


Gifts of Gratefulness

*And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Christ.
Colossians 3:17*

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Faithful Giving
to the mission & ministries of
BAKER MEMORIAL
United Methodist Church

Giving Goals for 2024

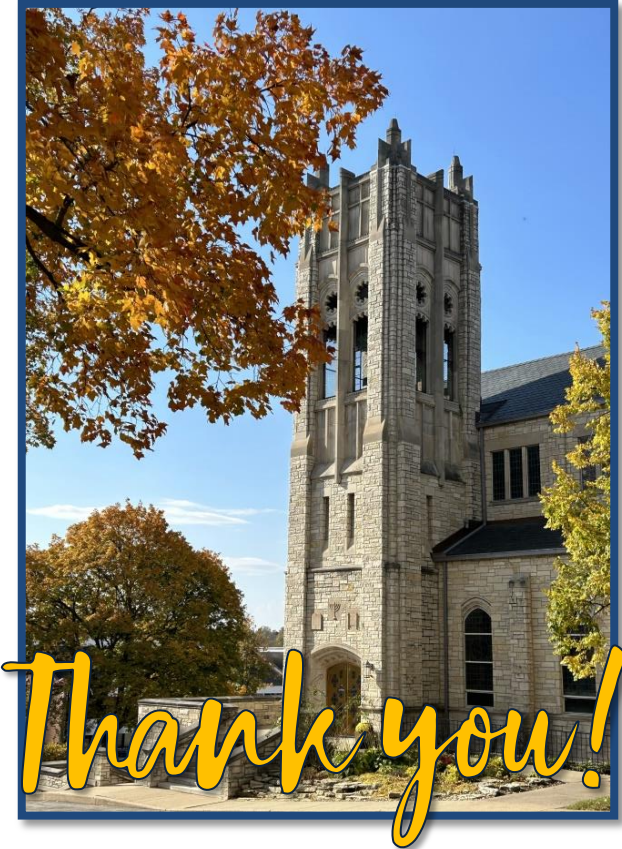
- 100% Participation of all Baker Memorial UMC Members near and far!
- Fully Funded Ministries of worship, education, service and community outreach
- Increased Giving in the number of pledging households & consistent commitments.

Why Make a Pledge?

Your faith commitment through a pledged gift of support helps to create an **accurate estimate of our congregation's potential income** for where God leads us in 2024.

What are the next steps?

1. Examine your ability to give.
2. Pray over the information & commitment card.
3. Complete the pledge of commitment card.
4. Return the commitment card by **Consecration Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023.**



Thank you!

- for the **Blessing** that you are, the **Love of Christ** that you share and the **Generosity** that you extend through your time, talents and financial resources. **Together we serve Christ here, near, and far away!**



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Ministry	Description	2024 Anticipated Expenses
Personnel & Administrative	Compensation for full-time pastor, staff, insurance, musicians, office expenses, communications, website	\$ 430,000
Buildings & Property	Utilities, maintenance, lawn care and landscaping, snow plowing, insurance, safety services, technology, loan payment, cleaning/custodial, contractors & parsonage expenses	\$ 155,000
Missions & Service	Outreach, local & global mission support, partnerships, annual giving to the Northern Illinois Conference/UMC (-apportionment)	\$ 64,000
Program	Children/family/youth/adult ministries, confirmation, ReCharge, curriculum, worship supplies, organ & instrument upkeep, advertising, caring/connection/missions, worship, evangelism, music	\$ 23,500
Total		\$ 672,500

Preliminary 2024 Budget



The ministries of the church are supported by a budget of **\$ 672,500** proportioned into these categories:

Program

All ages discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Creative, adaptive, meaningful Christ-centered learning experiences for children, youth and adults is the bedrock of our ReCharge faith formation ministries of education. Our worship life – in person sanctuary service and our growing online service - shapes the spirit of the congregation, enhanced by beautiful music, the hospitality of the sanctuary and witness of inclusion. Ministries of care, nurture, connection, missions and service give meaning to our multigenerational faith community.

Personnel & Administrative

We are blessed by a dedicated staff and pastor who provide leadership and care while furthering our mission. Currently, we support a full time pastor, several program staff, administrator, part-time staff for finances and music, contractors for communication and technology. The efficient administration of the church's ministry includes communications and connections to the community.

Missions & Service

To enable the transforming message of Christ, **we are called to extend ourselves in current and new mission endeavors.** We do this through our local ministries (Day Guest Ministry, Lazarus House) and national & global United Methodist related connections enabled by our apportionment to the United Methodist Church.

Buildings & Property

A well-used building requires funds for utilities, maintenance, and improvements. We are entrusted with a historic and large building which serves us the church's needs for worship, education and fellowship. It is also an event, gathering and learning space for several community organizations including St. Charles Singers, Scouts, Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative, AA, Kiwanis, Pottawatomie Garden Club, Farmers Market and many more. Weddings, receptions, recitals, concerts, all find their home in the 307 Cedar Ave. building. An attractive parsonage provides a welcoming home for our pastor in the church's neighborhood.

