



We thank you for your generous acceptance of Christian giving and service and pray that you may find the level of giving that is right for you as you progress in your journey of faith and commitment. Your contributions are a critical part of how we can make a difference in our church, our community, and our world.

Please complete this estimate of giving card and bring it to worship on Commitment Sunday, 11/17. If you are unable to be at worship, please bring it the following Sunday or mail it in. You may change your estimate at any time by notifying the church office. If you have any questions about this card, please call the church.

Phone (s) _____

Name _____ (s) _____ (please _____ print)

Yes! I/We will support the church in the coming year.

Choose one:

Address _____

\$ _____ weekly for 52 weeks

City _____ / State _____ / Zip _____

\$ _____ semi-monthly for 24 periods

\$ _____ monthly for 12 months

\$ _____ as follows: _____

Emails _____

I plan to participate in the following ministry areas: Seek Serve Grow Connect Preferred Method of Sending Gifts: Check Bank Draft Online/Credit Card Please send me forms and instructions need to set up Bank Drafts and/or Credit Card directed giving.

Sign name _____

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Date _____

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Sign name _____ Print name _____ Date _____



Dear FUMC Member & Friends

Together over the last few weeks, we have been reflecting on what it means that God is generous to us, and we are invited to live more generously with ourselves, our friends and family, our neighbors, the strangers around us, and with God. Over this time, we have learned that generosity not only helps us feel better, but has positive affects on our health and reveals to all the blessings of

God that we are privileged to share. We hope that all of us have been moved to live a bit more generously as we have shared the journey.

On Commitment Sunday is **November 17, 2024**. Our members and constituents can express our generosity by returning “Estimates of Giving” cards. By doing so, we each claim our part in seeking to support the amazing work God does through Fredericksburg UMC, and we realize that we are all in this together. Though we might not give equal gifts, when we seek to make equal sacrifices, God multiplies those gifts in amazing ways.

We fill out estimates of giving cards to help our leadership in budgeting for ministry, as a sacred act to God, and as a trust and witness that we know God has much in store for us in 2025, and we all want to be a part of it.

Enclosed you will find an “Estimate of Giving” card. Please pray about your giving for next year and fill out the front of the card. Please bring the card with you on November 17. We will collect them as part of worship. If you are unable to be with us Sunday, please return the card to the church office during office hours or bring it to worship the following Sunday.

There is a portion on the card that invites you to indicate how you desire to give to the church, including using bank drafts and credit cards. Both of these are great ways to give, and if you want to give on a regular basis AND save the church on processing fees, bank drafts are a great way to go. We would be happy to send you more information about this easy and supportive way to give toward the work of the church.

Thank you for all you do to further the mission and work of Fredericksburg UMC. You make a difference here, and we are so grateful for you. We are excited to see how God will use our collective gifts in 2025 to fulfill God’s Mission for us to FOLLOW Christ, SEEK others in our community, SERVE their needs, GROW in the love of Christ, and CONNECT with each other.

In Christ,

Tim Tate
Pastor

Chelsea Morse
Pastor

Bill Hession
Chair, Generosity

Fredericksburg UMC

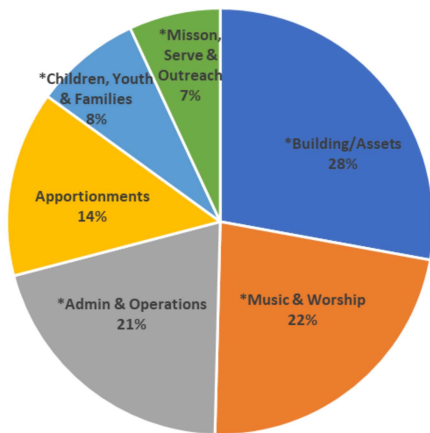
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191 GIVING UNITS FILLED OUT 2024 ESTIMATES OF GIVING CARDS TOTALING TO \$604,629

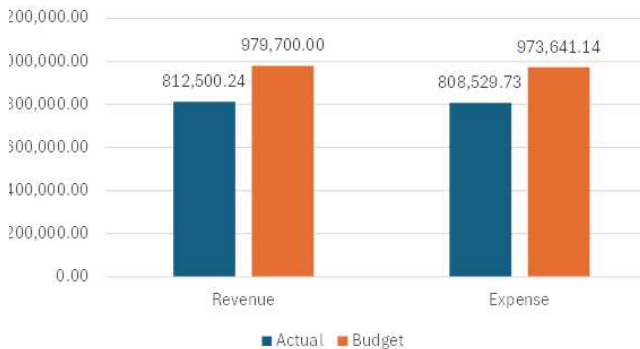
21K IN DONATIONS COLLECTED BY OUR FODD PANTRY IN 2024

2024 Budgeted Expenses - \$973,641



* Includes pastor and staff compensation

Budget vs Actual - As of 10/31/24



Kobler Hall Debt:

- 2024 Budget expense of **\$42,807** (principal & interest)
- January 2026 balloon payment due

Loan Balance as of 1/1/24 - \$ 332,259.57

2024 Principal Payments - \$ (74,629.05)

Loan Balance as of 10/31/24 - \$ 257,630.52

Music Ministry:

- 25 current choir members
- 9 handbell members
- 8 AV Team (up from 4)
- Praise Band - 11 volunteers (last year we had 7)
- Youth Praise Band- 12 kids (last year it was 7)
- Children's choir - 15



Children Ministry:



- 2024 VBS 100% Donor Sponsored - 71 registered kids & 35 volunteers
- 77 registered Sunday School kids, average 35 kids and 9 volunteers per Sunday
- Children's Sabbath had 26 kids participating helping between 3 services
- Children's Council has 7 committee members

FUMC Preschool & Kindergarten:



- 2024/2025 School Year - 122 enrolled and 10 openings
- 21 Staff Members
- \$14k student scholarship assistance authorized for the 2024-2025 school year
- Monthly food donations made during Chapel & teachers/parents serving as food pantry volunteers
- 4s Community Service Day, with our students making Micah lunches, blessing bags and "Birthday Party in a Pan" for the church food pantry, and wreaths for residents' doors at a local nursing home

Youth Ministry:



- Approximately 50 youth participating
- Average 30 youth in attendance for Youth Worship every Sunday and 40 youth in weekly Sunday School
- Youth Council has 7 members and Youth Committee has 6 members
- Weekly worship and service project opportunities

UMM Flood Buckets:



- Raised over \$4k
- 100 buckets expected to be made and distributed

20,000 MEALS PACKED FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER IN 2024 WITH \$10K RAISED TO FIGHT WORLD HUNGER!

750+ COMMUNITY DINNERS SERVED IN 2024

\$6K ALMOST REACHED FOR DIRECT DONATIONS TO UMCOR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL DISASTERS

295 - 2024 AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE (ONLINE AND IN-PERSON)

FUMCVA YouTube Channel:

- Views - 10,331
- Watch time (hours) 1,673.9
- Subscribers - 62
- Impressions - 105,630