



BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST



STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2024

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST THROUGH OUR MISSION

We are the body of Christ at Epiphany! As we grow in strength and maturity, we build up our community in faith, hope, and love, so we can share Christ with others.

Pastors and church staff have a particular role in building of the body of Christ. They cultivate the spiritual growth of members and empower them to use their gifts. Our 2024 appeal's goals will enable Epiphany to call a full-time associate pastor on an annual basis to support the ministry of our members, to bring a word of hope to hurting people, and to enliven our community's connections with each other and the world around us. With an associate pastor in place, we will have two full time pastors who can provide consistent leadership at both campuses every week, so that our ministries can grow.

Having two full time pastors would enable some or all of the following possibilities:

- ▶ Small group opportunities to build relationships and care
- ▶ Midweek outdoor worship offerings in the summertime
- ▶ Evening bible study and adult study on topics relevant to daily living and contemporary culture
- ▶ In person meetings with new members and prospective members



- ▶ Expanded support for outreach ministries that help people in need
- ▶ Increased opportunities for spiritual growth, such as prayer groups, book study, or Taizé prayer services
- ▶ Family education at milestone ministries with children and families, such as first bible, first communion, and entering confirmation
- ▶ Lay visitation ministry to homebound and members who are sick

Ministries like these deepen existing members' faith, grow relationships within and beyond our congregation, and strengthen our commitment to serve.

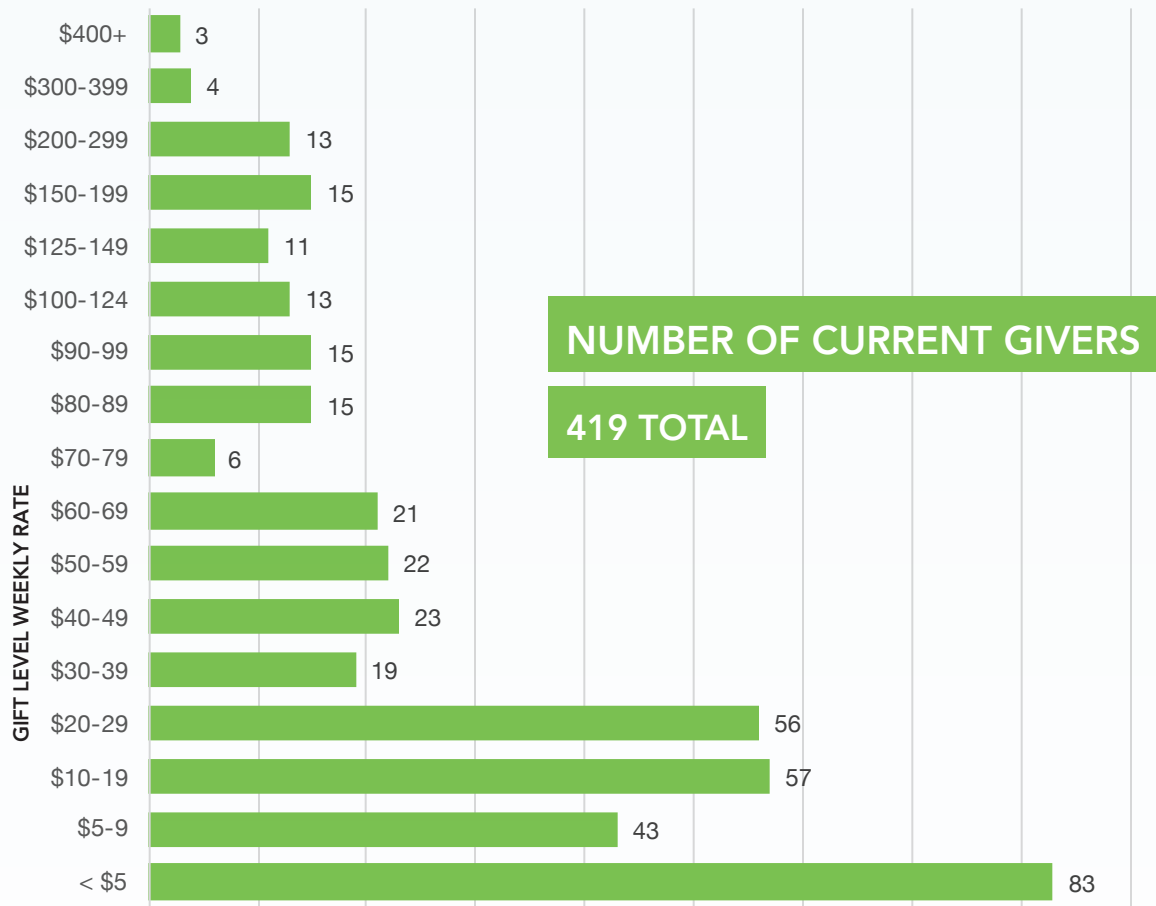
To accomplish this and the other two ministry initiatives for 2024, and meet the needs of those we serve, we need an additional \$2,000 a week. Together, we can build the body of Christ at Epiphany!

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Our gifts and offerings, joined together, accomplish ministry which is blessed by the Lord. This chart provides a picture of our current giving. As you read this gift chart and find the level of your current offerings, we invite you to consider the following questions:

- ▶ "How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?"
- ▶ "How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?"

RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN CURRENTLY



"We see the fruits of Christ's influence on our society through the helpful actions of its many members. We can't imagine what our life would be like without our church."