

Discerning Your Gift

We encourage all our members and friends to actively discern what they are called to give. Alongside this discernment, we provide information about the resources required to realize the ministry dreams of the congregation. Raising the money we need to support our shared ministry is a challenge every year, as dreams grow, and the cost of employment rises, and our giving community changes.



In the past, we've encouraged growth in giving by setting challenges that don't fit many of our givers. This year many givers will instead receive a personalized request based on your giving history. **Here's the thing: we could be utterly wrong.** Our request may not match your capacity or calling to give. Your own discernment is what's most important.

Need help discerning? We thought you'd never ask! Heart-liberating generosity requires regular and prayerful examination with a calculator or spreadsheet and conversations with household members, financial advisors, and/or inner demons. Don't worry – according to Jesus, it's good for our spiritual health!

- **Give by Percentage:** The bible asks us to give 10% of our income. Many give 5% to their faith community and 5% to other organizations. This goal may not be possible for you right now. Try calculating what percentage of your income you are giving away as you consider your resources, your financial choices, and your call to give.
- **Give for a Vital Community:** Keep our amazing community going and growing. To meet our goals of fair staff compensation, year-round Sunday Fellowship, and a new Confirmation Class, we need an **8% overall increase** in giving for 2019.
- **Be Inspired by Other Givers:** This chart shows how members of our community are giving today. Some of our smallest gifts represent the greatest sacrifices. What can you contribute?

Please discern carefully what you are able and inspired to contribute to help us Bring Forth mercy, peace, justice, joy, and much more!

Per Month	# Givers
\$1-10	4
\$11-50	19
\$51-150	23
\$151-300	21
\$301-600	14
\$601-2,100	7