

Dear Church Family,

We often talk about how our congregation does amazing things. We are proud of the worship, education and mission we offer.

As a group, we can impact the world. We can build an orphanage in Costa Rica. We can feed the hungry. We can renovate an historic church. We can educate thousands of children right inside our own walls. We can support ministries locally and worldwide.

As a congregation, together we are more powerful and can take the life-changing message of Christ to more people in more places.

I challenge you to *participate* this year. It is not how much time or money you give, it is that you are *involved* in the life-changing work your congregation is doing. Your gifts to HPUMC feed, clothe, teach, protect, baptize, counsel, prepare, shape and change the world.

Your involvement is paramount to our ministry together. Prayerfully consider your financial involvement in your church this year, and please consider taking on my challenge. What can you do now?

- Please fill out your commitment card, enclosed with this brochure
- Bring it with you on Sunday, October 26
- If you can't be here Sunday, mail your card in the enclosed envelope or complete your commitment online at www.hpumc.org

I hope you will pledge generously and give joyously.

God Bless You,

 Rev. Mark Craig
 Senior Minister

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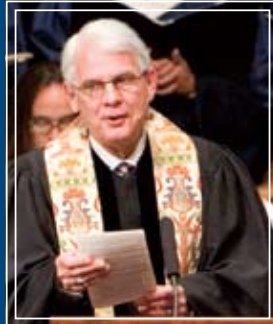
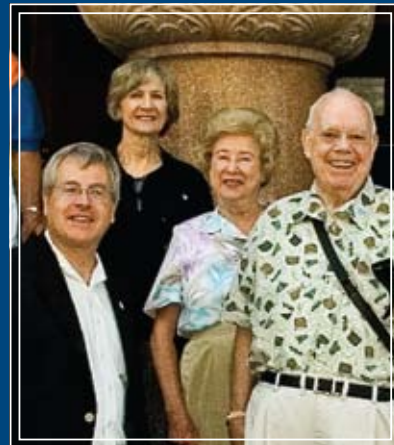
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Where does the money go?

Your generous support allows us to provide ministry in the following ways:

Benevolences (28%)

- Support for more than 30 local ministries
- More than 15 global mission partners
- Assistance to smaller churches
- Funding to Perkins School of Theology and other Methodist colleges
- Missional and leadership work of the United Methodist Church

Program Ministries (39%)

- Multiple worship opportunities
- Sunday School and small group ministry for all ages
- Ministering to those in crises of all kinds
- Welcoming and involving new members
- Communicating with our church family and neighbors
- Program Ministry staff

Support Services (33%)

- Utilities and building maintenance for 250,000 square feet of space
- Sunday shuttle buses and security
- Administrative staff
- Medical and retirement benefits for staff



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God doesn't require nor design all disciples to make equal gifts, but to give in a way that represents joyful, heartfelt and sacrificial giving. Determine your current monthly giving in relation to your annual income. Prayerfully consider increasing the percentage. Take a step—allow God to lead you in the joy of generosity.

Annual Income	Suggested Monthly Giving					
	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%
\$40,000	67	133	200	267	333	400
\$60,000	100	200	300	400	500	600
\$80,000	133	267	400	533	667	800
\$100,000	167	333	500	667	833	1,000
\$150,000	250	500	750	1,000	1,250	1,500
\$200,000	333	667	1,000	1,333	1,667	2,000
\$250,000	417	833	1,250	1,667	2,083	2,500
\$300,000	500	1,000	1,500	2,000	2,500	3,000

Number of Households (2008)	Giving Amounts	
	Annually	Monthly
19	Over \$50,000	Over \$4,166
47	\$24,001–50,000	\$2,001–4,166
82	\$12,001–24,000	\$1,001–2,400
91	\$9,001–12,000	\$751–1,000
134	\$6,001–9,000	\$501–750
142	\$4,801–6,000	\$401–500
140	\$3,601–4,800	\$301–400
260	\$2,401–3,600	\$201–300
495	\$1,201–2,400	\$101–200
2145	\$1–1,200	\$1–100

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:11)