

Message From Joe

I'm so glad we didn't rush this! It was a year of keeping health, not growth, the priority. Did we grow? Sure! But it wasn't big and fast. It was natural and relational. For instance, after we packed a room full of 250 people in April, we stepped back and focused more than ever on our home gatherings. Why? Because we don't want to be a church full of strangers. We want to become a spiritual family—one that knows Jesus and knows one another. This decision was the beginning of "Core"—the people now preparing to host House Groups in their homes across the Lehigh Valley!

From a financial standpoint, I'm proud of us! Our people are givers and we've been responsible with what's been entrusted. Our Administrative costs sit below our "no more than 50%" goal and when needs arise in our community, we respond generously.

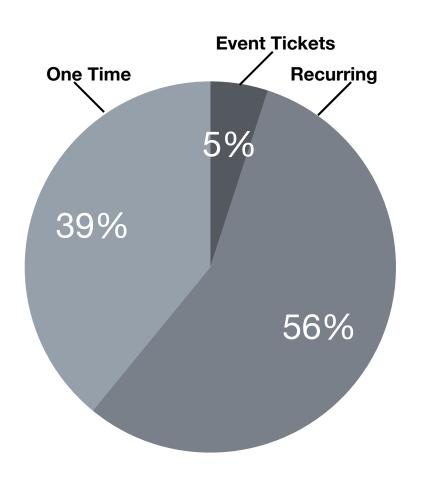
As we move forward, you'll find our goals are much less about "bigger" and more about "deeper." Our community is getting it—hospitality that leads to relationship that leads to discipleship. That's our M.O. now and always.

To those of you who pray for us and give toward our existence and mission, I offer my deepest gratitude! You're a part of this—our beautiful experiment—the "church around the table."

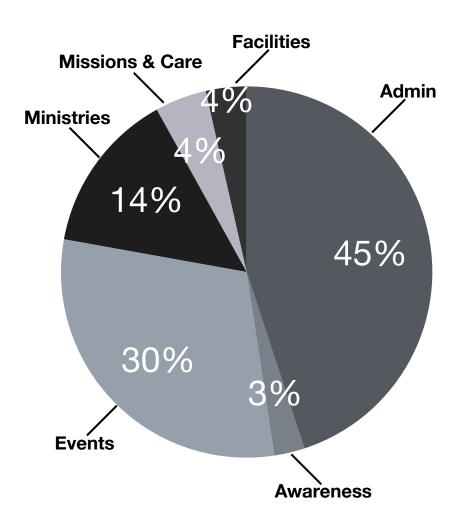
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2017 Expense Overview







Allocation Total \$36,042.66

2017 Expense Specifics

Specific Allocation	Totals
Admin - Ministry Meetings, Relocation, Incorporation	\$811.28
Admin - Pastoral Support	\$15,252.00
Admin - Office Supplies	\$72.83
Admin - Leadership Supplies	\$73.65
Ministry - Adult (Core; House Groups)	\$1,666.98
Ministry - Children	\$3,186.79
Ministry - Worship	\$236.43
Facilities	\$1,279.18
Events - Yard Parties	\$1,714.70
Events - Worship Nights / Reunion	\$3,003.96
Events - Winter Dinner	\$1,449.00
Events - Fall Dinner	\$3,427.06
Events - Christmas	\$623.64
Events - Brunch	\$668.37
Missions & Care (Adoption, Baby Showers, Turning Point)	\$1,621.21
Outreach & Awareness	\$955.58
Grand Total	\$36,042.66

2017 Accomplishments

- Local Eldership Team established
- Non-profit incorporation as a "Church"
- House Groups officially launched in Bethlehem
- Launch of monthly Reunion services
- New team members Treasurer, Worship Director, Events Team
- Unforced / Organic / Relational Growth

Moving Into 2018

- Local Eldership Team growth
- Making ministers equipping the whole body in their gifts
- House Group Host training + location multiplication
- Intentional missional activity through equipped House Groups
- Monthly Reunion service moved from Courtney's House to Crayola Gallery
- Leaders equipped/released to carry on all ongoing L24 activities (Sustainability)
- Foundational planning for future L24 Collective plants

2018 Budget Projection

Social Space	
Seasonal Dinners (catering, venue, etc.)	\$12,000
Family Brunches	\$1,500
Missional Activity	\$12,000
Personal Space	
House Groups	\$3,000
Learning Resources (decrease from 2017 due to in-house production)	\$1,600
Public Space	
Location Fees	\$4,800
Liability Insurance	\$1,500
Children's Resources	\$2,500
Software & Licensing	\$600
Audio Equipment (one-time expense)	\$5,500
Portable Supplies	\$1,800
Administrative	
Pastoral - Housing Allowance	\$21,000
Outreach & Awareness	\$1,200
Misc. Supplies (signage, printing, etc.)	\$1,200
Total	\$70,200