



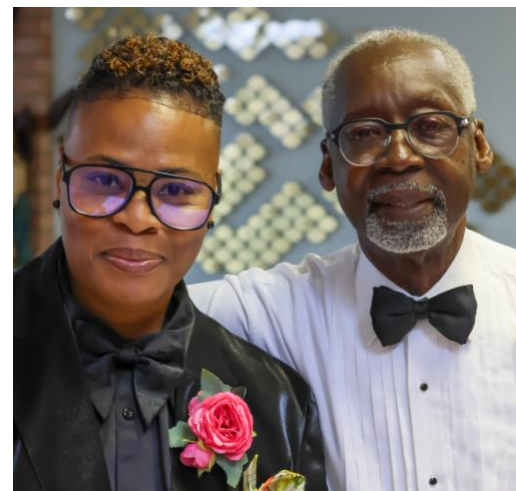
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PRAISE GOD

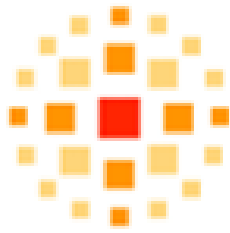
from whom ALL blessings flow.

Celebration of Stewardship -2025

I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing. Gen 12.2







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The goal of these pages is for every giver to have:

- a better understanding of how your gifts are used
- a better understanding of the ministry of Christ UMC.
- increased transparency about use of your gifts
- a better understanding of why we should give
and a better understanding of why we should
make a pledge.

And of course, to celebrate the MISSION of Christ UMC!

40-67 healthy and delicious meals served monthly
100 packed dinners, 6x per year for New Brunswick feeding ministry
Back to School backpacks for 30 children
Coat Drive - 123 coats, 13 scarves, 8 hats, and 4 pairs of gloves
122 soup cans for FISH
"Got Socks Plus" - collected 414 socks
plus 8 Women's Items, 51 Men's Items, and 30 Children's Items
Angel Tree/Prison Fellowship Christmas Event party and gifts for
77 children from 29 families.

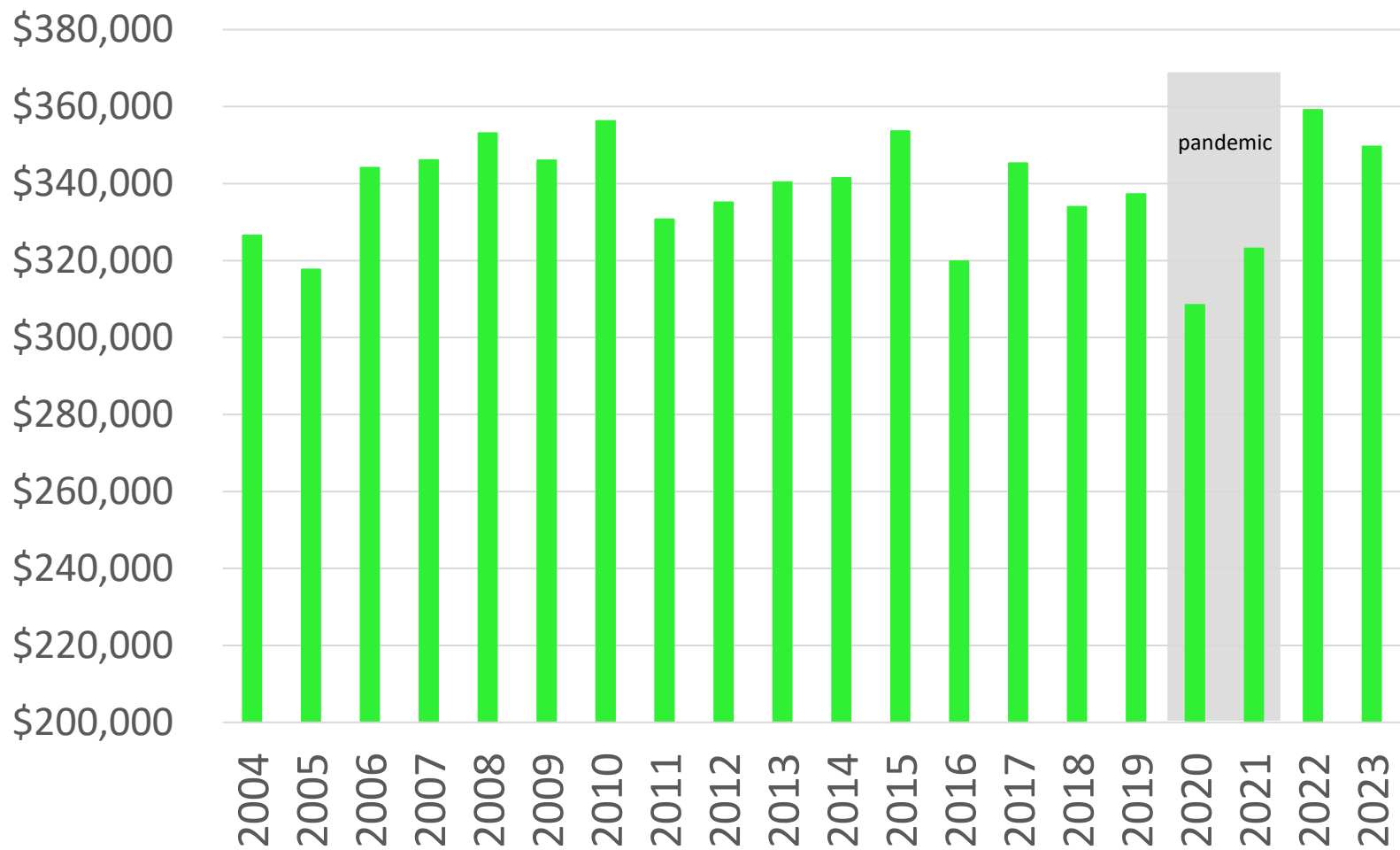
Our **Fundraising Team** raises money through special events for Special Projects. The beautiful photos are taken from last year's afternoon tea fashion show. Our **Fellowship Team** plans many opportunities for us to be together – trips and outings and food and fellowship.



The church accounts for three types of gifts to fund our operating budget:
Pledges – once a year, we ask God’s people to make a pledge for the following year.
ID’ed (identified) Givers are people who give but haven’t pledged
Loose plate – cash in the offering plate without a name on an envelope.
 All gifts and pledges are needed. All are valued.

Stewardship Totals - 20 years

Pledges + IDed givers + Loose Plate



Please be in prayer. Over the last four years we have seen

Pledges lost to death - \$18,200

Pledges/Annual gifts lost due to people moving away - \$55,551

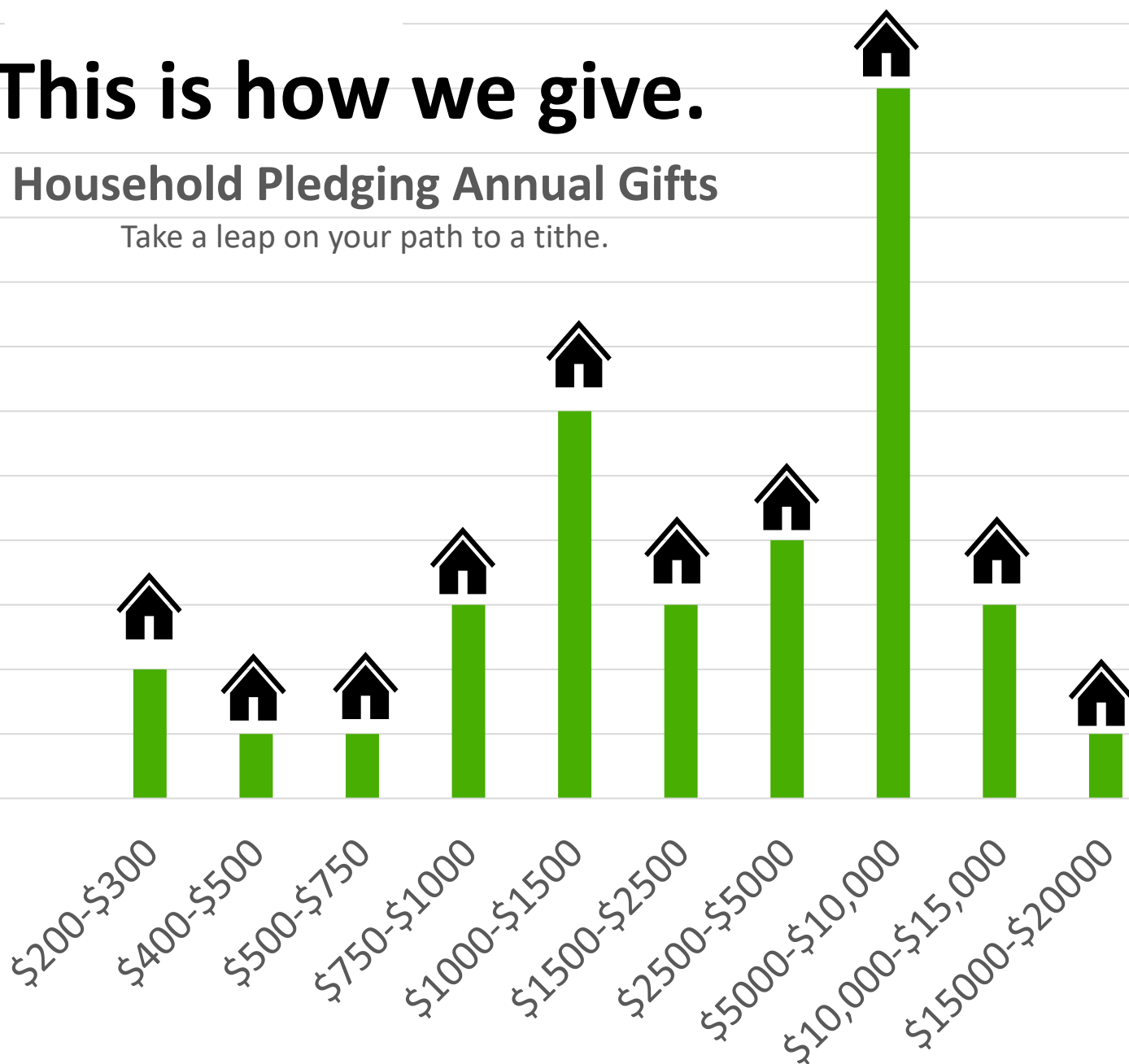
These losses make our ability to maintain giving income levels even more extraordinary. Praise be to God.

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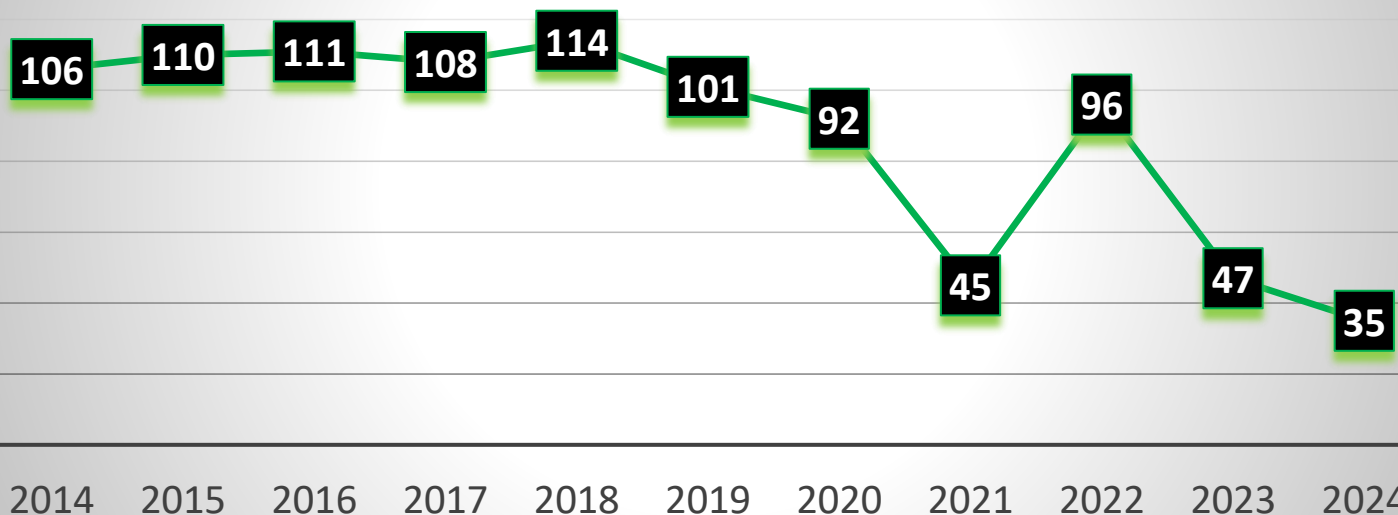
This is how we give.

Household Pledging Annual Gifts

Take a leap on your path to a tithe.

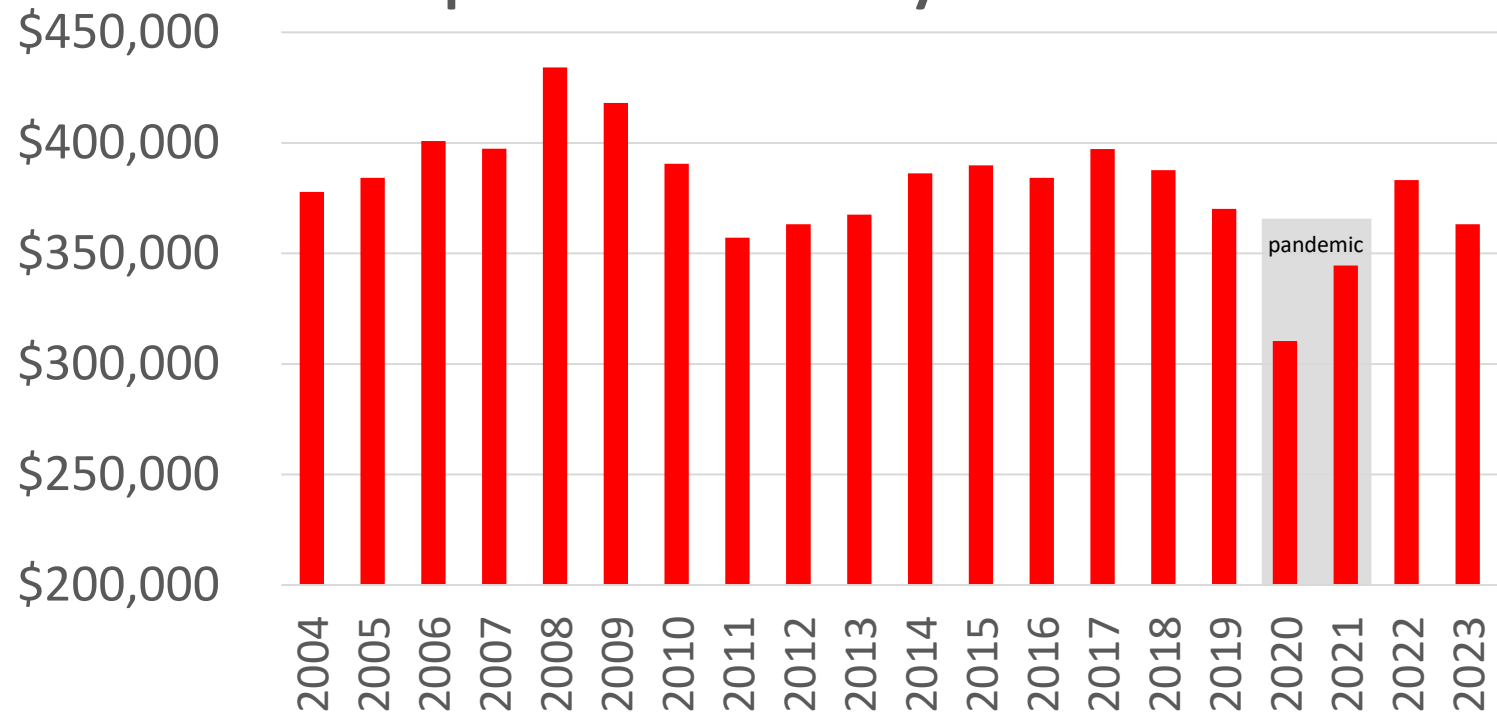


Pledge Cards Received

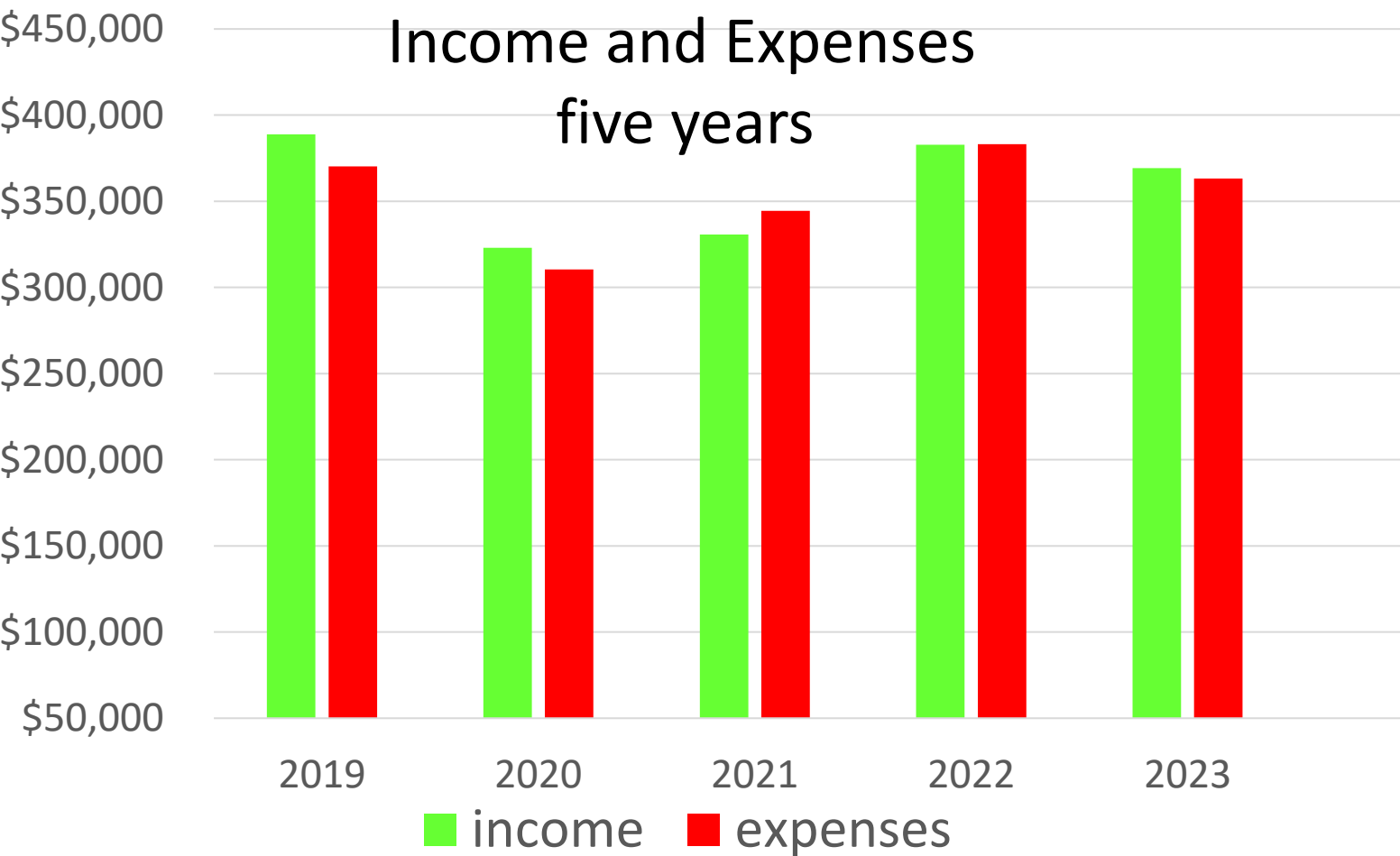


The leadership at Christ UMC has worked hard to keep operating expenses down. Included in the annual expenses are payments on loans that were taken to care for larger building projects and expenses.

Expenses - 20 years



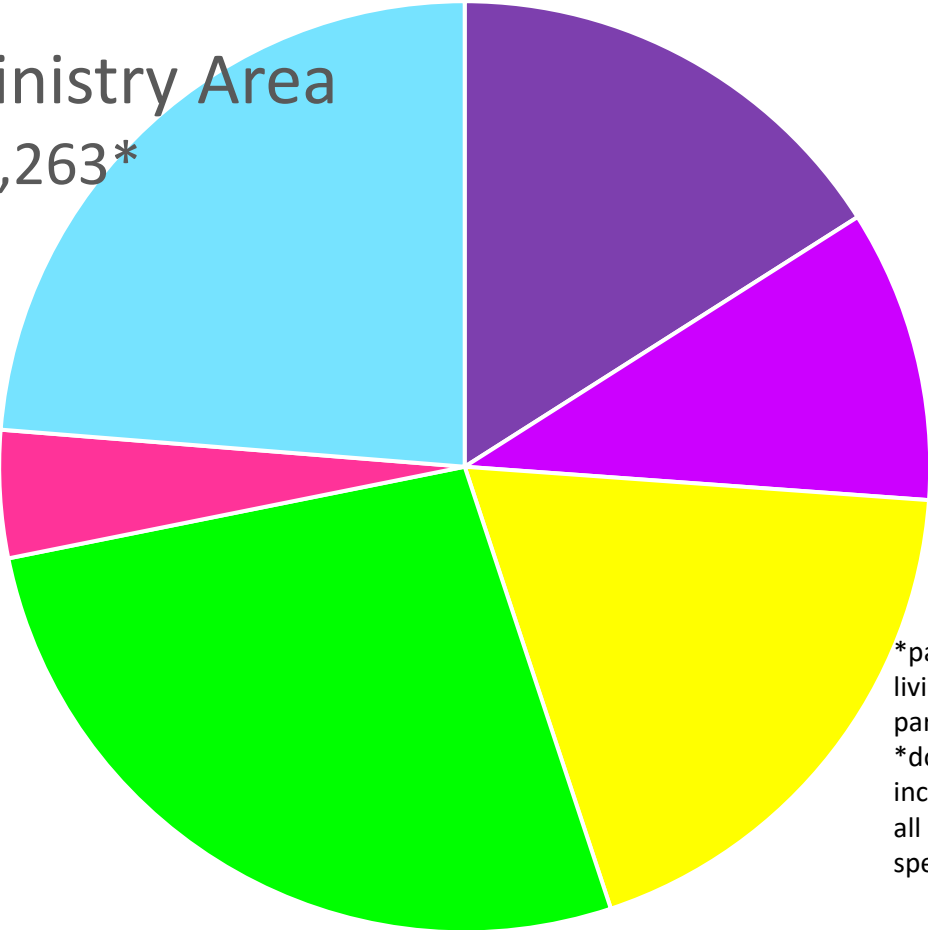
Income and Expenses five years



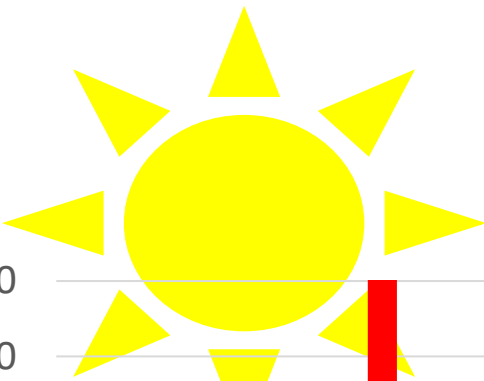
2023 Budget by Ministry Area

Expense Budget \$363,263*

- music
- worship
- admin
- building
- loan payments
- ministry and mission

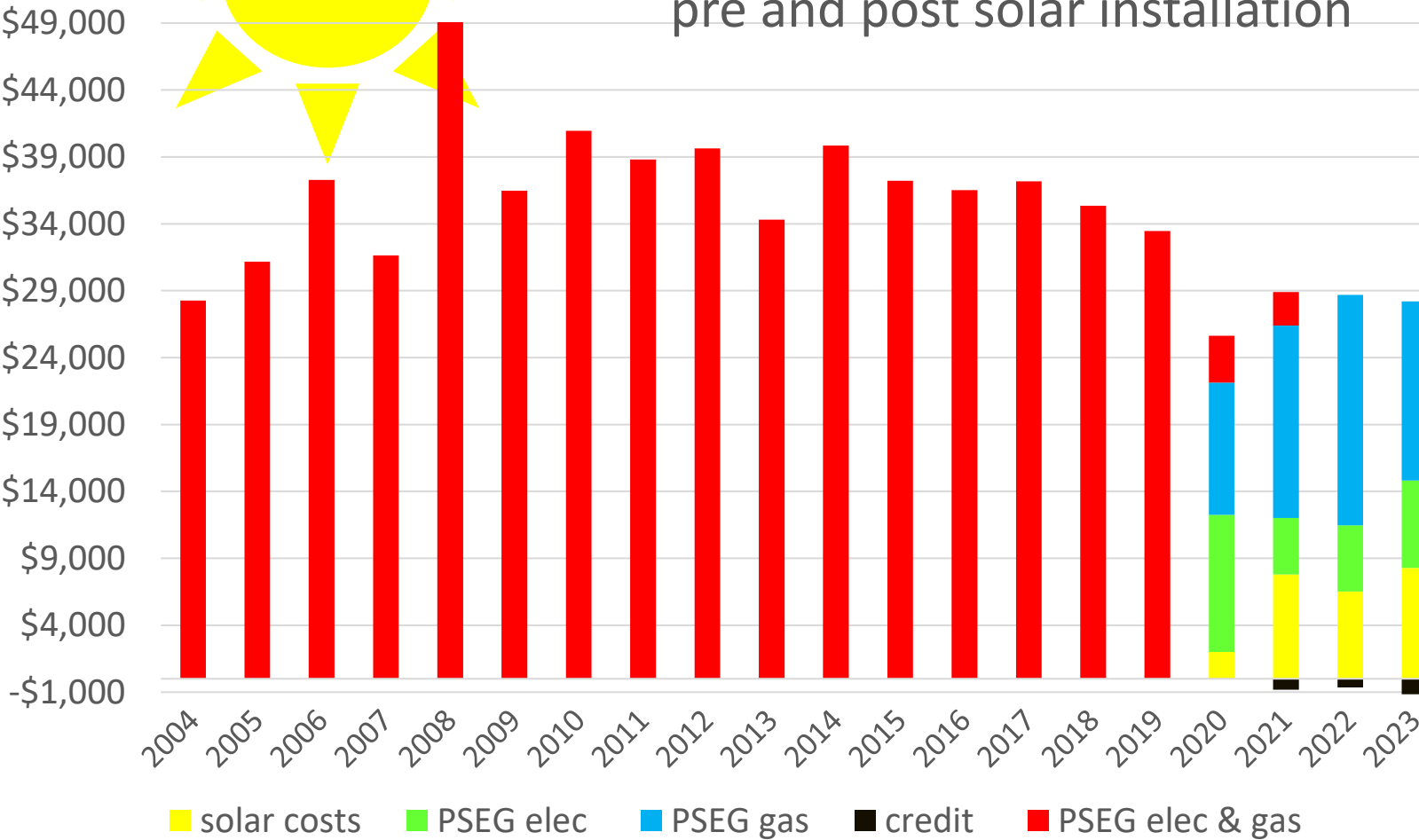


*pastor not living in parsonage
*does not include all ministry spending



energy costs

pre and post solar installation



Goals for this Celebration - 2025

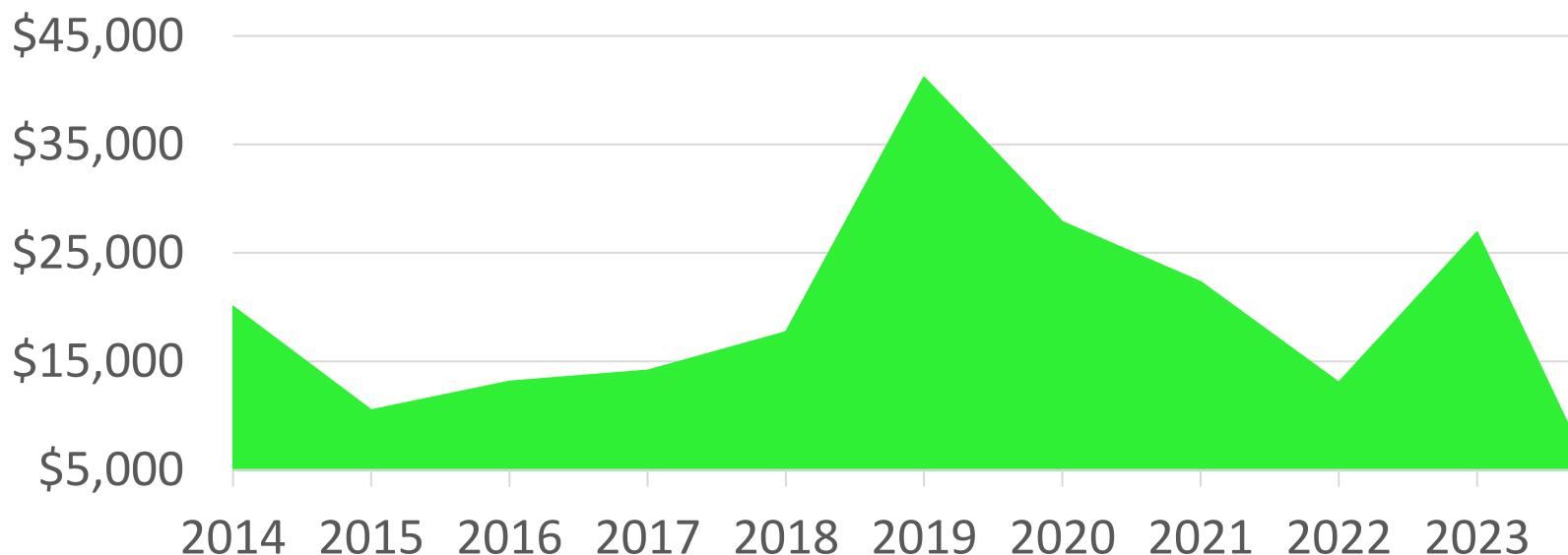
Pledge cards Goal: 50 cards
Total Pledges Goal: \$210,000

Actuals
2023 \$190,862
2022 \$167,892
2021 \$252,763

As we inch our way back to our peak of \$280k and 114 cards.

Programs and Projects – In and Out Funds

Missions, Fundraising, Fellowship, Trips



Many of the ministry areas of Christ UMC collect funds directly for their projects.

Those funds are restricted from supporting the church's monthly expenses and are not including in the operating budget reporting. . Because the accounts are, for the most part, fully funded. There is no impact on the budget.



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