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GIVING NOTES —

What Is Tithing?

Tithing is a biblical standard, one-tenth of one's annual income, given as a contribution to support the ministry and mission of the church. According to the scriptures ([Leviticus 27:30](#); [Numbers 18:26](#); [Deuteronomy 14:24](#); [2 Chronicles 31:5](#)), the purpose of tithing is to teach us to put God first in our lives. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:21

Why Do We Give?

When Peter said to Him, "We've given up everything to follow you. What will we get?" - Matthew 19:27

Like Peter and the disciples, you may not have much money to contribute; however, because of your faith, hope, and trust in God's plan, you have given up everything to follow Jesus. When you consider giving \$10 and receiving \$1000—100 times as much—that is an extraordinary return. Oh, but when you give your life to Christ and follow Him, He provides everything you need and the gift of eternal life. What a wise, long-term investment!

What Is an Offering?

An offering is the gifts brought to God beyond our wishes. An offering is not linked to what we earn—it is freely given by Christians based on their financial situation in life. An offering may be given to express thanks, give praise, or to show our love for God.

What Is Apportionment?

Apportioned giving is a term which describes how the money you give to your church each week is divided and distributed throughout the United Methodist Church. Through you and your support of apportioned giving, we are able to participate in the ministry and mission of the United Methodist Church both locally and around the world.

Thank you for your time, talents and monetary offerings toward building God's Kingdom at Cascade. So many lives have been positively affected because of your support and contributions to the following ministries:

Torchbearers Ministry Highlights

The Torchbearers sponsored a trip to the Fox Theatre in Atlanta for an AARP presentation, "A Better You." Cascade's Senior Pastor Lawrence Young was a featured speaker. The Torchbearers were asked and accepted the invitation to host an informational session as the result of this AARP initiative. The "A Better You" event is presented to seniors throughout the US.

The ministry hosted the North Georgia District Older Adults Event: **Crossing the Bridges of Life: Spirit, Mind and Body**. Over 100 persons participated in the day's events where they enjoyed the opportunity to attend one or more of the eight workshops and sessions, including Line Dancing: Enjoying Movement Through Dance taught by Cascade's very own Lydia Floyd, PhD. Rev. Dr. Richard Winn, Griffin District Superintendent, was the guest speaker.

Members assisted the Homeless Ministry with food preparation for the Peachtree and Pine Homeless Shelter, donated over 70 books for homeless children at the shelter through the Smart Lunch Smart Kid program and visited seniors at the Asbury Epworth Towers, a United Methodist senior citizen's residence.

Collaborated with the Emory University Medical Research Center and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as they celebrated their Metro Atlanta's Founder's Day Project: Advocacy, and Support for Individuals and Families Impacted by Alzheimer's disease. Over 1200 people attended the event and gained much insight and information about this challenging disease. Participants also watched a live performance of the play "Forget Me Not." More than 60 Cascade Torchbearers attended.

Brief Update from the Homeless Ministry

The Homeless Ministry participated in the Hunger Walk/Run on Sunday, March 13. Cascade volunteers joined over 20,000 participants in a 5K walk/run to join the fight against hunger. Cascade's support and other donations assisted in reducing the cost of food purchased from the Atlanta Food Bank. These donations help the Homeless Ministry feed over 600 men, women and children twice a month. Lastly, twice a year, the Homeless Ministry provides food for the United Methodist Trinity Feeding program and participates in the National Homeless and Hunger Day events held annually.

Cascade, thank you for your generous giving!

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