

Stewardship 2027

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- To Do:
- Read through this packet.
 - Pray about your commitment for 2027.
 - Pray about how you will serve in 2027.
 - Pray about your Faith Promise commitment.
 - Return Commitment Cards on Sunday, October 25th.

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Two Budgets - One Ministry

We have a budget for general church ministry, **Operations**, and one for Mission called **Faith Promise**. Let's take a look at how they work.

2027 Operating Budget \$700,368

The Operating Budget is our day-to-day ministry expenses:

\$40,250

Administration: The expenses for the work of the church including paper, printing, printers, computers, and all communications.

\$111,470

Facilities: Keeping, maintaining, and providing a safe and comfortable building in which to carry out ministry including utilities, Insurance, and maintenance.

\$32,000

Programs: From worship music to Sunday School curriculums and all other things that help us grow closer to Christ. It Includes outreach to youth, children, families, and intergenerational ministries.

\$447,242

Personnel: Pastors, program and worship staff, and all the supporting characters who help carry out the ministry every day. Includes cost of living increases for all staff.

\$69,406

Tithe: As we are part of the United Methodist Connection, this is the cost of our partnership. It represents mission work, administration, and leaders across the world.

The 2027 Budget represents an increase of just 4.4% over 2026 and also includes our Conference Tithes at 100%. It is a modest increase in an ever changing and challenging economy.

Faith Promise

Faith Promise is our work in mission locally and to the ends of the earth.

Each year we seek a separate commitment to be given toward Faith Promise projects. These Include all projects you expect every year. See the Included documents for more details.



2027 COMMITMENT

January 1 - December 31

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I will be contacting an Estate Planner about estate giving.

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I would like instructions and assistance for electronic giving.

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I would like giving envelopes: (circle one) Weekly Monthly

Everything we have comes from God.

Our time. Our talents. Our resources. Our relationships. Our opportunities.

None of these are accidents. They are gifts entrusted to us by a loving God who invites us to participate in the work of transforming lives and building God's Kin-dom. Stewardship is not simply about giving money. It is about offering our whole lives to God and asking, "How can I faithfully use what You have entrusted to me?"

This year, we invite every active person to prayerfully consider their role in the mission of Covenant Church. Together, we are called to be more than spectators. We are called to be active participants in God's work through our prayers, service, generosity, and commitment to making disciples.

Our theme verse reminds us that every believer has been entrusted with something valuable. God has uniquely gifted each of us, and invites us to use those gifts for the benefit of others and the glory of Christ.

Where do You begin?

[1] Prayer!

We encourage you to pray and consider your commitment to Christ through the church. Every commitment is honored by God. Every gift matters. There is a Giving Guide, Faith Promise information and Commitment Cards. Read through each of them and prayerfully consider your Financial and Service Commitments for the coming year.

[2] Complete the Cards

Locate, read carefully, and fill in the Commitment Cards completely. The most accurate information you provide will ensure our record keeping is correct!



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Our Collective Impact

What God can do through a church where:

- Every person prays consistently.
- Every family serves faithfully.
- Every believer pursues discipleship.
- Every member gives generously.
- Every ministry is fully supported.

When we each embrace our responsibility, the entire church becomes stronger. Lives are changed. Families are restored. Communities are impacted. The Gospel advances. The future of our church is not built by a few people carrying the load. It is built by all of us faithfully stewarding what God has entrusted to us.

[3] Celebrate the Commitments

On Sunday, October 24th we will gather for worship for **Commitment Sunday** where we will consecrate each Commitment Card.

- Operating Fund Commitment
- Faith Promise Giving
- Service Commitment



Additional Information and online forms:

Entrusted: Faithfully Managing God's Gifts for God's Glory
Because a life of stewardship is a life of purpose, and a life of service is a life that honors God.



Return All Commitment Cards on or before
October 25, 2026

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January 1 - December 31

Name(s) for these Commitments _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signed _____

I/We plan to be generous in the following ways in 2027:

Operating Fund \$ _____

(circle one) every week/month/quarter/year

Total Annual Commitment \$ _____

☐ This represents an increase from 2026.

☐ I/We will pray often for the Church.

☐ I/We will serve regularly. (See Ministry Form)