Pledged Giving: \$800,142
Gifts: \$73,000
Prior Year Pledges: \$8,500
Interest: \$8,000
Income: \$889,642
Expenses: \$913,472.39
Total: -\$23,830.39

2025 Goal

Pledges: 194
Pledged Giving: \$945,000
Gifts: \$50,000
Prior Year Pledges: \$0
Interest: \$8,000
Income: \$1,003,000
Expenses: \$1,002,525
Total: \$475

"Your future in this church is just what you make it. If you bring into it honest faithful effort, love, sympathy, and faith, and go about every task to which you come with a smile, you bring your tithe into the storehouse, and then take God back with you into your daily life, then you will get all that you put into it with interest... There is a great task before us. Shall we go into it half-heartedly and reluctantly? I know that we will not. But all pulling together as one, with a sincere desire to do the Lord's work, we will go on and on from one great accomplishment to another and carry with us the blessing of God."

- Dr. G.M. Maxwell, charter member and elder of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, May 1925

2024 RECAP

In his sermon on Rally Day, Rev. Whaley invited us into Contemporary Remembering, just as Moses did with the Israelites as they prepared to enter the Promised Land. Drawing on the foundational story of RCPC, he described our congregation's emphasis in seven categories. Here we break down our congregational budget - program, benevolence, building, administration, and personnel - into these categories to display how we continue in our contemporary moment to live this holistic way of faith.



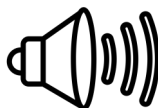
Location 17%

Managing the facility and the groups that use, meet, and serve in it



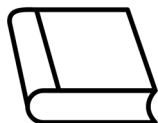
Dedication 7%

Working with Elders, Deacons, and Committees to listen, plan, and create ministry



Proclamation 10%

Preparing and presenting sermons, homilies, devotionals, funerals, weddings, to hear God's word



Education 18%

Sunday School, Youth Ministry, Retreats, Small Groups



Formation 26%

Worship & Music, Congregational Care, Fellowship



Reconciliation 17%

Mission Groups, Benevolences, promotion of service opportunities



Construction 5%

Fixing and upgrading elements of the church

2024 RECAP

From Rally Day of 2023 through the summer of 2024, we have continued to see new life and growing depth within our congregational witness. The Christian faith is lived in all seasons, from birth and infancy, through childhood and adolescence, in the midst of early adulthood and on through middle age, retirement, and even death. These numbers are but one way to measure God's presence in our ministries of formation and education, evangelism and care through August.



September 2023- September 2024 by the Numbers

Welcomed 37 New Members
 Baptized 8 Individuals
 Held 8 Funerals

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

9:00 AM in 2023—52 9:00 AM in 2024 YTD—55
 11:00 AM in 2023—183 11:00 AM in 2024 YTD—194

Average Weekly Christian Education Attendance

Adult Sunday School—70
 Adult Small Groups—46

Youth Sunday School—7
 Youth Group—22
 Confirmation—10

Total Number of Engaged Youth This Year: 43

Children's Sunday School—35
 God Alive—40

Children's Worship—20
 Nursery—10

Total Number of Engaged Children This Year: 75

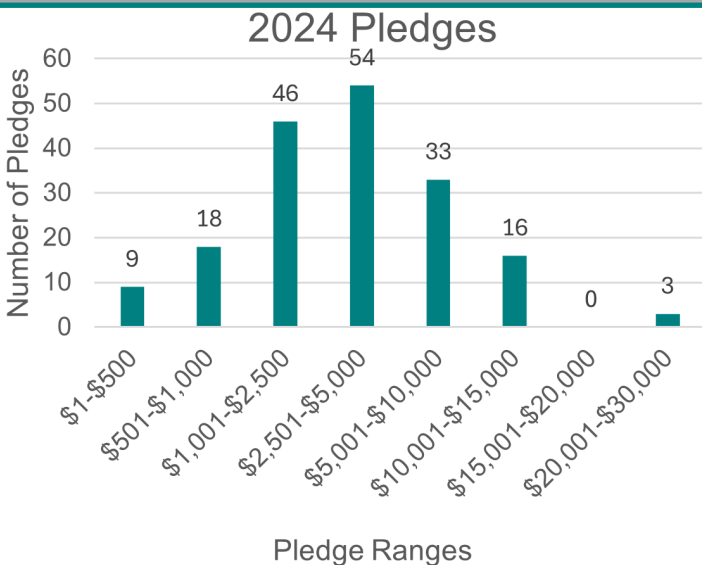
Music Ministry

Sanctuary Choir—27 in 2023 & 42 in 2024

Handbell Choirs—13 in 2023 & 25 in 2024

Youth Music Participants—6 in 2023 & 10 in 2024

Special Music Performances this year: 26 special music offerings in worship & 3 large ensemble concerts



In this chart you can note the levels of giving within the life of the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for every gift made in time, money, and energy. It takes all of us supporting the church as we are able to live the Gospel in our city.

Total Number of Pledges: 179
Total Pledged Amount: \$800,142

2024 RECAP—BENEVOLENCES

Due to budget constraints in 2024, we reduced the benevolences in our annual budget from 10% of total giving to 5% of giving. To defray the impact of that change, we designated all plate giving on Sundays to various mission partners. Below you can see the combined collections of those special gifts and the annual benevolent budget. Also, remember the collections made for school supplies at West End Center, Alms for the Presbyterian Community Center in Lent, and our annual Alternative Giving collections in December.

MISSION PARTNER	2024 MISSION SUPPORT GIVING	ANNUAL BUDGET	TOTAL YTD
Family Promise	\$2,238	\$1,448	\$3,731
Habitat for Humanity	\$2,380	\$0	\$2,380
Haiti Education	<i>December 2024</i>	\$4,000	\$4,000
Haiti Lunch	<i>December 2024</i>	\$15,200	\$15,200
House of Bread	\$3,693	\$1,448	\$5,141
Hunger Mission Team	\$6,329	\$8,100	\$14,429
PCUSA	N/A	\$7,500	\$7,500
Presbyterian Community Center	\$3,011	\$1,448	\$4,459
Rescue Mission	<i>October 2024</i>	\$1,448	\$1,448
Roanoke Area Ministries House	<i>November 2024</i>	\$1,448	\$1,448
Sudanese	\$4,756	\$3,000	\$7,756
Two Cents-A-Meal	\$5,174	\$0	\$5,174
West End Center	\$1,903	\$1,448	\$3,351
TOTAL	\$29,529	\$46,488	\$76,017



21 Outside Groups use RCPC's Facilities

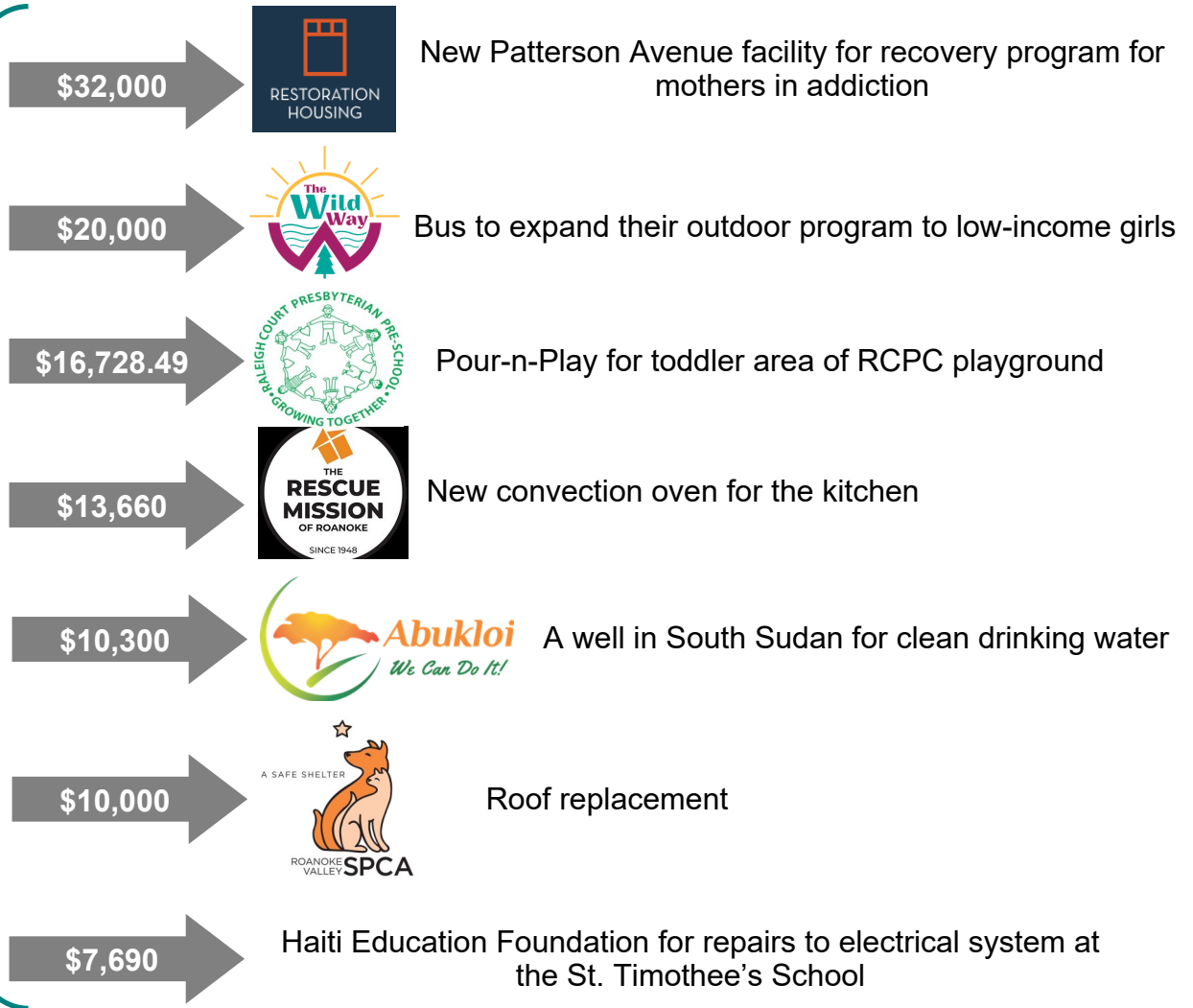
- Alcoholics Anonymous: Primary Purpose
- Alcoholics Anonymous: Seeds of Hope
- Adult Scout Leadership Training
- Al-Anon
- Book Group
- Boy Scouts of America Council
- Boy Scouts of America Troop 2
- Cub Scouts
- Eagle Board of Review
- Family Promise Board
- Family Service
- General Federation of Women's Clubs Blue Ridge
- Girl Scouts Troop 170
- Hip Sober Chicks
- Raleigh Court Neighborhood Association
- Raleigh Court Neighborhood Association Board
- Roanoke Area Ministries Board
- Roanoke Valley Choral Society
- Roanoke Women's Alcoholics Anonymous Worship
- Rotary Club
- Tai Chi



RCPC ENDOWMENT 2024

The Endowment Fund of RCPC is a collection of restricted accounts managed and invested by our elected Endowment Board. Each year, a percentage of those funds in the Mission Legacy and Maultsby Funds are designated for mission support in special grant requests. The Building Maintenance Fund is allocated for major property needs at the church. Below you can see how those funds have been used in 2024 and the current value of our invested funds.

Mission Legacy and Maultsby Funds
 Total Distributed in 2024: \$110,378.49
 Available Funds Remaining: \$21,270.62



Building Maintenance Fund

Funding toward Chapel Roof Repair: \$95,000
 Available Funds: \$26,672.48

Total Invested Funds
 Legacy Maultsby Mission Funds: \$3,363,890.49
 Building Maintenance Fund: \$607,520.92
TOTAL: \$3,971,411.42

Total 2024
Benevolences YTD
 Mission Partners +
 Endowment
\$186,395.49

LOOKING AHEAD—JOIN US!

Worship & Music

- Christmas Concert:...*And Glory Shone Around*—Sunday, December 15
- Christmas Eve Services
- Opera Roanoke—Sunday, February 16
- Music Ministry Sunday—February 23
- The Concordia Choir—Monday, March 3
- Ash Wednesday Service—March 5
- Lent Wednesday Communion Worship
- Organ Concert—Thursday, March 27
- Palm Sunday & Holy Week Services
- Centennial Series Closing Concert—Sunday, May 18
- Montreat Worship & Music Conference—June 15-21, 2025

Youth Ministry

- Homeless Assistance Team (HAT) collection—November
- Advent Progressive Dinner
- Confirmation Class Camp Out—January 10-11
- Parents Night Out Fundraiser—January 17
- Youth Sunday—January 26
- Faith & Sexuality Retreat—February 21-23
- Spring Lock-In—March 7-8
- Graduation Sunday—May 4
- Confirmation Sunday—May 18
- Montreat Youth Conference—July 6-12, 2025
- Massanetta Middle School Conference—July 10-13, 2025

Adult Christian Education

- Sunday School—Seeker's Class: *Heaven and Earth* by Will Willimon Book Study in December
- Sunday School—Advent Creation: An Intergenerational Adventure in December
- Montreat College Conference—January 2-5
- More Profound Alleluia small group in February
- Congregational Retreat—March 14-16
- Young Adult Events
- Isabel Thornton presentation from Restoration Housing
- Adult Small Groups
- Presbyterian Women—Bible Study: *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*

Children's Ministry

- Christmas Pageant—Wednesday, December 18
- Winter Vacation Bible School—Saturday, February 8
- Congregational Retreat—March 14-16
- Children's Ministry Sunday—April 23
- God Alive Camp Bethel Retreat—May 2-3
- Cucumber and tomato gardens
- 4th & 5th grade fall campout at Explore Park
- Bible & Music Camp—July 28-31, 2025

Mission

- CarePortal
 - Chris DeFalco: chris.a.defalco@gmail.com
- Earth Care
 - Abby Pierson: armorris24@gmail.com
- Family Promise Overnight Hosts
 - Vickie Haynie: vhaynie@fsrv.org
- Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build
 - Mike Mayo: mbmayo33@cox.net
- Haiti Mission Group
 - Reif Kessler: drk611@aol.com
- House of Bread
 - Lisa Goad: lbgoad@gmail.com
- Hunger Mission Packing
 - Henry Shaefer: henryschaefer@gmail.com
 - Paula Derbyshire: smjppqj@aol.com
- Justice, Equity, & Belonging
 - Mark Derbyshire: samd123@vt.edu
- Pump-A-Pint Blood Drives
 - Lillian Alexander: alexanderlj@yahoo.com
- Presbyterian Community Center
- Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) House
 - Nancy Trussel: nrtrussell@aol.com
- Rescue Mission
- Sudanese Mission Group
 - Sandra Whitt: sandrarcpc@yahoo.com
- Turning Point
 - Presbyterian Women, Bonnie Cooper: bbcooper02@verizon.net
- West End Center
 - Susan Kessler: skess21@gmail.com
- Hometown Mission Week—August 4-6, 2025