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## Additional Ways to Give

### Time:

Determine your discretionary hours by subtracting out your work hours, sleep, and mandatory obligations. Consider your discretionary time and tithe a percentage of that for supporting and building up God's work.

### Talent:

Consider your talents and expertise. Could any of these be used to support and build up the Church and God's work in the community in some way?

### Wills and Estates:

When planning a will, consider tithing a portion of that as well to continue some particular work or ministry that is important to you.

### Passions and Hobbies Can = Ministry:

Do you have a passion for something that can serve God? Think about how to put your interests and passions to use for his glory. You will be surprised how a little creative thinking can accomplish some great things.

### Support:

Phone calls, letters, a few words of encouragement and support for others can be inspiring and uplifting to a church family.

### Evangelize and Promote:

Jesus wants his message of love and salvation to go out to all. Do your part to get it out there.

### Prayer:

Offer prayer for the sake of the Church and the people who are ministering in God's name.

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## Giving Options:

**Regular Offertory Envelopes:** Call the office to have envelopes sent to you. It keeps your gifts regular, confidential, and it helps us to have your information accurate for tax purposes.

**Automatic Bank Withdrawals:** Call the office for more information or talk to your bank since most can arrange this system.

**Credit and Debit Cards:** We can accept credit cards and debit cards to make it convenient. Information can be found at the office or on the parish website under "Giving Options".

**Website:** Single donations can be made through the parish website following the instructions under the "Information" and "Giving" tab.



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## Investing in God's Kingdom

A lifestyle of generosity will help us to be more invested and committed as Christians and as a church to spreading the Gospel plan and message in the Rogue Valley and world.

This brochure is a simple guide to help explore how we can invest ourselves in the Kingdom and see the fruit of God's blessing in the process.



## Why Give and Why Tithe?

Money and church support can be a touchy subject, but it shouldn't be. We all know that the church needs the generosity of its parishioners in order to survive. But let's be honest, don't we want a church that does more than just *survive*? Parish goals are reached when the parish is well managed and well supported. Our pledge is to continue to manage the parish resources well and efficiently.

## From Tax to Investment:

In order to truly appreciate giving, we often need to look at it differently and move from seeing it as a tax to seeing it as an investment in Jesus' Kingdom.

Some see giving to the church as they would a tax. We do it because it is an obligation but we aren't happy about having to do it. Some have moved beyond that and see it as a donation. We are giving in order for some charitable activity to happen. Some see giving as a direct investment of oneself into the Kingdom of God and our participation in it. This is the best way for a Christian to give since we are actively serving our God and seeing that as our share in his work. This helps faith to come alive.

I really believe this is our ultimate goal. If we see God's Church as our Church and willingly give as a part of our participation in the work and ministry of the Church, our attitude will be much different. We will be excited to see God's action and life. We will be enthusiastic seeing new people come to share in God's grace and love. We will be doing our best to do God's will in our own lives as well as encouraging that in the lives of others.

## The Process of Tithing:

1. Find your household income at the left of the chart.
2. Move across on the same line to find the amount at or around which you currently give.
3. Consider moving up to a higher percentage level.
4. Consider setting a goal of giving to Church ministries at 10% even if it might take a period of time to achieve it.

## Tithing Chart:

As a point of reference, the chart below gives some percentages and their corresponding weekly contributions based on income. The percentages are not mandates to follow but serve to help us to consider the percentage we currently give and what would be the realistic goal for us to strive toward. Tithing as a percentage of income is not only more in line with the Biblical way of giving, but it helps us to respond consistently, prayerfully, and deliberately:

Weekly Household Giving to Support Church Ministry

Yearly / Weekly Income	4%	5%	6%	8%	10%
\$10,000 / \$192	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$15	\$19
\$20,000 / \$385	\$15	\$19	\$23	\$30	\$39
\$30,000 / \$577	\$23	\$29	\$35	\$46	\$58
\$40,000 / \$770	\$31	\$39	\$46	\$62	\$77
\$50,000 / \$962	\$38	\$48	\$58	\$77	\$96
\$60,000 / \$1,154	\$46	\$58	\$69	\$92	\$115
\$70,000 / \$1,346	\$54	\$67	\$81	\$108	\$135
\$80,000 / \$1,538	\$62	\$77	\$92	\$123	\$154
\$90,000 / \$1,731	\$69	\$87	\$104	\$139	\$171
\$100,000 / \$1,923	\$77	\$96	\$115	\$154	\$192