**Narrative Budget Helps**

**First:** *Write out your congregation’s Mission Statement, Vision Statement, or Official (or Unofficial) Tagline. What is it that you say God is calling you to do? (Ex: “Loving God and Serving Our Neighbors,” “Belong, Believe, Befriend,” “Sharing the Good News!”)*

**Second:** *Perhaps using that statement, vision, or tagline as a compass, what are three-five areas of impact that you say are your priorities? (Ex: “Rejoice, Reform, Renew, Renew,” “Worship, Faith, Care, Service”)*

**Third:** *Using highlighters or colored pencils, split your line-item budget into these three to five focus categories. Feel free to split up specific budget totals to reflect items spread across various impact areas.*

**Fourth***: Craft a narrative about each life-changing area to remind others how their work directly makes God known and Christ seen through their shared gifts of time and talents. Round numbers are ok!*

**Fifth:** *Use pictures, create graphs, and implement charts utilizing the numbers above to spread the word about how God is moving and working through your ministry, and invite them into the exciting work you’re looking forward to in the next year!*