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2027 Giving

A Community Church Preaching the Gospel

We believe God has placed us here to share the good news of Jesus Christ, and to grow closer together with Him, in an age and a place where people increasingly feel overwhelmed and alone.

How Your Money is Spent

We have no external sources of income, so your giving covers all our internal costs like staff, maintenance of our buildings and grounds, and all the services, pastoral care, and programs we run during the week.

It also covers what we give away to those outside. Fundamentally, mission and outreach are about serving people in need outside of the church, with practical help, so they might receive the Gospel and join our community too.

Lessons from Romans

In Romans 12, the dual imperative to finance the local church and welcome new people in is expressed beautifully in two similar words in Greek, both to do with love— *philadelphia* and *philoxenia.*

Paul commands us to "**love one another with brotherly affection**" *(philadelphia)* in other words to run the local church for those who already belong and to "**show hospitality**" *(philoxenia)* or literally to love the strangers who don't yet belong.

Each year the Vestry carefully reviews the budget against commands like these to ensure we are using your money biblically.

How We Compare

Each year, we compare our spending to other healthy churches. This year we consulted Faith Communities Today, ChurchSalary, Christianity Today, and National Congregations Study, all of which confirmed that for a church of our location and size, our operational budget is exactly what one would expect.

What We Need to Raise

Over the last 15 years our church has doubled in size, and inflation has risen by 45%, so our operational costs have tripled from about $350,000 to about $1,000,000 a year.

If our economy and church continue on this trend, we'll need our income to increase simply to keep doing what we currently do.

Of course, ideally, we'd like to add to our staff and start some new programs too.

How Much Should I Give?

Romans says we should contribute generously with cheerfulness *(Rom. 12:8)*, which means our giving can be a significant joy.

Most Christians find joy in sacrificial giving. Someone who gives sacrificially has prioritized giving to God, and might go without something they desire as a result.

We never ask for specific sums, but a typical starting place is the tithe or 10% of your household budget.

As we mature and perhaps find our income growing too, many of us will increase what we give.

Why We Need to Hear from You

The Vestry can only budget accurately if you tell them what you plan to give. The most helpful time to communicate is November, so that we can set a budget at the start of the year.

"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 Corinthiians 9: 7-8

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2027 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
412/963.8966

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

Detach Here

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 *(when in a marked envelope)* 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.

   ☑ *Make sure that we receive the maximum amount of your contribution by checking the box to cover a portion of the processing fees.*
4. **Stock Transfers**
   You can gift stock to the church via your broker. *Please contact the office for account information*

Our Budget and the Building Campaign

The Building Campaign is funded separately from our Operational Budget which always remains our priority. If you feel that you can only give to one thing, please prioritize the regular running of the Church and not this special push to finish the last part of a long campaign.

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