

OUR 2027 GOAL

**“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”**

- Wesley

As we look to 2027, our proposed budget totals close to \$1.2 million. Based on projected giving, we will face a gap of about \$100,000. To help close that gap, households are receiving an invitation to give based on their current giving. We know everyone's circumstances are different, and we invite you to prayerfully consider what your next step might be.

Our operating budget is funded by the giving of this congregation. Your Estimate of Giving helps Burke UMC responsibly plan for staffing, building operations, programs, and ministry.

At burkeumc.org/stewardship, you'll find several tools to support your discernment:

- stories from fellow members about why they give
- a giving calculator to help you consider percentage-based giving
- a detailed look at our budget, showing how your generosity fuels the ministries of Burke UMC



We are deeply grateful for your generosity and invite you and your family to submit your Estimate of Giving Card, either online or hard copy, by October 25th.

Visit our website for resources, more information, and to fill out your online Estimate of Giving Card!

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2027 Stewardship Appeal

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Burke UMC Stewardship Appeal 2027

For 100 years, faithful giving has made ministry possible at Burke United Methodist Church. Because people before us gave their time, prayers, service, gifts, and financial resources, we have a church where people can:

- grow in faith at every age
- find community, care, and belonging
- worship and learn together
- serve our neighbors near and far

In recent years, we have expanded opportunities for Christian education, welcomed more groups into our building, strengthened outreach into our community, and invested in spaces such as our renovated kitchen so they can support ministry and fellowship for years to come.

Because they gave, we are here. Because we give, our story continues.

As Burke UMC celebrates its 100th anniversary, we invite you to read the enclosed letter and prayerfully consider your giving for 2027. What we give today sustains the ministry happening now while helping prepare Burke for what comes next.

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OUR MINISTRY IN 2027

As you consider your giving for 2027, we want to lift up the ways your generosity makes ministry possible at Burke UMC:

STAFF & MINISTRY LEADERSHIP: Our wonderful staff makes Burke UMC’s ministry possible every day: supporting worship, caring for our congregation, leading programs, connecting with our community, and keeping the church running. Staff salaries and benefits are a significant part of our operating budget and are funded by the generosity of our congregation.

PROGRAM MINISTRIES: In all of the Care, Learn, Share, and Worship ministries, your giving makes ministry possible throughout the year. These are some of the ways Burke UMC helps people grow in faith, build relationships, and put faith into action.

OUR BUILDING: Our building is one of the tools we use for ministry. Recent investments, including the kitchen renovation, have helped make it an even more useful place for gathering, fellowship, learning, and service. As our building is used by more people and groups, ongoing maintenance and operations remain an important part of our shared responsibility.



WAYS WE DISCERN GIVING

In discerning your giving for 2027, here are some considerations and questions that may help guide your reflection.

SPIRITUAL

Giving is one way we live out our faith and respond to God’s generosity. It invites us to recognize what we have received and consider how our resources can help further the work of Christ in the world.

Consider: 1 Peter 4:10


How does my giving reflect my faith and the blessings I have received?

BIBLICAL

Scripture speaks often about generosity and our relationship with money. One biblical model is the tithe, or the giving of 10% back to God. Whether or not 10% is where you are today, it can provide a useful benchmark as you prayerfully consider your giving.

Consider: Deuteronomy 16:17


What percentage of my income do I currently give, and what might my next step look like?

PRACTICAL

Congregational giving funds Burke UMC’s operating budget. It supports our staff, building operations, worship, Christian education, outreach, mission, and community partnerships. Your Estimate of Giving helps church leaders responsibly plan what we can support in 2027.

Consider: 1 Corinthians 16:2


Where does giving fit within my financial priorities, and what step am I able to take this year?