

BERN REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

‘... because we care...’



- ... About giving the **children** of our congregation a solid beginning to their faith journeys.
- ... About helping **those who are hungry** in our area.
- ... About **serving our community** with events that feed them – literally and figuratively!
- ... About having **worship services** with vibrant music and spiritual messages

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Peach Festival in the Church Grove – Events such as this one keep Bern Reformed as a center of community life in Bern and Penn townships.



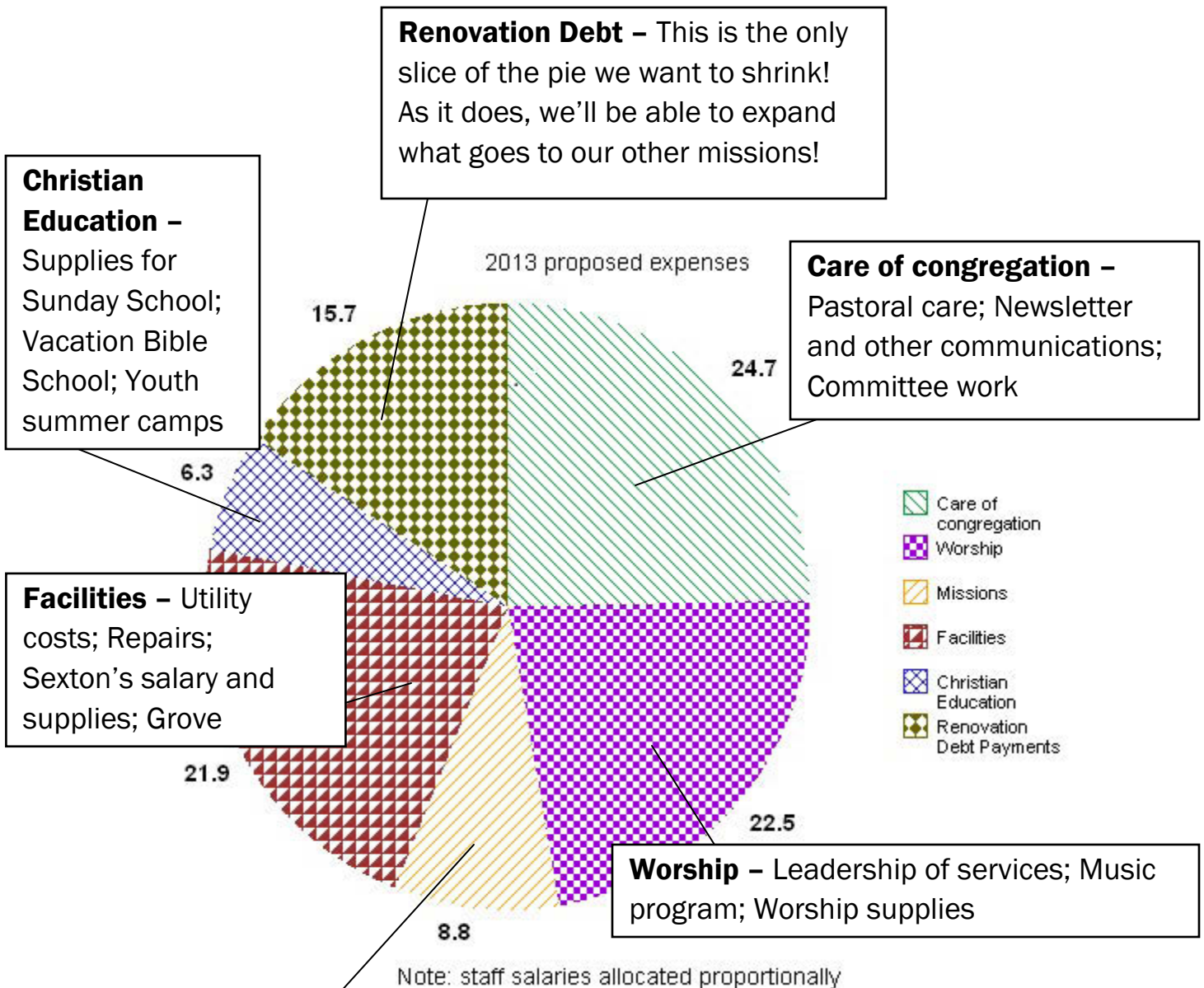
Anti-hunger efforts – We serve at New Journey soup kitchen (above) and field a CROP Walk team (below).



Christian Education's Rally Day – All ages, but especially our children, benefit from Sunday School classes and special events.

**STEWARDSHIP is the MEANS ...
Our MISSIONS are the ENDS!**

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Renovation Debt – This is the only slice of the pie we want to shrink! As it does, we’ll be able to expand what goes to our other missions!

Christian Education – Supplies for Sunday School; Vacation Bible School; Youth summer camps

Care of congregation – Pastoral care; Newsletter and other communications; Committee work

Facilities – Utility costs; Repairs; Sexton’s salary and supplies; Grove

Worship – Leadership of services; Music program; Worship supplies

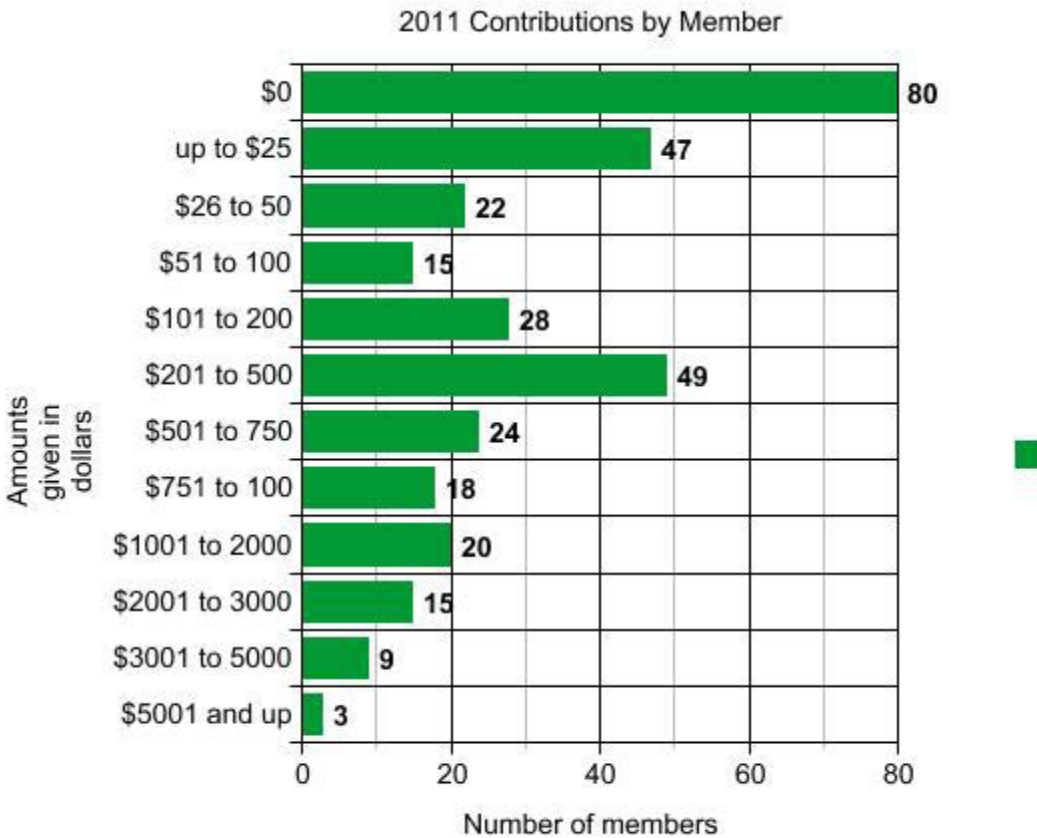
Missions – Community Concerns; Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry; OCWM

How can you use your:

- **Time**
- **Talents**
- **Treasures**

to help meet the many needs of our congregation?

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Source: Financial Secretary

Raising the bar in our ‘Year of Anticipation’

We will face many challenges as a congregation in the year 2013.

While we feel invigorated from the healing and renewed sense of purpose that we’ve felt in 2012, our next year will be crucial as we form a search committee that we hope will attract the best possible candidates to fill our settled pastor position.

When you contemplate how you will answer the Stewardship call for the coming year think not just of how we need to begin repaying the money that funded our renovations ... but also how we need to try

to expand our missions to really make those renovations have been worthwhile!

Please think, too, about putting our “best foot forward” as our pastoral search begins in earnest.

What sort of Bern Church will those candidates see? Hopefully, you will want to show those candidates that we are a group of Christians who, “because we care,” are committed not just to our own congregation but to serving all God’s people in our community, our nation, and around the world.