



2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

“Joys of Generosity”

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-- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CHAIR OVERVIEW LETTER

We have a lot to celebrate at Wakefield United Methodist Church and we look forward to the upcoming Stewardship season. This year's campaign will run from October 20th - November 10th and while we have many blessings to celebrate as a church, we also recognize that there are a lot of uncertainties in the world today. We hope you find comfort in going back to basics with some familiar verses. Chances are, you have heard these verses from 2 Corinthians 9 before and even though that might be the case, please take a breath, be still, and read them over a few times. What stands out to you?

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Based on these verses, our theme for this year's campaign is the **Joys of Generosity**. A good definition of joy is what you experience when acting in cooperation in the authority of God. This is the type of joy experienced when we are told that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Hopefully you have experienced that joy before. If it's been a while, we encourage you to listen to the recent ASP testimonies given on September 15th during worship where you will hear that theme come up more than once.

One of the phrases that stands out in the verses above is that you "should give what you have decided in your heart." In other words, no one can tell you what to give - that is a decision between you and God. There is no formula given in the Bible as to the correct amount. The tithe (10%) is often talked about during stewardship season; however, there are many other examples of giving in the Bible. In the New Testament, John the Baptist preaches that if you have two tunics, give one away (50%) and Jesus points out that the widow at the temple gave all she had (100%). You will know what amount God puts on your heart and it could possibly require you to step out in faith. If that is the case, let the truth in verse 8 assure you in your decision.

Another phrase that stands out is the "cheerful giver." It's interesting that the Greek word for "cheerful" is used only one time in the New Testament. To use it when talking about giving is absolutely perfect. This particular word is defined as a "readiness of mind, that joyousness, which is prompt to do anything." Just imagine what can happen if that is the posture we take in our giving. What a blessing to ourselves and others to be ready, with joy, to do anything.

As you consider what your pledge will be for 2025, please remember the joy of generosity. This year's Commitment Cards are included in this packet with instructions on the various ways to pledge. Our goal for the campaign is 95 giving units and over \$528,000 pledged.

Our hope and prayer is that you find abundant joy in giving this upcoming year. We follow a God who is the perfect example of generosity. He does not give reluctantly or under compulsion and we should do likewise. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Your Friends in Christ,

Andrew Krieman

Emily Paulson



2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT CARD

JOYS OF GENEROSITY: 2025 Stewardship Campaign

YES! I/We pledge to respond to what God is doing in my/our life and church by supporting the church with our financial commitment to Wakefield United Methodist Church's 2025 General Operating Budget.

I/We commit an annual pledge of \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address, City, State, and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

This is not a contract, but a statement of your intentions. Pledges may be given on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. They can be electronically drafted from a credit card, a checking account, or transferred from stock.

Pledge Online at
onrealm.org/wakefieldumc/AddPledge/tithe

Note: You do not need to have a Realm account to pledge but if you would like access to Realm, email Cathey at cmcclelland@wakefieldumc.org



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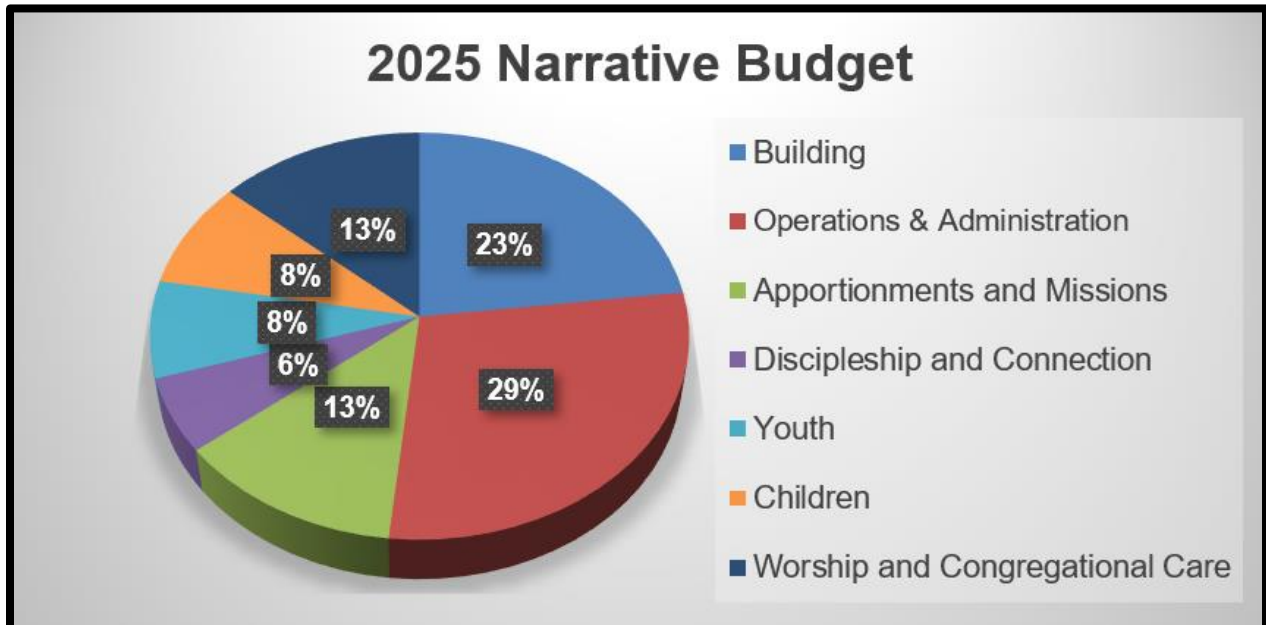


***The church pays a merchant fee for each card transaction. Please prayerfully consider adding a 2.5% per gift to help cover these costs or simply give through Bill Pay.*

2025 WUMC OPERATING BUDGET

The current 2025 draft budget is \$660,000.

Our goal during the stewardship campaign is for 95+ giving units, and \$528,000 in pledges, equating to 80% of the budget.



- Apportionments & Missions*, 13%
 - Apportionments for the UMC
 - Missions Leadership
- Building, 23%
 - Worship Space
 - Home for Fellowship
 - Community Gatherings
- Children*, 8%
 - Sunday School, VBS, Special Events
 - Ignite Programs, Nursery Care
 - Bibles
 - Missions (Multiply Market)
- Discipleship & Connection*, 6%
 - Small Groups, Men's/Women's Group
 - Bible Studies and Curriculum
 - Marketing and Evangelism
- Operations & Administration*, 29%
 - Communication (Newsletters, Emails, etc.)
 - Office Administration and Supplies
 - Payroll and Finance Administration Services
 - Utilities
- Worship & Congregational Care*, 13%
 - Worship Leadership
 - Instruments, Equipment
 - Music
 - Altar and Communion Supplies
- Youth*, 8%
 - Fuel Curriculum and Supplies
 - Confirmation, Pilgrimage
 - Missions

*Staff salaries have been broken down to represent their focus in that area.



ON THE RADAR: 2025 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In a continued effort to ensure the long-term health and viability of Wakefield UMC, we anticipate a capital campaign for approximately \$500,000.

This campaign will focus on three (3) key areas:

- Prepare for any major repairs as warranties expire (e.g., HVAC)
- Prepare for loan refinancing
- Build up reserves

While nothing to do now, we ask everyone to prayerfully consider in planning to support this campaign in addition to annual tithing commitments.

**THANK YOU
WAKEFIELD UMC
CONGREGATION FOR
YOUR ON-GOING
SUPPORT!!**

