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The Nature of Giving

2023 Giving

Our Church Finances

2022

In 2022, 69 families or individuals told us what they intended to give, 90 people joined a service team, and 100 joined a small group. This was the vision in 2021 when our members promised to commit, connect, and contribute.

The culture change, of your engagement and willingness to communicate with the office, has made the job of setting a budget much more accurate.

Income

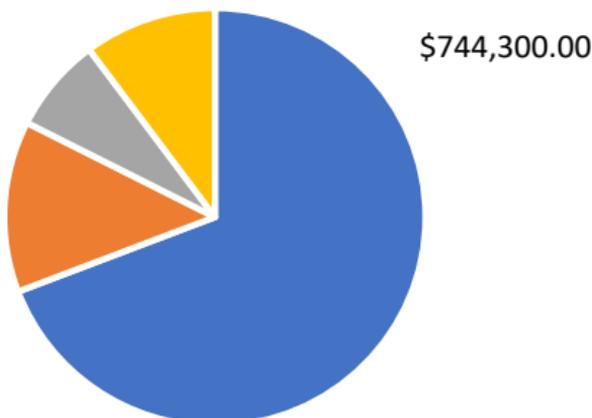
Your giving provides about 90% of our church income, so knowing in advance what you plan to give is the only way our Vestry can pay the staff team, run the church, and plan for growth.

You can share your intentions using the website, app, attached form, or the link in a short e-mail that Niki sends out to everyone with a giving record.

Another great way to bless future generations, is to consider leaving something to the church in your will like people did long ago, and to let us know.

Previous Year's Budgeted Income

■ Planned Giving	\$515,000.00
■ Donations	\$98,700.00
■ Cell tower, memorial giving, & rental	\$54,800.00
■ Planned reserve draw for projects	\$75,800.00



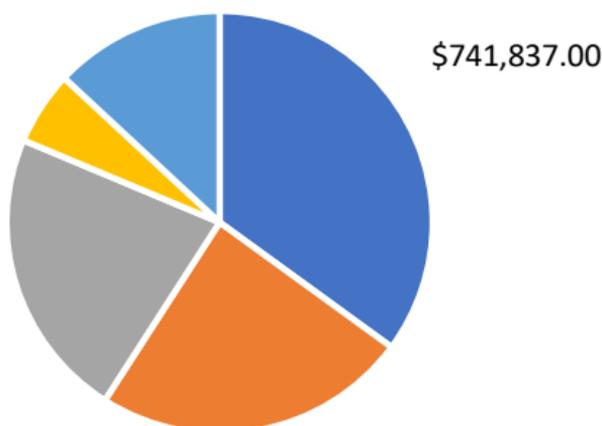
Expense

Increased membership and fellowship across all ages, and the need for new technology has increased some expenses, but overall, what we spend is typical in the way it is divided between pastoral, operational, and external costs.

We've also been blessed with some historical reserves that were restricted for use on the property; these enabled us to manage more deferred maintenance without a capital campaign.

Previous Year's Budgeted Expenses

■ Ministry Salaries & Expense	\$260,060.00
■ Music, office, & education	\$178,069.00
■ Buildings & Grounds	\$165,408.00
■ Operational expenses	\$41,750.00
■ Mission, taxes, Diocesan support	\$96,550.00



Our Vision for 2023

Our biggest challenge is knowing what everyone intends to give.

After that, it's clear that rising inflation and falling investments are having a substantial impact on the wider economy. Although we have energy contracts in place to protect us, we still anticipate needing our church income to increase by about 8% just to stand still.

But as a growing, healthy church, we also need to increase our income beyond that if we are to meet the increasing need for fellowship, discipleship, and pastoral care to all generations.

The Vestry's first priority is to meet budget, then to offer cost of living raises to the staff, and add at least a part-time pastoral staff post. We'd also like to increase our mission giving and look at a new partnership overseas.

We're asking everyone to increase their giving, especially if the idea of giving biblically is relatively new, or something you've been working on.

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

Malachi 3: 10



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2023 INTENTION OF GIVING

This card is confidential. It is not a financial obligation, merely an estimate of what you hope to give, and a way of keeping us up-to-date on your giving plans.

How to update your information:

1. Return this card
2. Visit our website
3. Visit our app
4. Contacting our Finance Manager, Niki De Luca,
via e-mail or phone:
bookkeeper@christchurchfoxchapel.org

If we don't hear from you by the New Year, we'll count on your giving remaining the same.

My Annual Support: \$ _____

My Details

Providing this information helps to keep accurate records and will be kept confidential. Please list your name as you would like it to appear on all church communications.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return by dropping in the Offering Plate or returning to the office:
Christ Church Fox Chapel, 410 Christ Church Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Ways to Give

1. Online Bill Pay

Using your financial institution's online banking services, you direct them to send us a check on a schedule determined by you.

2. Offering Box in Lobby

Checks and cash in marked envelopes will be tracked for tax purposes.

3. Online: mobile app & website

Access the Giving tab at the bottom of the homepage of our app, and on the homepage of our website

4. Stock Transfers

You can gift stock to the church via your broker. *Once a transfer is initiated, please advise the office so that it can be properly credited to your account.*

Broker: Cetera Investment Services
Acct #2NL15050 DTC #0701

The Theology of Giving

Giving sacrificially is a key theme in the bible and one of the most important measures of how well we know and love the Lord.

It might feel like an economic crisis is a bad time to give more away, but as we've seen from the book of Joel, it is in fact the best time to lose faith in the things of this world, draw closer to God, and find the blessing of renewal.

If you'd like to know more about the theology of giving, there's much more to read under the Giving tab on our website.

Nature of Giving Video Series



This series of short videos explains the theology of giving from the beginning to the end of scripture. It is presented by Rev. Alex, but was researched by our Vestry. You can access the videos on our website, app and YouTube Channel.

