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SPOONER WESLEYAN CHURCH

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Mission Statement

OF SPOONER WESLEYAN CHURCH

Engaging people on the **JOURNEY WITH JESUS.**

How?

- by providing **multiple “on ramps”** for people to start the journey
- by offering **multiple means** for people to take the next steps on the journey

Where?

- in our **CHURCH** through loving, growing, serving, and worshipping together
- in our **COMMUNITY** through practical service and personal friendship
- in our **WORLD** through partnering with missionaries to develop national churches and train pastors

Will you join us on the *Journey?*



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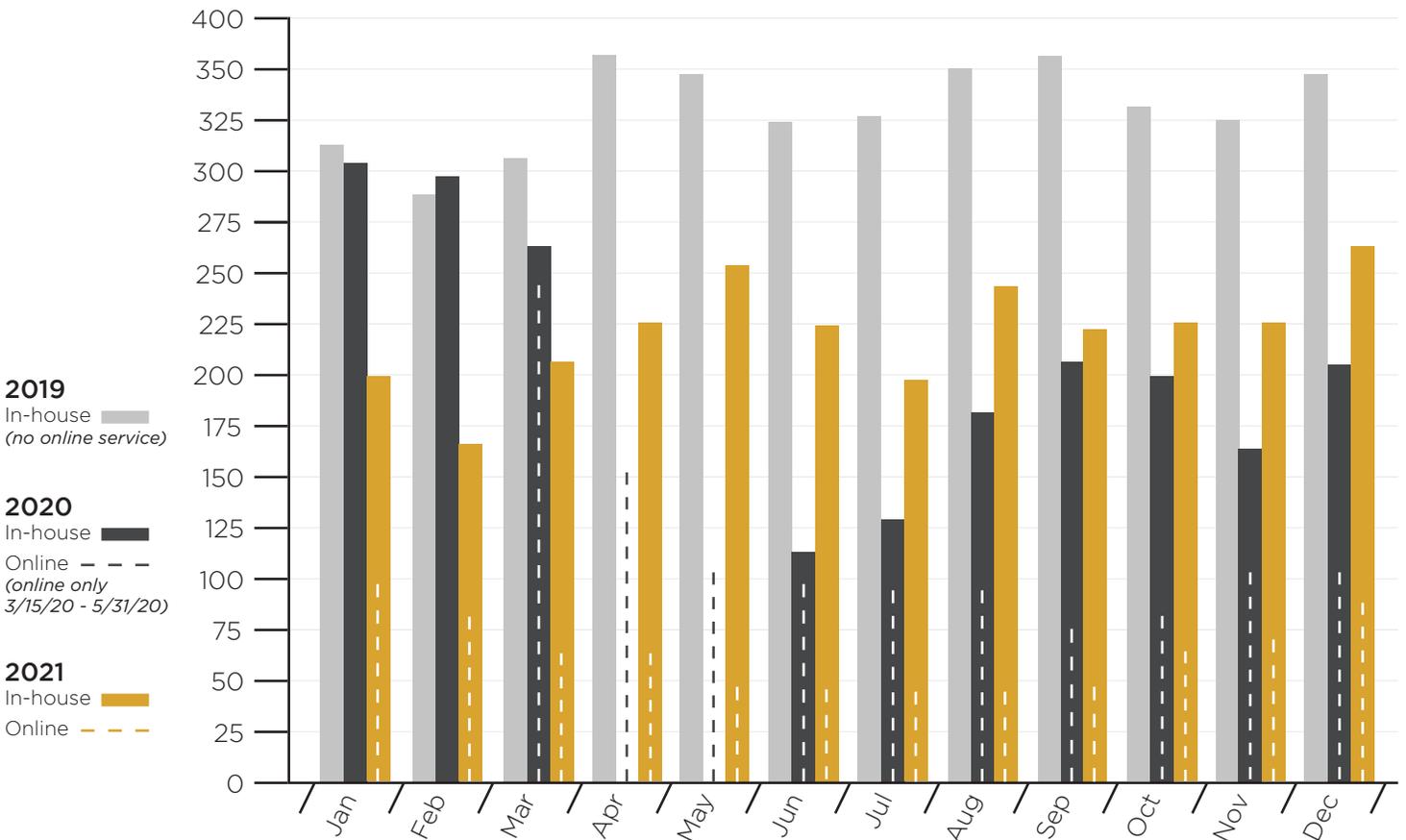
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Then & Now



Spooner Wesleyan traces her roots back to 1932 and the spiritual burden of a woman for her family and friends. This resulted in the birth of a “mission church,” which originally met in a garage, then purchased an existing structure to better meet ministry needs. Then, in 1936, this mission officially organized as the Spooner Wesleyan (Methodist) Church, and the first pastor was called. From that point forward, by God’s grace and the efforts of faithful ministers and lay people, the ministries of this church have consistently impacted both individual lives as well as the overall spiritual life of the communities of Spooner, Shell Lake, and others in Washburn and surrounding counties. Over the span of the past 85 years, SWC has had, and continues to have, a reputation for serving children, teenagers, and adults well—bringing hope to people and glory to God.

ATTENDANCE 2019-2022 (average)



CURRENT CAMPUS

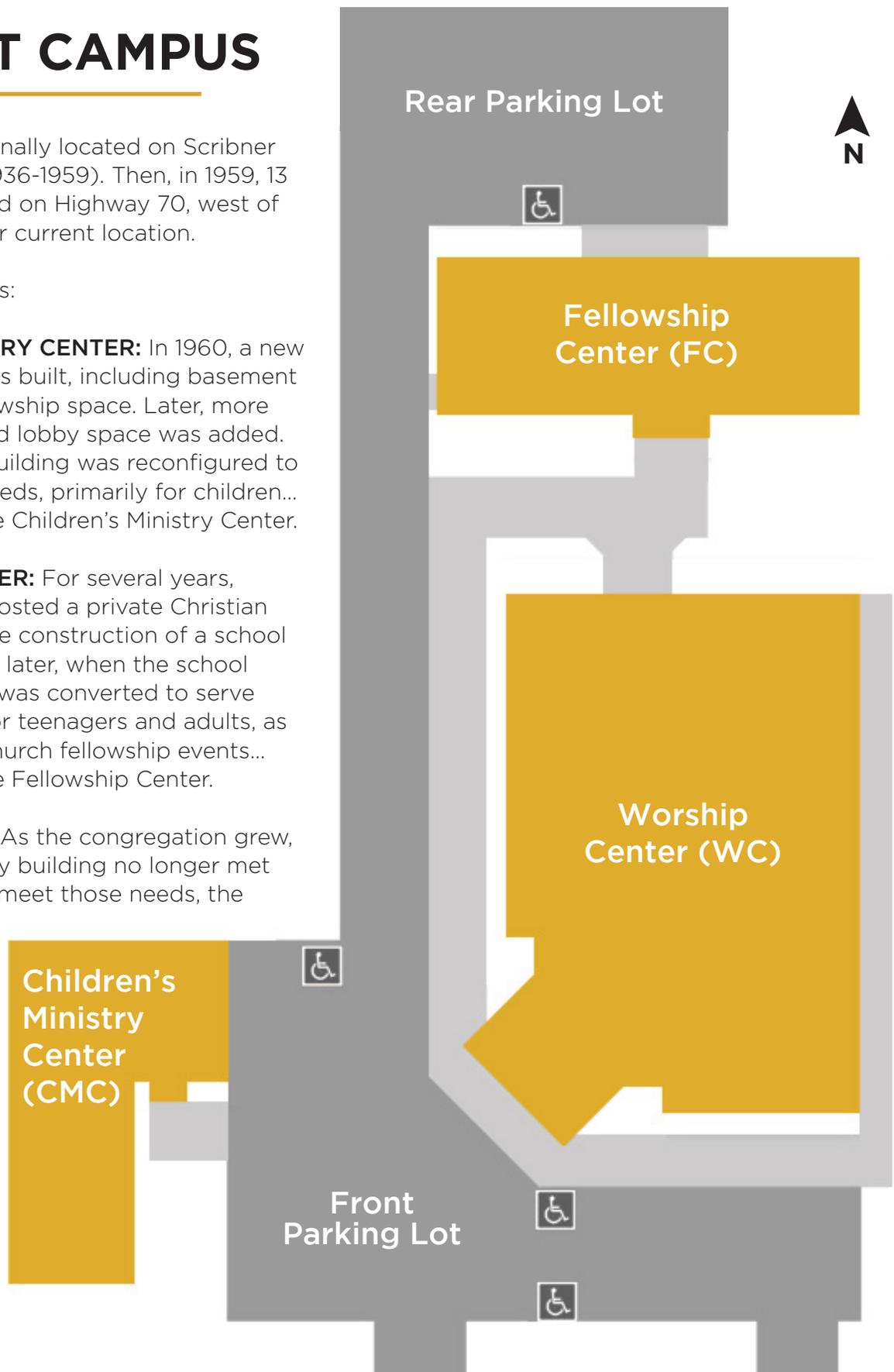
The church was originally located on Scribner Street in Spooner (1936-1959). Then, in 1959, 13 acres were purchased on Highway 70, west of Spooner, which is our current location.

Our present buildings:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CENTER: In 1960, a new church sanctuary was built, including basement classrooms and fellowship space. Later, more classroom, office, and lobby space was added. Then, in 2003, this building was reconfigured to serve discipleship needs, primarily for children... what we now call the Children's Ministry Center.

FELLOWSHIP CENTER: For several years, Spooner Wesleyan hosted a private Christian School, leading to the construction of a school in 1977. Several years later, when the school closed, this building was converted to serve discipleship needs for teenagers and adults, as well as host larger church fellowship events... what we now call the Fellowship Center.

WORSHIP CENTER: As the congregation grew, the original sanctuary building no longer met its spacial needs. To meet those needs, the Worship Center was built in 2003, providing sanctuary seating for 400, infant and toddler nurseries, an administrative wing, a multi-purpose Gathering Area for fellowship, events, trainings, etc. and a library space, also for meetings and small groups.



Hwy 70 / West Maple Street

SPOONER WESLEYAN CHURCH

Pastors & Staff

PASTOR RON GORMONG

SENIOR PASTOR

Pastor Ron has been senior pastor at SWC and served the local communities since 1988. He loves the church and its people. He is a counselor, teacher, leader, and friend. As the senior pastor, he has been instrumental in moving the church forward and keeping it relevant as our world and technology constantly changes.



PASTOR MORGAN WISTAD

INTERNING DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

Pastor Morgan recently joined the pastoral team in 2020. She helps manage mentoring, lifegroups, adult discipleship, and IF groups, along with weekly Facebook devotionals. She is also an integral part of Sunday morning worship, coordinating announcements, prayer, preaching, and helping out in the tech area.



KELLY JENNINGS

WORSHIP & CONNECTIONS DIRECTOR

Kelly joined the team in 2018. She directs the worship band and coordinates the tech and connections teams. She is also a graphic artist and works on stage design, digital design, and print design.





MELISSA SMITH

KIDS CONNECTION COORDINATOR

Melissa loves children and has been a public school teacher in the area for 12 years. She coordinates and leads SWC’s Kids Alive program and oversees Kids4mation Sunday School, and First Kids Nursery. In the fall, she puts together an annual Trunk-or-Treat event for the community. She also organizes our annual VBS and takes kids to camp every summer.



TODD & MARCY KEUP

REVERB YOUTH MINISTRIES COORDINATORS

Todd and Marcy Keup have been a part of the youth ministry of SWC since 2005. They coordinate both middle and high school Reverb and lead the high school group. They also lead discipleship groups, helping teens discover a personal love and devotion to Jesus. Additionally, they take our teens on missions trips, to camp, and work with them on various service projects throughout the year.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Spoooner Wesleyan Church elects board members for a term of 1 year and trustees for 3-year rotating terms.



LEAH BUCHMANN
Secretary



KYLE CARLTON



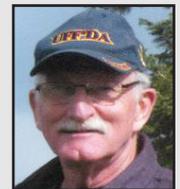
RHONDA CARLTON
Vice Chair/
Trustee



PASTOR RON GORMONG
Chairman



GLENN GRABER
Trustee



PAUL NOREEN



CHUCK POCERNICH



LINDA SCHRANKEL



NATHANIEL SIMETH



DALE SPAUDING
Treasurer



DAN TRIPP
Trustee



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

what to expect

SERVICE TIMES: 8:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Our on-campus worship services are casual, come-as-you-are with relevant, Bible-based teaching and modern music. Services also incorporate testimonies and baptisms as a witness to unbelievers and encouragement to believers. We also offer live-streaming of our services on YouTube and Facebook.

Our connections team is located at the building doors, sanctuary doors, and welcome center to greet and answer any questions.

We will soon be reopening our coffee connection area before and between services, where people can grab a cup of coffee or tea and fellowship.

We will be arranging several baptism services throughout the year on Sunday mornings, as well as a summer service on a Sunday evening at a local lake.



Take a look online:



KIDS CONNECTION MINISTRIES



FIRST KIDS NURSERY

Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.
(ages 0-3)

WE PROVIDE:

- safe, positive environment
- secure check-in/labeling
- paging system
- cry, feeding, and crib rooms
- 2 classrooms for infants and toddlers
- story and activity times for toddlers

KIDS4MATION

Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.
(ages 4 - 5th grade)

GOALS:

- to teach kids Bible stories and truths
- to make disciples
- to help kids take the next steps in their journey with Jesus

KIDS ALIVE

Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m.
(ages 2 - 5th grade)

GOALS:

Teaching and modeling...

- how to start a relationship with Jesus
- how to take first steps on their journey with Jesus
- how to spend time with God, trust God, and make wise decisions
- how to care for others

KIDS CAMP

A week in summer
(3rd - 5th grade)

GOALS:

- dig deep into faith
- foster a personal relationship with Jesus
- experience true life-change for God

“I’VE LEARNED
THAT JESUS
DIED ON THE
CROSS FOR
US, AND HE
CAN MAKE
MIRACLES.”

*Jackson Wistad,
age 8*



KIDS WEEK (VBS)

Last week in July
(ages 4 - 5th grade)

GOALS:

- invite kids to start a relationship with Jesus
- make sure every child has a Bible and teach them how to use it
- show kids how to worship God through music and movement
- build relationships with kids and families

REVERB YOUTH MINISTRIES



“REVERB IS A FUN WAY TO CONNECT WITH FRIENDS AND LEARN ABOUT GOD.”

*Nick Reedy,
age 14*

HS/MS REVERB: Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday night Reverb youth focuses on relationships: starting and building a relationship with Jesus and deepening relationships with friends. Youth can jump into games, sports, or whatever else happens to be going on. They also learn about who God is through music, videos, teaching, and small group discussions, and how He fits into their lives.

DISCIPLESHIP: Sundays @ 10:15 a.m.

The goal of youth discipleship is to help teens take the next steps in their journey with Jesus. Teens who want to dig deeper into the Word and strengthen their relationship with Jesus can opt to join discipleship groups, which meet at various times and locations during the week.

DISCIPLESHIP MISSIONS: a week in summer

Students who are participating in discipleship groups are given the opportunity to offer their kindness and muscles to those in our local communities, nation, and world.

GOALS:

- deepening their faith as they focus on serving others
- spending time each day alone with God
- spending time together serving others in His name

SERVICE PROJECTS: throughout the year

Throughout the year, students are invited to voluntarily participate in service project as needed.

YOUTH CAMP: second week in June

Teens can expect to discover something new about themselves and their relationship with God while having the time of their lives. They will hear God’s Word through guest speakers, music, break-out sessions, games, activities, free time and quiet time to read and study scripture.

ADULT MINISTRIES

The goal of our **DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY** is to make disciples who make disciples

LIFE GROUPS:

exist for community support & challenge

- Groups range from 6-20 people who meet once a week
- Engage in studies of the Bible, faith, and topical lessons
- Gain connection and support through becoming a part of a community of people doing life together

D-GROUPS:

exist for intimacy, accountability, & depth

- Groups range from 3-5 people of the same gender who meet once a week
- Engage in a daily Bible reading plan, journaling, and prayer, and commit to weekly meetings for discussion, accountability, and prayer for the lost
- Gain a deeper understanding and calling in living as a disciple of Christ

MENTOR GROUPS:

exist for guidance, encouragement, & apprenticeship

- Groups include a mentor and mentee who meet at least once a month
- Engage in Biblically-based material that meets specific needs (new to faith, spiritual growth, meeting relational/circumstantial needs) of the mentee
- Gain guidance and growth through trusted one-on-one mentoring

OTHER GROUPS:

- **Best Years**

Older adult Sunday school class helping people become life-long learners with a deep understanding of the Bible

- **Men's Breakfast**

Providing a place for men to connect, give opportunity for evangelism, and create avenues for discipleship through devotions, prayer, and fellowship

- **IF: Gathering**

A place for women to gather, share a meal, and dive deep with each other through real stories and Christ-centered conversation

- **Faithfully Fit**

Women's group providing exercise, education, devotions, accountability, support, and friendships

WORSHIP & TECH MINISTRIES

WORSHIP/TECH

We incorporate modern music, along with readings, testimonies, video, and prayer to engage people and facilitate worshipping Jesus on Sunday mornings.

We have also begun hosting “Praise & Prayer” nights, praying for our church, community, nation, and world and praising God for His answered prayer.

We began livestreaming our services on

Facebook in March of 2020, with one stationary camera. Currently we have increased to eight cameras and an iPad and livestream to both Facebook and YouTube simultaneously. We’ve also added a dedicated sound station for the livestream mix.

COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to livestreaming, we also began posting weekly devotions on our Facebook page in order to keep people engaged and focused on Jesus throughout the week. These devotionals tie in with the sermon and worship theme for the week.

We’ve also developed a church app, Church Community Builder (CCB) site, and are in the process of updating our website (spoonerwesleyan.org). Our life groups are also offered in person or via Zoom.

The SWC app is a user-friendly space where people can easily find information, events, studies, our livestream, and more. CCB is a place to find people and sign up to be a part of a lifegroup or other group being offered.

Our youth and kids ministries use Facebook, Instagram, Parent Cue, and Remind to post devotionals, host live group meetings and worship, send date reminders, and communicate with parents.





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COMMUNITY-FOCUSED MINISTRIES

Practical ministries not only demonstrate tangible love, but they lead to friendships, spiritual conversations, and new journeys with Jesus.

HELPING HANDS:

Our helping hands ministry is housed in a large shed full of furniture and household supplies. Community members donate their extra furniture and it is distributed to anyone who is in need by our volunteers.



REVERB SERVICE PROJECTS:

Youth are invited to serve those in need in our communities. They rake leaves, shovel snow, paint, make repairs, help move, clean, and more. They learn to be selfless and how to care for people as Jesus did.

KIDS HOPE:

Kids Hope is a one-on-one mentoring program which pairs an adult with an at-risk student. Adults invest in students at two local elementary schools. www.kidshopeusa.org

SERVICE SATURDAY:

All ages can get involved in helping local people, schools, and businesses. Participants have built playground equipment, raked leaves, cleaned out gutters, painted buildings, cleared brush, cut wood, put in windows, and more.

TRUNK OR TREAT:

Anyone is welcome to decorate a trunk or attend this annual event. Hundreds of people come through and are blessed by those participating, dressing up, and handing out candy, hot chocolate, and other treats.

PARTNERSHIPS:

- Operation Christmas Child (collection site) www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/
- Faith In Action www.fiawashburn.org
- Pregnancy Help Center www.pregnancyhelpricelake.org
- Washburn Christian Outreach
WCO's mission is to serve as a single point of contact for providing help to those in crisis in our county and is directed and funded by members of churches within Washburn County.
- Washburn County Food Pantry
- Spooner Christmas Fund
- Clothing donations to schools for students in need





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WORLD MISSIONS

WE KNOW:

“God so loved the world.” (John 3:16) The best-known, best-loved verse in the Bible—the “gospel in the gospel.” Meaning: God’s love isn’t just for people in Spooner, Washburn County, Wisconsin, or America; His love reaches the world!

As those whose lives have been transformed by His love, we feel compelled...called...to join Him in reaching others—engaging people on the journey with Jesus, not only in our church, in our community, but in our world.

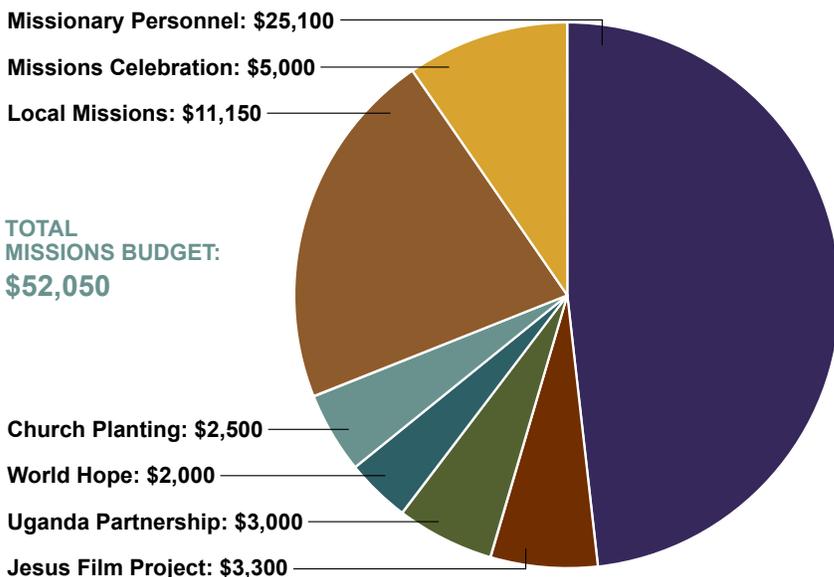
WE PRIORITIZE:

While we believe in and participate in ministries of compassion, our first priority is to partner with missionaries who serve to develop national churches and train indigenous pastors to lead these churches.

WE PRACTICE:

- Praying:
 - for the gospel’s advance, here and everywhere
 - for our hearts to become like God’s, breaking with love for the world
 - for God to call people from our church to serve everywhere

MISSIONS BUDGET (6/21-5/22)



- Giving:
 - Two weekends a year (fall/spring) we focus on missions, devoting time, energy and resources to bring in missionaries to share their work and hearts with us.
 - At the culmination of our Spring Missions Celebration, our SWC family participates in Faith Promise Giving, where financial commitments to missions are made for the next church year. Our missions budget is kept separate from our general and building budgets, representing about 10% of our total giving.
- Going:
 - Some of our people have already served as full-time missionaries in other parts of the world.
 - There are some recently commissioned to serve, or soon-to-be sent out in full-time capacities.
 - SWC has sponsored many short-term missions trips over the years, supporting the larger work of missionaries, national churches and pastors. Teams have served in Nicaragua, Mexico, Haiti, Mozambique, and Uganda, as well as stateside locations in need of disaster relief.
 - Once Covid concerns/political situations are resolved, we expect to send out more short-term missions teams.
- Expecting:
 - The Bible says a day is coming when there will be “a great multitude that no one [can] number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’” (Rev. 7:9-10)
 - Believers at SWC look forward to participating in this great gathering, but until then, we are committed to doing our part in giving others the chance to participate, as well.

THE MANY

JOURNEYS

offered in our local communities



Growing, tight-knit communities made up of multiple family generations with many recreational opportunities, excellent community-supported schools, numerous services, many local events, and more

Getting to know

WASHBURN COUNTY, WISCONSIN



Photo credit: Washburn County Tourism

A place to call **HOME**.

- **700 miles of recreational trails for all sports and seasons**
 - ATV
 - Snowmobile
 - Bicycle
 - Hiking
 - Walking
 - Skiing
 - Snowshoeing
 - Horseback Riding
- **964 lakes, streams, and rivers**
 - Fishing/Ice Fishing
 - Boating
 - Canoeing/Kayaking
 - Paddleboarding
 - Swimming
 - Tubing
- **148,000 acres of county forest land**
 - Hunting
 - Hiking
 - Birding
- **Great place to raise a family**
 - Excellent schools (4 public, 1 private, 1 alternative, 2 charter)
 - High quality health/dental/vision facilities (2 hospitals, 3 clinics, 2 nursing facilities)
 - 24-hour grocery store/shopping/boutiques
 - Many restaurants and coffee shops
 - Health and wellness options (yoga, fitness centers, health food stores)

For thorough information
about Washburn County
(washburncounty.org):

Washburn County
Official Guide

The Source

