



# BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST



STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2024

## BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST BY INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN

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.

Our 2024 ministry initiative to invest in our children builds our community by funding family events and expanding staff hours devoted to these ministries. Restoring the Children and Families position to 20 hours/week will open up possibilities such as:

- ▶ Christian education for children at both campuses
- ▶ Toddler play group
- ▶ Family Fun Nights
- ▶ Tween service events

Our more robust Christian formation program for children will foster the spiritual lives of adult caregivers as well as children, as they are the first faith teachers for their family. We have a natural connection in Epiphany's preschool in this expanding ministry; since 90% of Epiphany Preschool families are not Epiphany church members, they are both potential recipients as well as partners of our ministries. Finally, children who are actively engaged and participating in the life of the



community inspire and lift up the faith of older generations of the church. Investing in our staff and in programming for children and families strengthens the whole community and builds up the entire Body of Christ.

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!

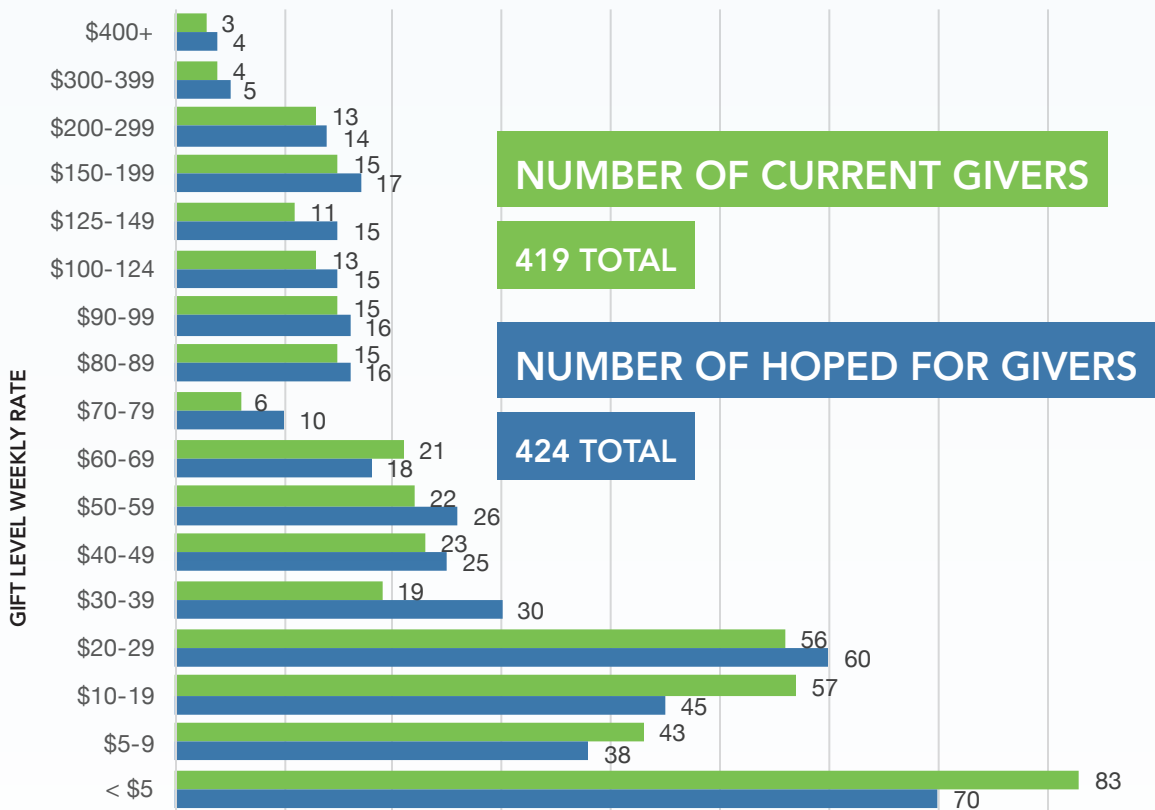
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This graph displays two charts of our giving. The first shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other shows how many gifts are needed in each level to reach our goal.

As you look over the charts, prayerfully ask yourself the following:

- ▶ "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?"
- ▶ "Where would I be if I doubled my offerings? And can I consider doing that?"
- ▶ "How much more could I give if I really wanted to?"

RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR



*"Epiphany has always been a part of our faith journey. This congregation has been both our heritage and an expression of our faith. We are happy to support Epiphany."*