# Making Money Count

A financial well-being improvement program adapted for use with the C<sup>2</sup> Financial Ministry project

Online Class Session 2 May 17, 2018



## Values of this program

- Respect
- Confidentiality
- Privacy
- Non-judgement



## Goals of this program

- Practical, easy-to-understand information you can apply personally
- Info and tools you can apply professionally (with congregants)
- Exploring topics together



## C2FM from MU Extension

**7** Putting it all together

**6:** Investing

**Session 5:** Insurance

**Session 4:** Taxes

Session 3: Credit

**Session 2:** Spending plans

**Session 1:** How's and why's of financial decision-making



## Follow-up from last session

- Topics you'd like covered...
- Submit more anonymously: www.surveymonkey.com/r/MU-Online1
- Email your own questions to us:
  - MccaulleyG@Missouri.edu
  - ZumwaltA@Missouri.edu



## Follow-up from last session

- Money Habitudes resource available:
  - online.moneyhabitudes.com
  - Group code: j9tMSE5o



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- Money Habitudes considerations...
  - Further reflections since we last met? (agree or disagree w/ results?)
  - Any discussion with partners?



#### Main considerations this week

 How your values influence your relationship with money and others

Your goals are your values in action



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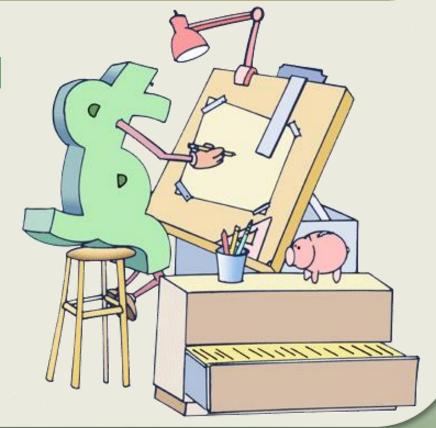
 Spending plans provide the roadmap to meeting your goals

" A GOAL WITHOUT A PLAN IS JUST A WISH "



## Making Money Count Unit 2 — Spending Plan

Create your personal financial game plan

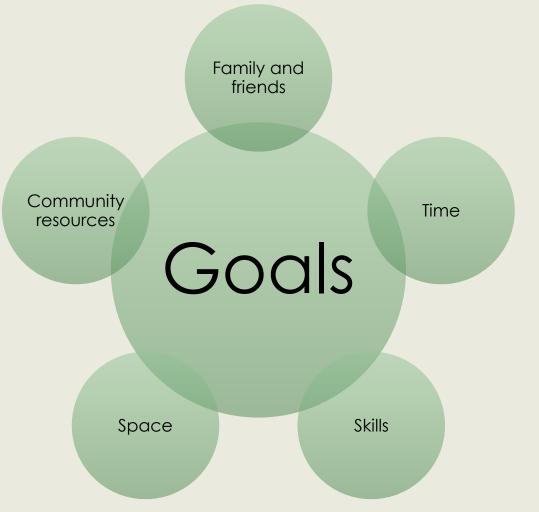


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#### Resources

What you use to help reach your goals



## Sample Goal: Short-Term Emergency Fund

#### Emergency fund = 3 months of expenses

\$1,900 monthly expenses x 3 = \$5,700

Long-term goal: \$5,700.00 10 years

Intermediate goal: \$570.00 Each year

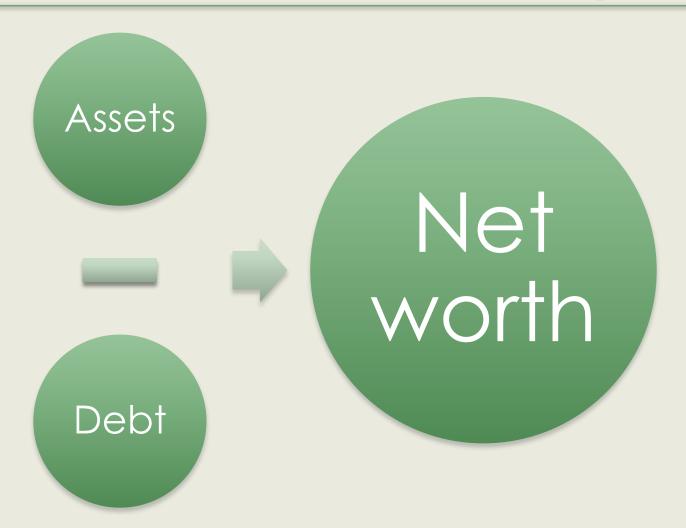
Short-term goal: \$47.50 Each month

\$10.96 Each week

\$1.56 Each day

\$22.00 Per paycheck

## Sample Goal: Long-term Wealth Management



## Tracking Income and Expenses

A good first step to building a workable spending plan

## Choose Your Tracking Method

Pre-printed tracking method

Small spiral notebook

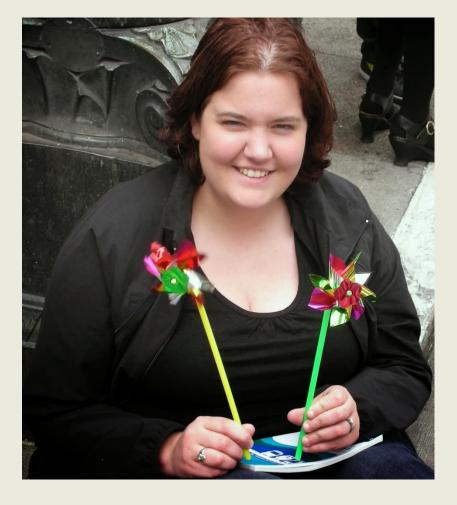
Online tools

#### C2FM resources

- https://mumf.org/c2fm/resources/bud get-forms/
- Online

  - Mint.com (owned by Intuit)

## Tracking



June 2010

#### STEPS

- Identified her values
- Made a goal
- Created an action plan
- Tracked her progress
  - Used an app!
- Made mistakes
- Celebrate milestones
- Reevaluated & Revised



October 2013

## Time

•"No matter how great the talent or efforts, some things just take time. You can't produce a baby in one month by getting nine women pregnant." -Warren Buffett

#### Housing



- a. Live rent-free with relatives
- b. Live in public housing /
- c. Share an apartment or house
- d. Rent your own place
- e. Buy a home

#### **Furnishings**



- a. Use hand-me-down furniture or live in furnished apartment
- b. Buy at garage sale or thrift stores
- c. Buy new furniture
- d. Rent furniture (rent-to-own)

#### The Bean Game

- Your breakout group is a family
- Decide how to spend9 beans

#### Savings



- a. Save change in a piggy bank
- b. Save 5 percent of income
- c. Save 10 percent of income
- d. Save more than 10 percent

#### Food



- a. Use food assistance (WIC, Food Stamps, food pantry)
- b. Buy baby food or formula
- c. Cook at home; eat out occasionally
- d. Eat meals out frequently
- e. Eat all meals away from home

#### Transportation:



a. Walk or bike

b. Ride bus or join a car pool

#### Utilities

- a. Included in rent /
- b. Cost shared by roommates
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- c. You pay total cost



- a. No phone
- b. Phone with local calls, pre-paid celling cards
- c. Cell phone or smart phone
- d. Basic internet connectivity
- e. High-speed internet connectivity





c. Use family car or already own a car

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- Decide how to spend 6 beans

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d. Buy used car

## Planning Your Spending

Specific time period

• Begin with income

Include both spending and saving

## Breakout Groups: Building a Spending Plan

Do clergy face unique challenges in planning their spending?

> If so, how have you dealt with these?

## **Building Your Spending Plan**

#### Choose categories

Fixed expenses

Flexible expenses

Periodic expenses

Savings

#### Main Idea

 Tracking and controlling spending is more important than increasing income.

## If Expenses Exceed Income

Don't eliminate whole categories

Look to non-financial resources

Increase your income

## If Income Exceeds Expenses

Realistic amounts?

More for savings goals?

Add to spending categories?

## Make Saving a Priority

Develop the saving habit

Plan how to make it happen

## **Automate Your Finances**

Using automatic payments:

- More likely to reach financial goals
- Money directed to priority goals
- Reduces record keeping and bill paying time

## Plan, Track, Revise

- The first step is to create and stick to a spending plan
- Consistently tracking spending is crucial
- Sticking to spending plans increases our abilities to engage in regular stewardship

## Accountability

Trust

Family member/friend



 MU Extension Family Financial Education Specialist, contact Graham or Andrew

## For next week

- o If you're tracking now, could it be easier?
  - Consider checking out a new tool or method by Tuesday
- If you're not consistently tracking, start
  - Try it for 5 days, just be sure to track all

### For next week

#### Next week's topic is credit

Let us know if you have any specific topics

#### • We'll send out the following:

- Values handout, full Bean Game, Resource list
- Powerpoints
- Link reminders