

A Vision for the Future



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2024 Giving
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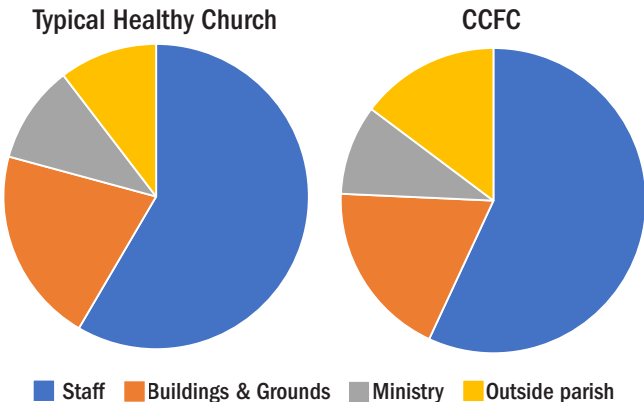
The Health of Our Church

In the last few years our church has become a lot busier with people committing, connecting, and contributing more.

Although increased activity leads to increased costs, our finances mirror the story of a healthy church, with narrowly balanced budgets and resources applied to things that are more likely to serve the community and grow the church.

How We Compare

Ministry here can be quite expensive, but, proportionately, we are typical in the way we use our money. Like most healthy churches, our largest areas of expense are staff and facilities (*though we spend marginally less on these because we have an efficient experienced team, and we own our property*).



Source: Evangelical Christian Credit Union

Income & Expense

Your giving provides 90% of our income. Most people tell us in advance what they intend to give. This is by far the most helpful thing to do, because without an early response from you, it is impossible to set an accurate budget.

To get a balanced budget, we usually have to hold back on some plans. If we generate a surplus, it is most likely due to unexpected income, (people exceeding their intentions, or new members joining). When this happens, we typically use the money to make capital improvements, which makes the church more efficient to run.

The money we'll receive for our building development will not count as income. We're saving that until we're ready to begin construction. People are welcome to contribute to the Building Fund at any time, but our priority has always been the regular operation of the church.

Our Vision for 2024

The Vestry's immediate priorities are to meet budget and offer cost of living raises to the staff. To accomplish this, we need income to increase by 4%.

With a little more, we'd be able to improve some of our programs, and in the longer-term future, we'd love to increase the responsibility of some existing members of staff, train and launch a newly ordained minister, increase mission, and fund a church retreat.

What Next?

Our biggest challenge is knowing what everyone intends to give in time for our budget meetings.

You can share your intentions by using the website, app, attached form, or the link in the e-mail that you will receive from Niki with your giving record.

In return, we commit to keeping your financial details confidentially, to spending every Kingdom dollar as those who answer to Christ, and to ensuring that a summary of the church's finances are published monthly, audited annually, and reported promptly to our diocese.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work”.

2 Corinthians 9: 7-8



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2024 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. Contact 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.
Please contact the office for account information prior to making a transfer.

The Theology of Giving

All members of Christ Church agree to serve and give as they're able.

We don't prescribe a specific proportion or amount that people must give but the way we respond to God financially is possibly the easiest way to find out how serious we are about our faith. Paul even says that if our giving is not abundant like God's then our faith might not be genuine at all (*2 Cor. 8:8*).

For those wanting a rough guideline, many commend the consistent biblical practice of the tithe or 10% of income, and point to its clear endorsement by Jesus (*Mt. 23:23*). Others find this approach too restrictive and point to the sacrificial nature of Christ's giving to us, looking for a symbolic response from us that is much greater than a tithe.

Whatever you decide, as you think through how your giving can be used here and what God might be calling you to do, you can read more about it on the giving tab of our website.

