



St. Paul's Summer Hill UCC

December 2024 and January 2025 Combined Newsletter

Pastor's Page

The Advent Wreath

This is the season of new beginnings! As we enter December and the holiday season, we begin a new year on the church liturgical calendar, beginning with Advent. The church new year comes a whole month before we welcome 2025, which gives us time to reflect on our spiritual journeys before all the noise and merriment of New Year's Eve. Many of us will follow the old tradition of lighting Advent candles on a wreath, often placed as a centerpiece on the tables where we gather as a family to eat, while others may have it on their kitchen counters or a stand. Although the Advent wreath with different colored candles only gained popularity in the United States around the 1930s, it has become one of those traditions that mark our time of waiting and anticipation.

Since there is no official procedure for how an Advent wreath works, you may see different colored candles, a different number of them, and other stories told as each candle is lit. You will often find four candles around the wreath, three purple and one pink, with a white candle in the middle. The first purple candle is lit on the first Sunday in Advent, another purple candle on the second Sunday along with the first, then the pink candle on the third Sunday along with the first and second, and then a purple candle on the fourth Sunday in Advent along with the others. On Christmas Eve, the center white candle, often called a Christ candle, is lit. Different traditions have meanings for each candle, such as Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, Prophecy, John the Baptist, the Magi, and Mary, or Expectation, the Annunciation, Proclamation, and Fulfillment.

The purpose is to retell the nativity story and our redemption through God's grace in the incarnation. At the beginning of the church year, we are reminded that God has given each one of us a new beginning through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are given a new lease on life, no matter what came before. The old year has passed, our sins forgotten, and we are given new life as disciples of Christ. Take time over Advent to reflect on where you are on your spiritual journey and prepare for a new beginning as we remember that the Light of Christ came into this world long ago as a baby in a manger. And remember, no matter where we have been or what we have done, Christ's gift of a new beginning is always there.

Then, as we say goodbye to 2024 and usher in the new year, let us all make resolutions that actually reflect the faith we have in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Perhaps we can rededicate ourselves to becoming active members of the Body of Christ in the church. We may commit to a ministry that will shine Christ's love worldwide. Perhaps we can remember each and every day that we are all on a journey to eternity and begin to live today like the children of God we are called to be.

However you choose to end the old year and begin the new, we wish you a year of joy, knowing that God journeys with us through every step of life and that the Peace of Christ remains in your heart. Praise be to God for New Beginnings!

May you have a Spirit-filled Advent, a merry Christmas, and a happy and blessed new year!

Pastor Ken

Communion Offerings

The December Communion Offering is designated to Samaritan's Purse.

The January 2025 Communion Offering is designated to Women in Crisis.

Congregational Meeting

St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 1** following Worship (the snow date will be **Sunday, December 8**). The purpose of the meeting will be to review and vote on the proposed budget for 2025 and to elect new Consistory members. Please plan on attending this very important meeting.

Children & Youth Gift Collection

There are still a few names left for the Christian Education Committee's collection for the Schuylkill County Children and Youth. The names (along with ages and gift information) are posted on tags on the nursery window in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick a child tag and write your name with the corresponding number on the sign-up sheet. Please wrap the gifts and place them in a garbage bag with the child's tag attached. Place all gifts in the back of the sanctuary. All gifts are due back to church by **Sunday, December 8**. If you have any questions, please speak to Amy Zimmerman.

Hat, Scarf & Mitten Collection

We are collecting new or gently used hats, gloves and scarves to be given to those in need. All items need to be received by **Sunday, December 8**, and can be placed on or around the Christmas tree in the back of the sanctuary. You may also call the church office to drop things at the door. Please speak to Kelly Palerino if you have any questions.

Sunday School Christmas Party

Please join us on **Sunday, December 8** for our CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY sponsored by the Sunday School. The party will follow our 10:30am worship that day. Hot Dogs and fix'ins will be provided along with drinks and snacks. You are welcome to bring your favorite treat or covered dish

to share, but it is not necessary to bring anything other than yourself! Come enjoy the fun as we welcome our special visitor, Santa! Kids will receive a goodie bag. If you have any questions, please speak to any Sunday School teacher or Board of Christian Education Chairperson, Laura Carll. (snow date for the party is **Sunday, December 15**)

Christmas Caroling

St. Paul's Summer Hill will be Christmas Caroling along with St. Paul's Lutheran church on **Sunday, December 8** at 2pm. We will meet in the parking lot here at St. Paul's UCC. All are invited to participate. Please speak to Pastor Ken for more information.

Prayer Shawl Committee

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet the second Tuesday of each month from 10am-12noon in the conference room. The next meetings will be held **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 and January 14, 2025**. If you are interested in knitting and/or crocheting, we can hook you up! If you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl, please contact the church office.

Bethany Children's Home Special Offering

On **Sunday, December 15**, we will collect a special offering for Bethany Children's Home which is located in Womelsdorf. Bethany serves troubled youth between the ages 13 and 19. These are young people who for one reason or another cannot live with their own families. Most have been abused or neglected and do not have a concept of what a stable two parent loving family can be. Bethany provides a safe, healthy, caring home for these children and tries to instill the values they will need to succeed in life. Please help us to remember the children of Bethany through prayer and monetary donations. These children who have not experienced much love or received many holiday gifts prior to arriving at Bethany can certainly benefit from our help.

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
'What are you doing for others?'"*

—Martin Luther King Jr.

Schuylkill Haven Area Food Pantry

The Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry is in great need and accepts all non-perishable food items and paper products. Items can be dropped off at the church during the week or placed in the shopping cart at the back of the sanctuary. **NO OUTDATED FOOD PLEASE.** We will be helping **Mon., December 16** at 8:30am and **Friday, December 20** at 12pm and also **Monday, January 13, 2025** at 8:30am and **Friday, January 17, 2025** at 12pm. Please speak to Verna Ebling or the church office if you would like to help or donate items.

Christmas Fund Offering

This special UCC offering will be collected on **Sunday, December 22 and on Christmas Eve.** It goes towards providing financial assistance to retired ministers who are struggling financially.



Worship Schedule

We will have two Christmas Eve candlelight services this year, at 7:00pm and 11:00pm.

Communion will be celebrated at both services.

The 7:00pm service will be live streamed.

5th Sunday Offering

The 5th Sunday Offering on **December 29** is designated to the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Food Pantry. Envelopes will be available prior to that Sunday, or you can just make a note on any offering envelope.

Help Will Be Needed

Help will be needed to remove and store away Christmas decorations on **Sunday, January 5, 2025** following worship. Mark your calendars!

Board of Christian Education

There will be a Board of Christian Education Meeting on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025** beginning at 7pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Installation of Officers

The Installation of Consistory Members and Delegates will take place on **Sunday, January 12, 2025** during the 10:30am Worship Service.

Fellowship Time

Join us for conversation, along with a cup of coffee and light refreshments following our 10:30am worship service on **Sunday, January 12, 2025.** We will gather in the rear of the Sanctuary the second Sunday of each month. Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and stay up to date on everything happening at St. Paul's. And best of all, it's free of charge!!

2024 Annual Report Info. Needed

Please have all information for the 2024 Annual Report to the church office by no later than **Sunday, January 19, 2024.** The Annual Report will be available early in February prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, February 23, 2025.** Please email your articles to the church office at summerhillucc@gmail.com, or put them in the secretary's mailbox. Please contact Kelly at the church office if you have any questions.

Cabinet Meeting

A Cabinet Meeting will be held following worship on **Sunday, January 26, 2025.** It will be led by Mike Fessler to discuss a focus and direction for church activities in 2025. All leaders and any church member interested in providing suggestions and input on this topic are encouraged to attend.

Boy Scout Sunday

...will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 2, 2025.**

Members of the Cub Scout Pack 651 and Boy Scout Troop 651 will participate in Worship at 10:30am.

Recognition of 50th Wedding Anniversaries

On **February 9, 2025**, we will honor couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries in 2024. If you are married 50 years, or you know of a couple in the church who is, please contact Kelly at the church office.

“Souper” Bowl Sunday

On **Sunday, February 9, 2025**, we will join thousands of other churches and organizations tackle hunger by collecting canned food and/or cash donations. All donations stay right in Schuylkill County to help our neighbors in need through the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Food Pantry. Look for the specially marked donation boxes and donation pans when you come to church on “Souper Bowl Sunday”!

Sunday School Raffle

Every week that our youth participate in Sunday School, they will get a raffle ticket that will be entered into a drawing for a prize. Drawings will then happen quarterly at the Youth Group Events. (winners do not need to be present)

CWS Clean-Up Buckets

Following many natural disasters, Clean-Up Buckets provide those affected with the essentials to begin getting their lives back in order. The Schuylkill Association, working with the UCC Disaster Ministries, helps provide these kits through Church World Services anywhere they are needed, to include right here in Schuylkill County. Our Association currently has over sixty empty five gallon buckets that need to be filled. If you would like to help in this ministry by coordinating the filling of some of the buckets or can donate materials or money to buy the required materials, please contact the church office. Learn more at <https://cwskits.org/>.

CPR/AED Certification

If you are CPR/AED certified, please contact the church office. We are updating our church certification list for our AED machine on site.

The Bulletin and Altar Flower List

The Bulletin and Altar Flower Sponsor List for 2025 is posted in the hallway next to the secretary’s office door. If you are already on the list, and would like to make any changes, please do at that time. There are openings for sponsorship throughout the year if you are interested. Please contact the church office if you have any questions about open dates, would like to make any changes, removals or additions. The sponsorship cost for fresh altar flowers is currently \$35, silk altar flowers are \$12 and bulletins \$10.

Shut-In Mailing Sponsorship 2025

We are very thankful to everyone who faithfully sponsors the shut-in mailings each month. The cost is \$20, which enables us to continue to send bulletins to our shut-in members each month. If you would like to select a month for sponsorship in 2025, please sign the paper which is posted by the secretary’s office door or call the church to have your name added. When paying, please note that it’s for the shut-in mailing, along with the month you selected.



Your Consistory met on November 19, 2024 and discussed the following items:

Voted and approved to sponsor Laura Carll for member in discernment as part of her journey to ministry

Continued improvements to the indoor facilities around the church

Noted the completion of the bell motor repairs

Replacing the signage for the church along the highway as current ones are starting to fall apart

Undecorating the church will take place following worship January 5

Installation of officers will take place during services on January 12

Planned the Cabinet meeting for January 26th following worship

5th Sunday offering in December will support the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry

December Communion offering will support Samaritan's Purse

January Communion offering will support Women in Crisis

The next Consistory Mtg. will be held on December 17, 2024.

Respectfully yours,
Trevor Smith, Secretary

Sunday School News

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." -John 3:16

The year has flown by so fast- it went by like a snap! December 8 is the annual Sunday school Christmas party after church, with fellowship, food, songs and a special visitor! Please join us after church for some fun and fellowship! Also, the Schuylkill County Children and Youth gifts are due back to church December 8th. Happy Holidays!!

Christian Education Secretary,
Amy Zimmerman

Special notes:

December 8th, 2024- Sunday school Christmas party
December 8th, 2024- Schuylkill County Children and Youth gifts due back

AV System Volunteers

We are still looking for some additional people to help run our sound and video equipment on a Sunday morning! Please let us know if you would be willing to help. We will then figure out a good mutual time to "train" those who are interested! Ideally, we will get a few people interested, and then sign up for Sundays either on a weekly or monthly basis, somewhat like the lectors.

Altar Prep Volunteers

We are still in need of altar prep volunteers. Everyone is welcome! It will be a rotation schedule on a weekly basis. You can sign up for one week or

multiple weeks. Your assistance is needed to change the altar paraments, make sure altar flowers are changed and the oil candles are filled. "Training" will be provided! It's a minimal commitment, but a great help in keeping our services running smoothly. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please speak to Kelly Palerino.

Lectionary Readings:

First Sunday of Advent, December 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Christmas Eve, December 24

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalms 97

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Christmas Day, December 25

Isaiah 9:2-7

Ps 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

First Sunday after Christmas, December 29

I Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

New Year's Eve, December 31

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalms 8
Revelations 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

New Year's Day, January 1, 2025

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelations 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

Second Sunday after Christmas, January 5, 2025

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20 or
Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Epiphany, January 6, 2025

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

The Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2025

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 19, 2025

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 26, 2025

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, February 2, 2025

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

December Birthdays

6 - Ronald Mengel
- Terri Saunders
7 - John Satterwhite
- Tamara Nagle
8 - Earl Phillips
10 - Don Borger
12 - Elizabeth Langan
13 - Jason Kline
- Sabrina Fry
14 - Christina Gogel
15 - Kevin Peiffer
- Derek R. Faust
- Joseph Nagle
16 - Roger Krause
17 - Abigail Zagar
18 - Lauren Krause
21 - Angela Meck
- Donna Brensinger
23 - Arlene Kreager
- Harold Brown
27 - Rene' Jucker
- Rev. Mark Dewald
28 - Cody Rodnick
- Bradley Miller
29 - Joseph Lassandro
- Andrew Good
30 - Lee Moyer
31 - Jeremy Warke

December Anniversaries

16 - Ben and Kaylee Kerchner
18 - Bonnie and Bill Reber
31 - John and Becky Ulsh
- Joseph and Tamara Nagle

January Birthdays

1 - Leroy Knapp Sr.
2 - Christine Maurer
4 - Keith Krause
- Eliza Kline
- Phyllis Kast
- Meghan McBreen
5 - Carolyn Rauenzahn
7 - Ryan Carey
10 - Elaine Krause
- Elizabeth Zimmerman
11 - Dawn Mattes
- Tanya Zagar
- Heather Fox
12 - Amy Clauser
- Nathan Rodnick

Thank You!!

-to Robin Ferguson and family for sponsoring the shut-in mailing for December

- Benjamin Good
- 13 - Michael Rodnick
 - Larry Reber
- 15 - Nancy Ulsh
- 16 - Elisa Phillips
- 17 - Trace Bitting
- 18 - Dylan Reber
- 19 - Deanna Heim
- 20 - Janet Rodnick
 - Dick Clauser
 - Jill Kerstetter
- 22 - Linda Epler
- 23 - Michael Fessler
 - Amy Zimmerman
 - Shanelle Koch
- 25 - Emily Mattes
 - Miranda Koch
- 26 - Charlotte Dintiman
- 27 - William Barnes
 - Skylar Krause
- 29 - Luke Palerino
- 30 - Joan Krause

January Anniversaries

- 3 - John and Phyllis Kast

December Baptismal Anniversaries

- Benjamin Lawrence, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Good
- Josephine Rose, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Good
- Ellie, daughter of Kevin and Carolyn Richards
- Erin, daughter of Kevin and Carolyn Richards
- Emma Layne, daughter of Michael and Sarah Wolfe

January Baptismal Anniversaries

- Gabriel Donald, son of Benjamin & Amy Crouse
- Blake Harrison, son of Andrew and Melissa Reber
- Stella Ann, daughter of Andrew and Melissa Reber
- Luke Allen, son of Zachary and Alexis Palerino

*“It is good to be children sometimes,
and never better than at Christmas,
when its mighty Founder was a child himself.”*

—Charles Dickens

Special Dates

- First Sunday of Advent, *December 1, 2024*
- Second Sunday of Advent, *December 8, 2024*
- Third Sunday of Advent, *December 15, 2024*
- First day of winter, *December 21, 2024*
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, *December 22, 2024*
- Christmas Eve, *December 24, 2024*
- Christmas Day, *December 25, 2024*
- New Year’s Eve/Watch Night, *December 31, 2024*
- New Year’s Day, *January 1, 2025*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2025*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 12, 2025*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 20, 2025*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2025*



Steven & Janet Pagotto

Steven and Janet joined St. Paul’s UCC on Sunday, November 10. They reside in Reading, PA. Steven earned a BSN from East Stroudsburg University and is employed as a Custodian/ Assistant Manager for the Masonic Center of West Reading. Janet attended the Reading Hospital School of Nursing, Kutztown University and Drexel University where she received her BSN/MSN. She is an RN and Professor at Reading Hospital and Alvernia University. They are proud parents of three children: Andrew, Michael and Jennifer. Steven enjoys shooting sports, hunting and music and Janet enjoys her grandchildren and reading. Welcome to the St. Paul’s church family!

Heating Assistance Program

With cold weather knocking at the door, residents who struggle with their home heating bills are reminded they can now apply for assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a

resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are set at 150% of the federal poverty income level. For example, the gross income limit for an individual is \$22,590 and for a family of four it is \$46,800. Residents may apply for LIHEAP online at compass.state.pa.us

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First United Church of Christ
110 Route 61 South
Schuylkill Haven PA, 17972
Next to the Penn State Schuylkill Campus
Enter at the door closest to the parking lot.



KEEP YOUR HOLIDAYS MERRY AND BRIGHT

Look Upon Love

Let us then meditate upon the Nativity just as we see it happening in our own babies. I would not have you contemplate the deity of Christ, the majesty of Christ, but rather his flesh. Look upon the baby Jesus. Divinity may terrify people. Inexpressible majesty will crush them. That is why God took on our human flesh and blood, that God should not terrify us but rather that with love and favor God would console and comfort us.

—Martin Luther

Christian Symbol



ADVENT COLORS — One of the season's symbolic colors is blue, representing hope. During Advent, we wait in hope to celebrate again God's coming in human form. We also look forward in hope to Christ's coming in glory at the end of the age. Purple symbolizes the royalty of Jesus, the coming Prince of Peace, and the penitence with which we receive him. Some congregations also use pink or white candles in Advent wreaths, with pink symbolizing joy and white symbolizing the Christ Child.

A Glorious Hope

Let us today go down to Bethlehem, and in company with wondering shepherds and adoring Magi, let us see him who was born King of the Jews, for we by faith can claim an interest in him, and can sing, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." Jesus is Jehovah incarnate, our Lord and our God, and yet our brother and friend; let us adore and admire. ...

Let us reverently bow before the holy Child whose innocence restores to [humankind] its ancient glory; and let us pray that he may be formed in us, the hope of glory.

—C.H. Spurgeon, Morning and Evening

***"The world can't save itself.
That's the message of Christmas."***

—Timothy Keller

STEWARDSHIP

Tithes and Offerings. We hear those words all the time, but they sound a lot like the same thing. But there is a difference between them that stems from biblical principles. In the Old Testament, a tithe was giving one tenth of everything back to God, because all that we have is a gift from God. The first tithe was when Abraham gave one tenth of all he had to Melchizedek as recorded in Genesis 14:19-20. Jacob gave the second tithe, as told in Genesis 28:20–22. As the people of Israel grew in their relationship with God, giving one tenth back to God became simply a way of life and doing so was even written into their law in Leviticus 27:30. An offering on the other hand, was any additional gifts or sacrifices given to God above the giving of the tithe. The tithe, giving one tenth of income or possessions, was the baseline. Offerings were gifts above and beyond in appreciation for the blessings God has given to us.

The New Testament also talks about giving back to God through our tithes and offerings, with even more emphasis on offering ourselves as a living sacrifice to God. There are over one hundred passages in the Bible about giving, so there is no doubt that we are encouraged “...to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16) But how many people actually tithe to the church? In reality, not many. One study showed that only about 10-25% of church members tithe, or give ten percent of their income back to God. This includes what is given to the church and to other charitable organizations outside the church. The research also shows that Christians give on average 2.5% of their income today, which is down from 3.3% that most Christians gave during the Great Depression.

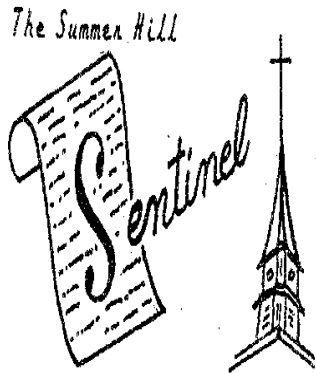
How much people give back to God depends on many variables, and ultimately how much you give should be a matter you resolve between you and God. Our church does not track individual giving except for tax reporting back to the giver, and the Pastor never ever sees or knows how much any individual gives, so this is not about making a certain grade or passing any type of test. However, Christ does call us to live generously and as your faith and relationship with God continues to grow, you will be empowered to share more of what God has given you with others. Sharing what you have may come in the form of financial gifts to the church, or from sharing your time or gifts, or most likely a mixture of both. And the amount of time and treasure one is able to share will certainly change over time due to other responsibilities and abilities. The question we each must ask ourselves is, are we moving in a direction back toward God and doing what is pleasing to God, or are we moving away from God and doing what is pleasing to ourselves?

Moving in the direction back to God with our tithes and offerings may not be as difficult as you think. Often the best way is to slowly budget your time and resource towards the goal of sharing more of what God has blessed you with. Find your yearly household income on the chart below, then move to the right to find the amount you have budgeted to give weekly. Look at the top of that column to see the percentage you are giving back. Consider increasing your weekly gift as you move towards the goal of giving back to God a tenth of what he has given you. It may take some time, but have faith and live generously, as God has been generous with you.

Yearly Income	Weekly Giving									
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$10,000	\$2	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$13	\$15	\$17	\$19
\$25,000	\$5	\$10	\$14	\$19	\$24	\$29	\$34	\$38	\$43	\$48
\$50,000	\$10	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$58	\$67	\$77	\$87	\$96
\$75,000	\$14	\$29	\$43	\$58	\$72	\$87	\$101	\$115	\$130	\$144
\$100,000	\$19	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$115	\$135	\$154	\$173	\$192
\$125,000	\$24	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$144	\$168	\$192	\$216	\$240
\$150,000	\$29	\$58	\$87	\$115	\$144	\$173	\$202	\$231	\$260	\$288

<https://get.tithe.ly/blog/106-bible-scriptures-about-giving#:~:text=Tithing%20in%20the%20Bible%20refers,27%3A30%3B%20Num.>

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Church Staff

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Church Administrator & Cleaning: Kelly
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Music Director/ Pianist: Rae Ann Borger
Organists: Jacob Challenger/ Colin Andrew
(Supply)

Lay Leaders

Consistory President: Pam Clauser
Consistory Vice President: Jeff Palerino
Secretary: Trevor Smith
Assistant Secretary: Mike Fessler
Treasurer: Lori Moyer
Financial Secretary: Kathy Kline

Board of Christian Education:

Chairperson - Laura Carll
Vice-Chairperson - Vicky Borger
Secretary - Amy Zimmerman
Sunday Morning Coordinator: Trevor Smith
Assistant Sunday Coordinator: David Deibert
Stewardship/Mission: Lori Moyer, Tom
and Terri Saunders, Kathy Kline, Carol
Mengel and Trevor Smith
Budget Committee: Pam Clauser
Personnel Committee: Lori Moyer
Prayer Shawl Ministry Chair: Nancy Dewald

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