

Where Do the Profits from East Shore Gallery Go?

Everyone who walks into the foyer of our church feels their spirits immediately lifted when they see the beautiful East Shore Gallery space filled with wonderful paintings, pottery and jewelry. Members of the congregation and our visitors constantly remark on how the art in the Gallery enhances their Sunday morning experience. Many of you have purchased art for yourself or for a friend and have been very pleased. And many of you ask where the Gallery profits go! **Did you know that 30 % (the Gallery's total profit) of your purchase price goes directly to the church and is tax deductible?**

Some people are surprised to learn about the ways the proceeds from Gallery sales have benefited the church. All proceeds are either contributed to the Operating Fund in the form of an annual pledge or used for special projects designated by the Gallery Committee and approved by the Senior Administrative Team. Over the years, your art purchases made possible the purchase of new pulpit chairs, sanctuary chairs, round tables and caddies, furnishings in the North and South Rooms, tablecloths, Venetian blinds for Peter's study, the Gallery sales desk and jewelry cases, a Cecilia Todd painting for the library, the Arlene Mickelson picture in memory of Fredene Allison, the couch in the ladies' room, and a changing table in the administration building restroom. The Gallery worked for years to raise money for our front doors with the gorgeous glass panels!

The Gallery also works with other committees to make things happen. A couple of years ago they answered a cry for help and donated money for the purchase of a folding machine for the office. The Gallery answered a request from the Worship Committee and purchased the beautiful chalice that is lit every Sunday. Working with the Aesthetics Committee, the Gallery has purchased church signs and provided lighting for the sign at the entrance of the church campus. They also assisted the Aesthetics Committee in purchasing paint, window blinds, and the hanging wire in the North Room.

Last year the Gallery made a \$5000 gift to administration to have the sanctuary chairs cleaned, to refinish the outside sanctuary doors and to purchase the aggregate pots at the front entrance. A bench in front of the administration building was purchased in memory of Alice Geer and two other benches were placed in the garden area between the administration and music buildings.



This month the Gallery has purchased a stunning kinetic wind sculpture by Lyman Whitaker. This copper and stainless steel sculpture will be installed soon on the East Shore campus!

The Gallery has been proud to add aesthetic enrichment to the church with funds that would not otherwise have been available. The last few years have been lean budget years for the church and this year has been no exception.

For the past couple of years the Gallery has designated one Sunday in December when all profits go directly to East Shore's Operating Fund.

On Sunday December 10th, the Gallery plans to donate all profits (30% of all sales made that day) directly to our Operating Fund. Buy your holiday gifts at East Shore Gallery and make an additional contribution to the Operating Fund. Put this very special shopping date, Sunday December 10th, on your holiday calendar!!!!