Week Three: GROWING to Serve

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit...My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."
— John 15:5, 8

Being grounded in Christ's love allows us to reach out boldly beyond our circle to welcome others as Jesus did. We stretch beyond what is familiar to appreciate the unique differences and gifts people bring into our community. At Epiphany, we believe Christ's love transforms lives. Sharing Christ's love is something we practice together across every stage of life and any barriers dividing us.



This week, we lift up three ways Epiphany is growing to serve within our walls, beyond them, and even into the wider church.

Growing Leaders with Worship +2

Our **Worship +2** initiative invites every member to worship regularly and serve in at least two ministry areas. To make that possible, we are adding two new positions, a full-time Member Engagement Manager and a part-time Ministry Systems Administrator, and we are expanding our Office Administrator role to full-time. Together, these roles create complementary pathways into congregational life and spiritual growth:

- The **Member Engagement Manager** will build personal relationships and invite people into ministry.
- The **Ministry Systems Administrator** will connect people to ministry through an expansion of our church membership software that helps people connect with ministries and leaders.
- A **full-time Office Administrator** will improve support for all Epiphany ministries.

These investments in staff will help to recruit, train, and empower members to lead and serve in worship, education, care, and fellowship. Growing to serve isn't just something we ask of you; it's something we're equipping you for.







Growing Pastors for Christ's Church

Right now, three members of our own congregation are attending seminary, preparing to become ordained pastors. Each of their stories is different, but all three point back to the same truth: God calls people to ministry through communities like ours, through the worship, service, and relationships that root and ground us in faith. We are proud to help support their formation, trusting the fruit of this congregation's ministry will bless not only Epiphany, but the wider church for years to come.

Reaching Our Neighbors

This year, we're also expanding our visibility in the community through mailings to homes throughout the area surrounding both our campuses, and visible service through ministries like our preschool and our community partnerships promoting youth mental health. Just as Christ's love was never meant to stay contained, neither is ours. We want our neighbors, many of whom may not know Epiphany exists, to feel invited into this community of faith.



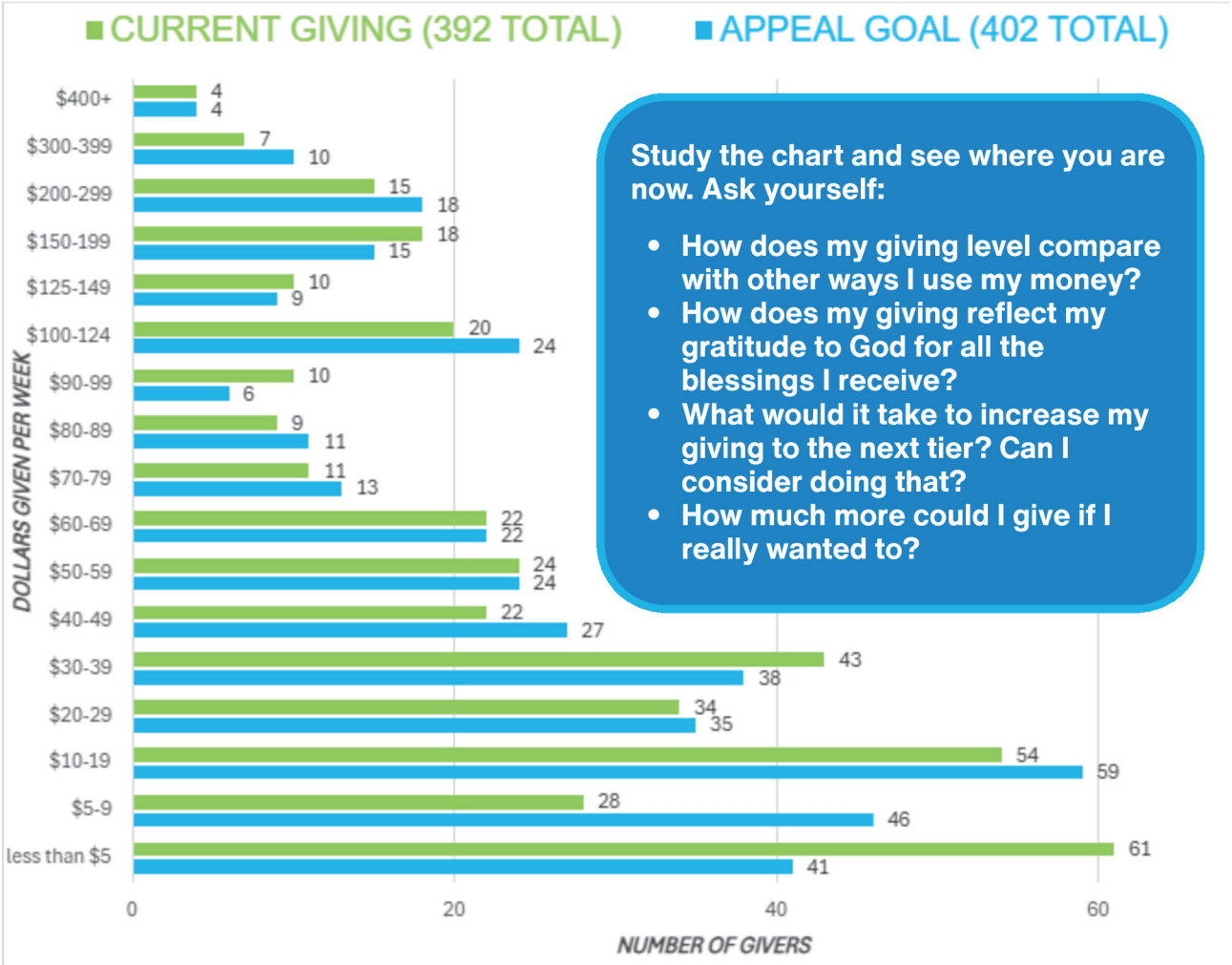


To support these initiatives and others, together we need to increase giving by $2,000 per week—$104,000 for the year.

Remember the Matching Opportunity!

Every new pledge and increase over last year's giving will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to our $40,000 matching fund, thanks to the generosity of our matching fund donors.

This year, rooted in faith and grounded in love, we grow into that same calling: serving with whatever gifts God has given us, so that His fruit may be seen in and beyond these walls.



Study the chart and see where you are now. Ask yourself:

- **How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?**
- **How does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?**
- **What would it take to increase my giving to the next tier? Can I consider doing that?**
- **How much more could I give if I really wanted to?**