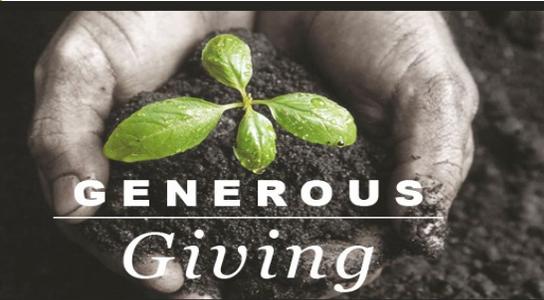


# Contribution Statement NEWSLETTER



Cascade United Methodist Church

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**Building GOD'S Kingdom by:  
Hearing GOD, Serving GOD,  
Worshipping GOD**

## 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?

Then 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 tithes. 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:***

### **New Advent Choir's Thanksgiving Basket Project**

In November 2015, the New Advent Choir hosted its annual Thanksgiving Basket project. Beginning some 20 years ago, it has now grown into the largest single outreach event of the entire church. Because of its impact on the community, a recipient, from years ago, Rod Mosley decided to 'give back' by making a donation to the project. He said, "We were always raised that you don't do anything by yourself. God helps those who help themselves. It takes a village."

With God's help and the congregation's monetary donations and time, we were able to provide 1,170 baskets for families with enough food for an entire week.

We are truly grateful for the support from our congregation that allowed us to be "A Light in the Community."

### **Young People's Division (YPD) Continues to ROCK!**

Here are a few highlights:

- *Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) experienced record attendance during 2015. Participation included 1,120 children, youth and adults.*
- *Launched the first Robotics Program in 2015. Eleven youth and young people gained valuable, hands-on experience, increasing their STEM capabilities.*
- *Nurtured 34 new Confirmands in their journey to become full members of the United Methodist Church.*
- *Launched our Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts registration for 2015-2016; our own Girl Scout Cadet, Imani Alsobrook authored and illustrated her first book entitled: Maya in the Middle.*
- *Forty-seven youth attended YPD's annual Youth and Youth Usher Fellowship by spending quality time together at a recent Atlanta Hawks basketball game.*

*Cascade, thank you for your generous giving!*

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