

Love Regardless: A Generous Life

“Let all that you do be done in love.” -- 1 Corinthians 16:14

Annual Stewardship Giving Guide

The following is information to consider as you take time to prayerfully make your annual estimate of giving for the coming year:

What is an Estimate of Giving?

- An estimate of giving, also called a pledge, is a set amount committed to be given by you to your faith community over the year.
- Making an estimate of giving is a spiritual discipline that grows generosity in the giver. It is a personal decision and commitment that deserves much thought and prayer.
- Your giving to our faith community supports the daily ministries we share.
- It is truly an estimate because circumstances can arise that may make it necessary for you to adjust the amount, either up or down.

What is Proportionate Giving?

- Proportionate giving is increasing your current giving by an amount or portion; whether that means going from \$0 to \$5 per week or from \$100 to \$125 a week.
- You are invited to consider a portion increase in your giving to our faith community for 2026.
- Ask yourself:
 - What is my/our current annual gift?
 - What portion of that could I/We increase in the coming year?

What is a tithe?

- A tithe is 10% of one's income. Some people consider 10% of gross income and others consider 10% of net income. That is a personal decision.
- Tithe comes from the Hebrew Scriptures. People were invited, out of gratitude for blessed lives, to give to God a tithe (a part) of the first fruits of the harvest. The tithe was given first, before giving to other things.
- For many of us, 10% is beyond what we can do. For others, 10% is below the mark that we can reach.
- Giving a tithe or working toward that amount, might be a personal goal to consider in one's generosity.

*May God continue to bless our ministry as we ask:
God, what do you want to do through me?*