



GAIN, SAVE, GIVE ALL WE CAN

† *Adapt. from John Wesley's Sermon 50, "Use Of Money," 1872.*



SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE BY NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Pledges may be submitted online, via email, or by returning a pledge card to the office in person or by mail.



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FAIRMOUNT AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2023 Ministry Highlights and 2024 Pledge Guide



2023 MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

A JOYFUL, WELCOMING COMMUNITY

We strengthened social connections during our annual shuffleboard tournament and chili cookoff, offered wellness activities and education for all ages during Lent, attended and held neighborhood events, and our Welcoming Team revamped welcome bags for visitors to connect more easily.

IGNITING HEARTS AND MINDS

We held a incredible week of VBS for kids, ran adult book and bible studies, and expanded both youth and young adult ministries in faith exploration and social gatherings. We have also welcomed back our children's choir, acolyte program, and special music during worship.

FOR GOD'S WORK

We continued to support Interfaith Action's Project Home, Simpson Shelter, Keystone Community Services, and Emma Norton Services, participated in Reconciling Ministries events year-round, held many community meetups that highlighted local small businesses, and supported the youth mission trip to St. Louis, Missouri.



"A joyful, welcoming community; igniting hearts and minds for God's work."

From "The Use of Money"

"Consider, when the [Lord] of heaven and earth brought you into being, and placed you in this world, [the Lord] placed you here not as a proprietor, but a steward..."

Gain all you can, by common sense, by using in your business all the understanding which God has given you... You should be continually learning, from the experience of others, or from your own experience, reading, and reflection, to do everything you have to do better today than you did yesterday. And see that you practice whatever you learn, that you may make the best of all that is in your hands.

Save all you can. Do not throw away precious talent in idle expenses, which is just the same as throwing it into the sea... Expend no part of it merely to gratify the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eye, or the pride of life... Rather be content with the honor that cometh from God.

Then, give all you can. First, provide things needful for yourself... whatever nature moderately requires for preserving the body in health and strength. Secondly, provide these for your [loved ones]. If when this is done there be an overplus left, then do good to them that are of the household of faith. If there be an overplus still, as you have opportunity, do good unto all... In so doing, you give all you can; nay, in a sound sense, all you have: For all that is laid out in this manner is really given to God. You render unto God the things that are God's, not only by what you give to the poor, but also by that which you expend in providing things needful for yourself and [family].

Gain all you can... save all you can... and then, give all you can, or, in other words, give all you have to God. †



WHAT IS A PLEDGE?

A pledge is a commitment, not a contract, to give a set amount over the course of the next calendar year. This helps church leadership plan ministries and approve budgets. Pledging allows us to dream about the upcoming year and how God is calling us as a community.

WHY GIVE TO THE CHURCH?

Giving to the church directly supports the ministry of the church. It is a practice of our faith that grounds us in generosity, gratitude, and vision for a better world. Together we use these gifts to create opportunities for worship, faith development, justice advocacy, outreach, and community service. Giving is about partnering with God in all of the ways that God is growing this world to be more whole, more healed, and more equitable.

PLEDGING IS CONFIDENTIAL AND EASY TO COMPLETE



Renewal Leave Blessing



Graduates



BUILD Intern



90s Lunch



Superior Hiking



Followers Mission Trip



Easter Egg Hunt



Vacation Bible School



New Members



Ordination



Baptisms



Reconciling Ministries