

# ***MEASURING WHAT MATTERS***

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” --Matthew 6:21*

## ***Annual Stewardship Giving Guide***

The following is information to consider as you take time to prayerfully make your annual estimate of giving for the coming year:

### ***What is an Estimate of Giving?***

- An estimate of giving, also called a pledge, is a set amount committed to be given by you to your faith community over the year.
- Making an estimate of giving is a spiritual discipline that grows generosity in the giver. It is a personal decision and commitment that deserves much thought and prayer.
- Your giving to our faith community supports the daily ministries we share.
- It is truly an estimate because circumstances can arise that may make it necessary for you to adjust the amount, either up or down.

### ***What is Proportionate Giving?***

- Proportionate giving is increasing your current giving by an amount or portion; whether that means going from \$0 to \$5 per week or from \$100 to \$125 a week.
- You are invited to consider a portion increase in your giving to our faith community for 2025.
- Ask yourself:
  - What is my/our current annual gift?
  - What portion of that could I/We increase in the coming year?

### ***What is a tithe?***

- A tithe is 10% of one's income. Some people consider 10% of gross income and others consider 10% of net income. That is a personal decision.
- Tithe comes from the Hebrew Scriptures. People were invited, out of gratitude for blessed lives, to give to God a tithe (a part) of the first fruits of the harvest. The tithe was given first, before giving to other things.
- For many of us, 10% is beyond what we can do. For others, 10% is below the mark that we can reach.
- Giving a tithe or working toward that amount, might be a personal goal to consider in one's generosity.

*May God continue to bless our ministry as we ask:  
**God, what do you want to do through me?***