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Generosity.
GROWING IN
Faith.



Burke UMC Stewardship Appeal 2024

2023 has been a year of growth and excitement as we have reengaged many ministries that we were unable to do over the last couple years, while developing new ministries that have enhanced our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We saw our church step up in an act of radical generosity as we held a Special Gifts Appeal that surpassed our goal. We are grounded in a faith that knows God is making all things new and our ability to engage this newness is rooted in generosity. As we prepare for 2024, we are asking for you to be prayerful about your generosity toward the church in the coming year. We hope you will go to the stewardship website, listen to the Did You Know videos in our Friday Five this month and hear the ministry moments in worship. May we be in a discerning space as we move through this season together.



OUR GOAL

In 2023, we are projecting that we will receive 1.05-1.06 million dollars. As we look to 2024, our proposed budget totals close to 1.08 million. Although we have worked to reduce costs in many areas, others have gone up, as many of you have experienced in your own homes. We would be thrilled for folks to increase their giving to meet the budgetary need that makes all our programs and outreach possible. If you go to burkeumc.org/stewardship, we have multiple tools to help you discern your giving, from stories from members about why they give, a calculator to help you consider your percentage of giving, to our budget that illustrates what we spend to make Burke UMC ministry a reality. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated and we hope you will consider what giving may look like for your family and fill out your Estimate of Giving Card either online or hard copy by October 29th.

WAYS WE DISCERN GIVING

There are three important considerations we hope you will take into account as you discern your giving in 2024:

SPIRITUAL: Giving financially to further the work of Christ in the world is an important part of how we live out our faith in the world. When we are grounded in this faith, we want to live in ways that represent God's love and grace to all people. Because we believe the church is the Body of Christ in the world, then we give to the church as a way of living out that faith. We hope that part of our faith, if rooted in generosity, is considering what ways we are giving charitably as a way of recognizing the abundance we have from God.

Question to discern: What ways do I give as an aspect of my faith, considering my own blessings?

BIBLICAL: The Bible, in many places, talks about money, particularly about the blessing of giving. In the church, we think about our giving in relationship to tithing as it is a Biblical principle. Tithing is the idea that we use 10% of what we have as a measure of giving to God. You can consider your overall charitable giving with this metric or the portion you give to the church. On our website (burkeumc.org/stewardship) there is a tool to determine your annual household income and calculate what 10% would be or see what percentage you are currently giving.

Question to discern: How much do I currently give and what would it look like for my household to give 10% to the church or other charitable organization?

PRACTICAL: Many of us think about giving as meeting a need. Our church is looking at a 1.08 million dollar budget for next year, not counting some of the other projects we hope to accomplish. All of our funds come from congregation members. In order for us to continue supporting staff, maintaining our building, offering a variety of ministries, and the many other things we do, we need everyone to give in generous ways. We recognize that everyone's financial situation is different and we hope that you will consider what ways you are spending and think about priorities in your giving.

Question to discern: Where do we prioritize giving to the church in our overall giving and what ways would the church not meeting their budget affect our faith?

OUR NEEDS FOR 2024

As you consider your giving for 2024, we wanted to lift up the needs that we hope to meet. Our projected giving this year is 1.05-1.06 million dollars. Below should help give you a sense of what ways we need folks to consider increasing their giving next year.

GENERAL BUDGET: Our budget has increased to 1.08 million. Some of the increase is because our expenditures have gone up simply because of inflation. Other reasons include: expanding our children's ministry due to its growth over the last year; continuing to engage our community through events including Burke Gives Back, Halloween Trunk and Treat, our Advent Celebration, interfaith Thanksgiving Service, and new ideas for the future. We also are prioritizing our communications to best reach out to people through social media and other sources where our community might engage our church. We also work to support our wonderful staff with cost of living salary increases as we are able.

EXTRA PROJECTS

FELLOWSHIP HALL FLOOR:

The Fellowship Hall Floor is our largest space and is used regularly - often by many folks who have never walked into our sanctuary. It is vital that this space looks inviting, but also be multi-functional. It housed our co-op these past three years and supported community ministries for decades before. We plan to replace the carpet with the floor type that is now installed outside the kitchen. The cost will be \$30,000.

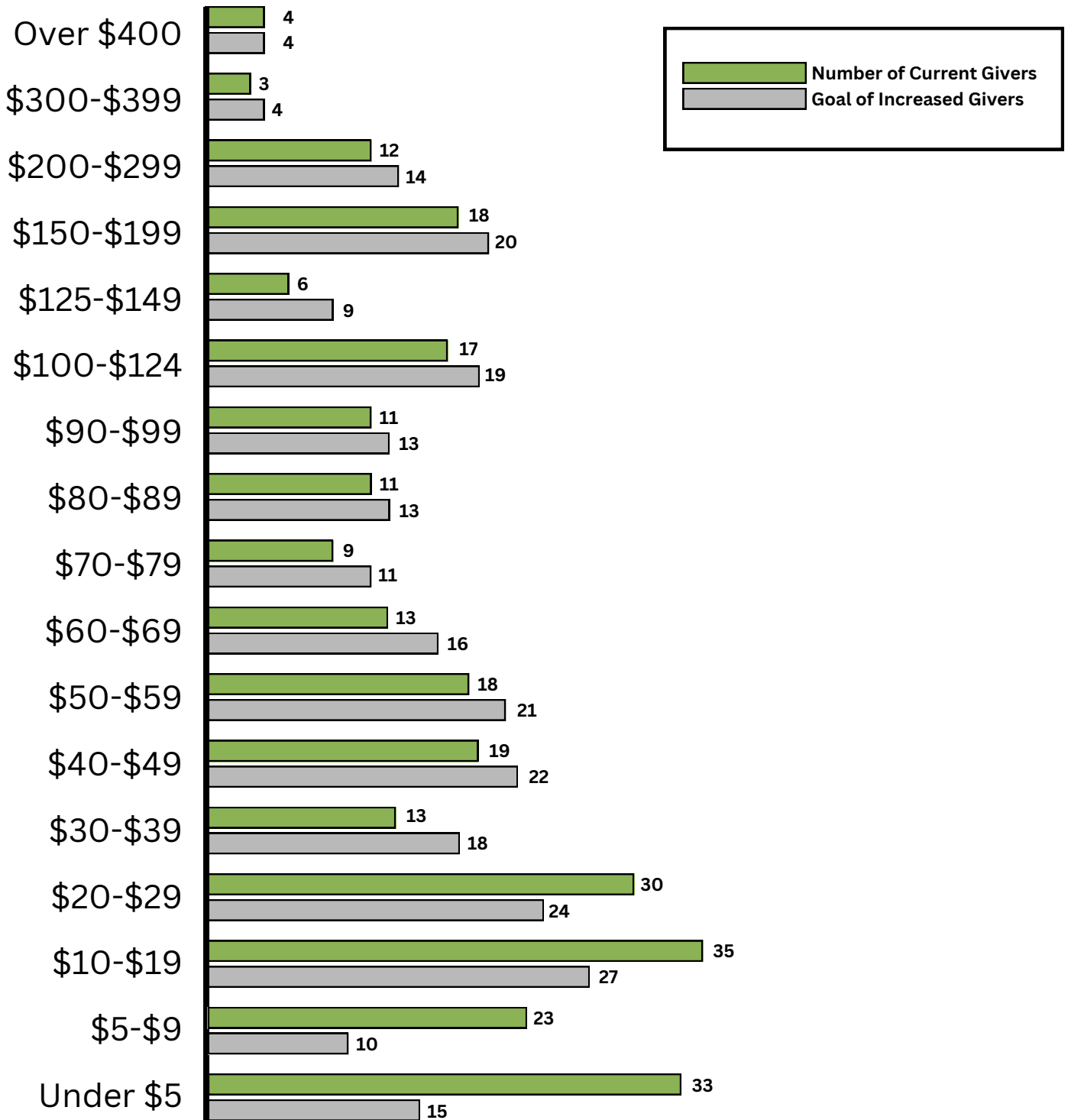
SELECT KITCHEN UPGRADES:

We hope to do a complete renovation of the kitchen in future phases of our building plan. In the meantime, some of our ministries have expanded (in some cases, cooking for 150 people) and we would love to buy a larger 6 burner convection oven, which would cost us \$11,000 in order to meet the growing demand.



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