

# Creede Community Church

## Narrative Budget

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God and Creede  
Since 1894!**

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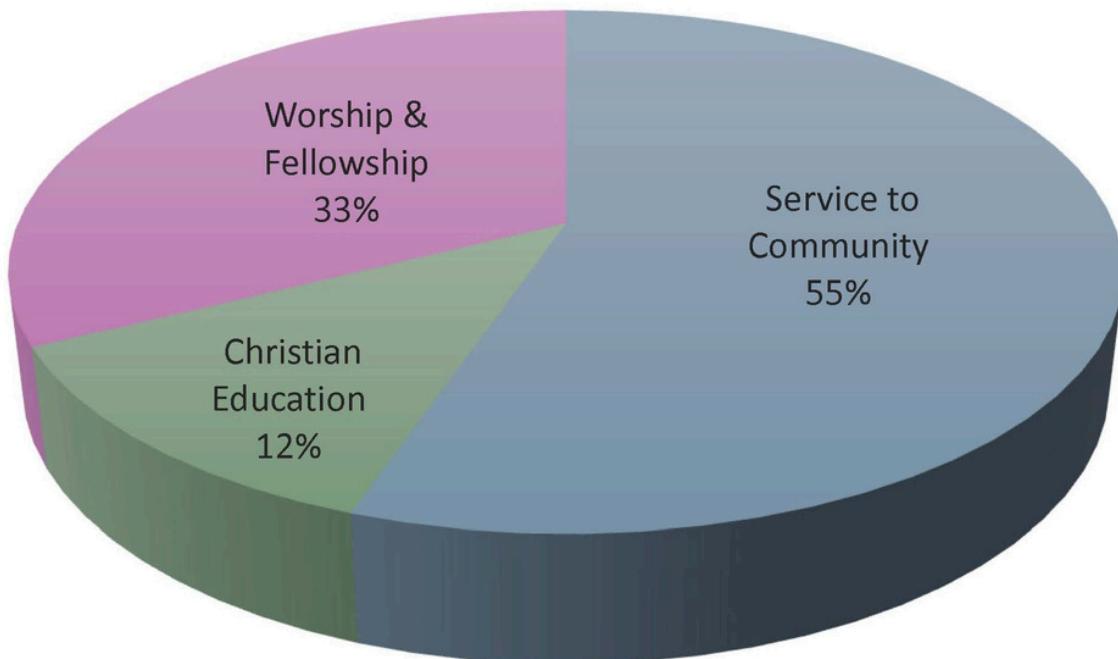
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# Narrative Budget

In an effort to make our budget more accessible to our members and community, we are trying out a new way of compiling our expenses and income. This Narrative Budget tells the story of the impact of our church's activity in our community.

## Creede Community Church 2026 Operating Budget



Major maintenance and capital improvement projects are allocated from a separate fund. We expect that over the next couple of years we will be raising and/or expending funds to complete the following projects:

- Completing painting/staining exterior shingles and trim using allocated donations.
- Replace the roof on the south side of the new Fellowship Hall addition.
- Fourth furnace replacement
- Repairing and sealing the bricks and mortar

### Revenue

Pledges, Plate and Memorials \$169,215.00

Ladies Aid Contribution \$15,000.00

Other Income and Donations \$11,700.00

Carryforward 2026 Pledges \$9,700.00

**Total Revenue \$205,615.00**

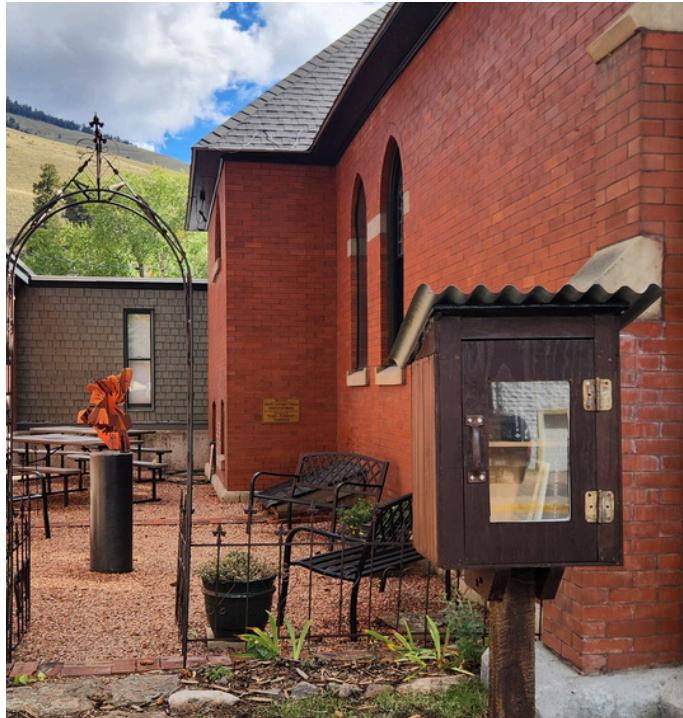
# Serving the Community

55%-\$113,305

We seek to promote unity within the Body of Christ by working cooperatively with other congregations and organizations in our community and the surrounding area, knowing we can minister more together than we could hope to alone. Some of the programs we support in this way include AA and Al-Anon meetings, Creede Historical Society, Mineral County Senior Lunches, monthly Senior Dinners, and Creede Community Choir.

"The community and this church were enormous factors in the peace we both experienced and in the welcoming environment that allowed us to participate as members of this congregation. In everything the church does, we prioritize loving and helping our neighbors." -Margaret Phillips

""The work that the Red Church community does in the broader Creede community is another special reason why we give. The work that the Ladies Aid Society does, as well as Helping Hands and all of the different community outreach support that this church does, is inspirational." -David Basler



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This includes a percentage of our pastor's compensation, United Church of Christ conference dues, facility maintenance and management, and administrative expenses. Our doors are always open in service to our community members; as a gathering space, a safe space, and an inclusive space.

The budget above includes Mission & Outreach gifts to our local partners. It does not include the contributions of our Ladies Aid and Helping Hands Funds. These subsidiary organizations contributed \$40,800 to our community in 2025.



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# Christian Education

12%-\$25,239

We are currently reimagining how to structure our programs to meet the needs of families and more effectively invest in the spiritual formation of our youngest siblings in Christ.

That likely will include hiring a young adult with a strong sense of Christian spirituality and scriptural knowledge. It will definitely include calling on all of us in the congregation to live into our stated priorities by directly participating in Sunday morning programs, confirmation dialogues, date night childcare for parents, special outings, and/or service projects involving children and youth. We anticipate 2026 being a "building year" where we gain clarity on what loving our neighbor families might look like and putting that love into action.



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# Worship & Fellowship

33%-\$66,559

We enthusiastically welcome and are enriched by the diversity of our members and guests. Our congregation is made up of rich and poor, LBGTQ and straight, right-leaning and left-leaning, and more. All are welcome and invited to join in all aspects of congregational life: participating in worship, receiving the sacraments, volunteering in ministry, becoming members, and serving in leadership.

When asked why they came to Creede Community Church and why they choose to stay, members responded:

“I came because the people were very welcoming. I stay because of the friends and congregation”

“It feels like home and I am learning more about Jesus and God’s love and mission for me.”

“... it seems a safe place to raise a family that is LGBTQ friendly, and I’m grateful for the inclusive community. It feels less like a place to go and more like a family we belong to.”

This includes a portion of our pastor’s salary, our music ministry expenses, facility maintenance and upkeep, and support of fellowship opportunities for our congregation. We come together as a church family to remind us of the ways God moves through us in community and how our talents can all contribute to loving God and neighbor.

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