

How Much?

How do we decide how much to give to the church, or how much to give overall?

Faith-Based Giving



The most common guideline for Christian giving is a tithe, or 10% of our yearly income, traditionally contributed to a church. Some Christians have embraced the idea of a “modern tithe,” giving 5% of their income to a church and 5% to other causes. For others, giving 10% to anyone seems like an impossible goal. Try calculating the percentage that you give each year, and what portion goes to this community. Consider whether you would like to gradually increase those percentages.

Giving to Meet Our Church’s Needs

To support our proposed 2018 budget, we would need 100 individuals or households to give \$3,000. But of course, each of us has a different capacity and excitement to give. We invite new participants to make a first-time pledge and we challenge returning givers to increase their gift by 5% or more this year. This is because our community of givers changes each year, the cost of labor changes each year, and we want to pay our staff fairly and keep our wonderful programs. Can you help?



Consider a Comparison



Consider where your money goes to. How much of your budget is dedicated to basic needs? How much do you choose to spend on clothing, household goods, transportation, or entertainment? How much do you give to the church and to others? There’s no “right answer” to these questions. Simply taking some time to think about them is an invitation to examine whether your budget and your values are well-matched, and to make adjustments as necessary. This is the spiritual work of being stewards of the resources that come into our care.

Follow Your Heart

We encourage everyone to do their own discernment about what you feel both called and excited to give, both to the church and beyond. Every gift will be gratefully received, and every gift will strengthen our ministry. Thank you!

