



BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST



STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2024

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS

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.

As a growing community of faith, we want to reach out and share the blessings of our faith with others. With increased generosity, we can host broader community events that introduce people to Epiphany and enable our church to share our 'body building' practices of prayer, care, worship, and service with others. In addition, bringing a full-time associate to Epiphany on an annual basis will foster ministries of welcome and outreach to the community beyond our church, as these areas are part of the associate pastor job description. The associate pastor will work to:

- ▶ Cultivate the interest and leadership of our members to serve in existing and new ministries that serve those in need.
- ▶ Develop a greater presence in the Centerville and Dayton community, getting to know other clergy, community and business leaders, identifying issues and needs in the community and how Epiphany can support solutions.



- ▶ Identify and train leaders to launch new opportunities to meet the community where people gather, such as the Centerville's Fall Fest, or at our own campuses with events such as the Harvest Party with food trucks.
- ▶ Support the ministry of our 'third campus,' the online worship community.

As a strong body of Christ, we are the eyes and ears to see and hear others, the hands and feet to serve and welcome the community, and the voices to share Christ's message of love and grace.

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!

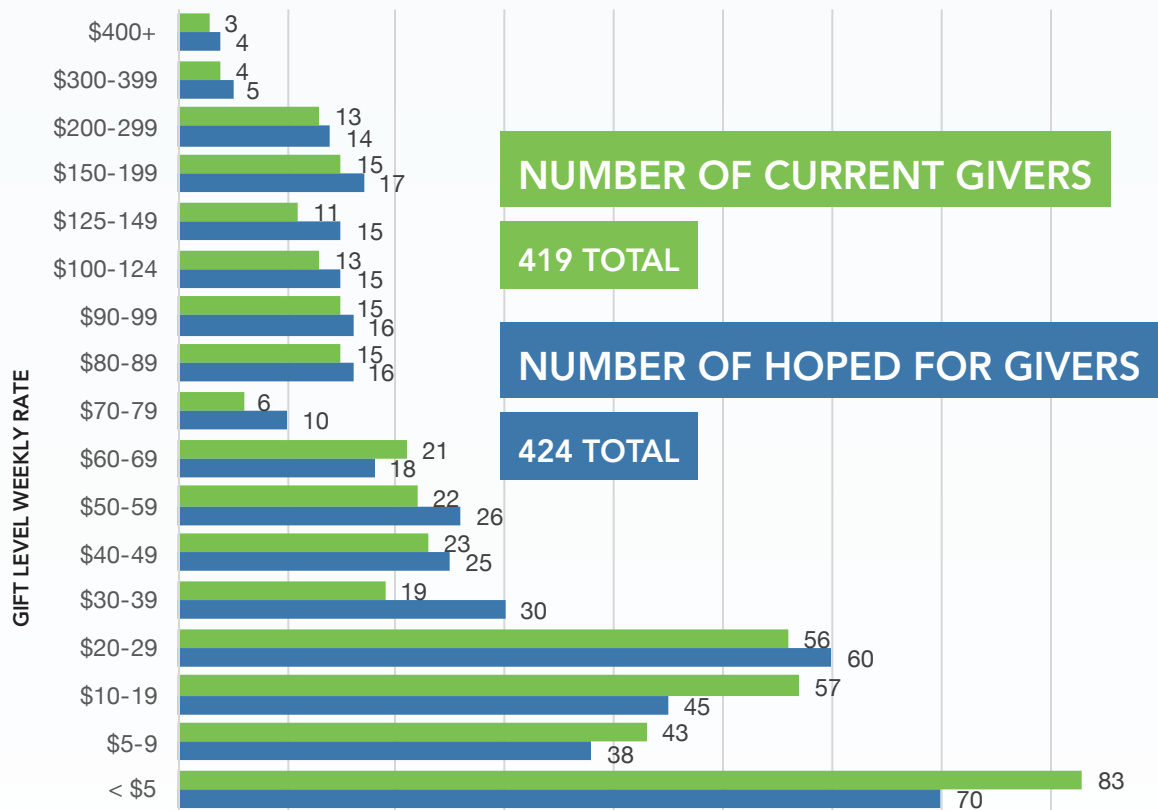
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This graph displays two charts of our giving. The first shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other shows how many gifts are needed in each level to reach our goal.

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 is our life: the outreach ministries and community that is built around them give us such joy."