



**NORTH DECATUR
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
The Household of God

Joyful Generosity

Powering the ministry of NDPC

Giving Guide

How much should I give?

This is no small question. It challenges us to ask about who we are, who is in our lives, how we spend our time, and how we spend our money.

What are my priorities? Is it time to rearrange some things?

Here are some insights from the writer and theologian Henri Nouwen:

- God is calling us to relate to our resources in new ways.
 - We won't become poorer; we will become *richer* by giving. (See 2 Corinthians 9:11.)
 - Seek guidance through our connection with Christ: "I am the vine. You are the branches. Those who abide in me bear much fruit." (John 15:5)
- ➔ What is important to you?

Giving comes from the heart, and prayer is essential for determining what to give.

Give thanks for the ways this church has enriched your life. Give thanks for the impact God makes through this congregation. Ask God for guidance.

Evaluate your current giving. Does it express your gratitude? Is it generous? Is it time for you to increase your giving to God and to the work of the church? **Can you bump it up by 1%? or 2%?**

Or consider proportional giving: How about 1% of your income? (Before or after taxes? You decide.) How about 2%? Or the biblical example of the tithe, 10%? If you give even a fraction of a percent, your gift is an act of faith.

Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
\$10,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$1,000
\$20,000	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$25,000	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$2,500
\$30,000	\$300	\$600	\$900	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$40,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$4,000
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$60,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$6,000
\$70,000	\$700	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$7,000
\$80,000	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$8,000
\$90,000	\$900	\$1,800	\$2,700	\$3,600	\$4,500	\$9,000
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$10,000

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

A budget is more than just numbers.

[Here is a link to the proposed budget for NDPC's ministries in 2018.](#) Each line names a vital aspect of the work God has called us to do together. Our session has faithfully constructed this proposal as a response to God's goodness and God's desire to establish justice in this world. The personnel section shows the additional investment we are making in our staff leadership, and the increase for Community Ministry expresses our desire to step up our efforts to provide affordable housing.