

## Financial Secretary's Report

2023 was, from a Financial Secretary's perspective, pretty uneventful.

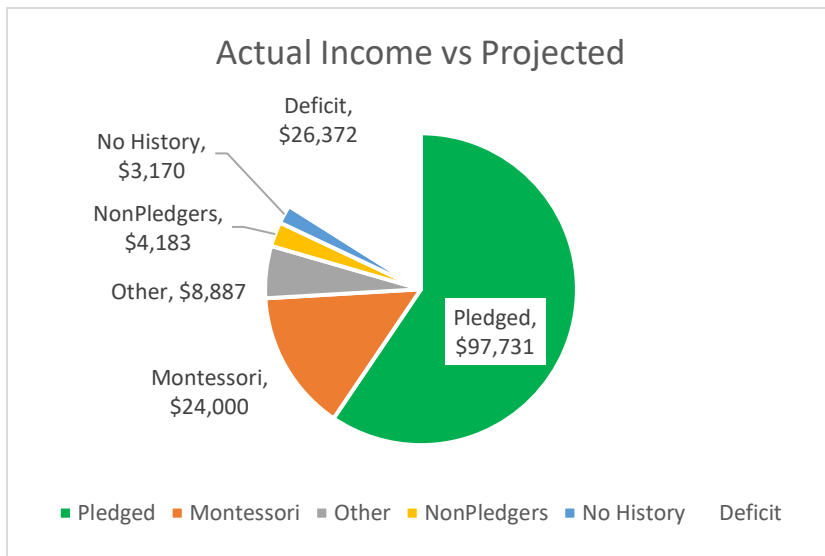
Apart from a couple of surprises folks who pledge, pledged (and contributed), and those who don't pledge contributed as anticipated. We are hoping, in 2024, to convince some of the non-pledgers to 'take the plunge' and pledge. Consider it a vote of confidence for our church leadership and for the future of UCCPH.

Our contract with Mountain View Montessori has been mutually beneficial. They have settled in and are growing. They utilize Callahan Hall and our spacious country environs while we have a welcome source of revenue and partnership in the maintenance and upkeep of the facility.

In 2023, we were able to walk back our fundraising efforts bringing a modicum of relief to what started looking like a non-stop money grab in 2022. Look for the Art Fair in the Spring and Peach sales in the fall again this year. Events such as these attract our neighbors and bring new folks to our doors and our congregation.

Here are the numbers for 2023:

### General Fund contributions:



Total	164343
Pledged	\$97,731
Montessori	\$24,000
Other	\$8,887
NPG	\$4,183
No History	\$3,170
Deficit	\$26,372

*We are extremely grateful to every one of you for contributions, participation, understanding, patience, and acceptance. You are the lifeblood of the church, keeping our ministry alive, the doors open, the lights on, the bathroom cleaned, and the sanctuary suitable for Sunday Worship, and more.*

**Designated Offerings:** Once again, you found it in your hearts to contribute an additional **\$10,000** as well as toys, soup, toiletries, and school supplies when asked. These gifts came in response to various Missions appeals throughout the year, and sundry other special requests. **34 households** chose to support UCCPH projects in this manner.

*We recognize that most households contribute substantial amounts of Time, Talent, and Treasure to outside organizations across the spectrum; public radio/tv, disaster relief, the arts, and humanitarian projects of local and/or global significance.*

*We honor and respect those choices and are blessed that UCCPH is counted among them.*

**Non-monetary donations:** These donations, valued at **over \$500**, have gone to satisfy some specific needs that were time-critical to the mission of the church, but didn't fit in the budget or rise to the level where a general appeal would have been practical. Non-monetary donations are usually dwarfed by the amount of Time and Talent employed to put them to good use.

*The timeliness and generosity of these contributions cannot be overemphasized and will not be forgotten.*

**Time and Talent:** While no record keeping is done, other than Team participation, we have tried to be attentive to those who 'show up'. Show up when asked, of course, but just as important (maybe more important) those who see a need and step up to the challenge. These are the unsung heroes in any organization that relies on volunteer help.

For example: My hat's off to Rosanne and Shellie! Their behind-the-scenes work, to pick just one, makes every Sunday service a joy to behold. The sanctuary doesn't get tidied and decorated by itself, banners don't just appear and change themselves, and so much more – tech, gardening, the Spice Project, and the list goes on. They see a job that needs doing and either do it or find someone who can. Time **And** Talent! Blessings to you both!

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Financial Secretary and hope that I have achieved a level of trust that your personal financial situation and church contributions can, and will remain, confidential to the extent that you, individually, desire.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Don Wick  
Financial Secretary