

**Pathways  
to Generosity**

An opportunity to  
discover the joy of  
growing in your  
relationship with God  
as you **experience**  
**living generously**

## Which step will you take along the Giving Path?

### Extravagant Giver

Give beyond the tithe, called an offering  
(10+% of income)

### Tither

Begin to give a tithe (10% of income)

### Growing Giver

Increase the percentage you give  
toward a tithe (10%)

### Intentional Giver

Plan what percentage of  
your income to give for a year

### First-Time Giver

Start here! Take your  
very first step in giving

## Find the connection between your faith and your finances

### It's a spiritual matter

Generosity is part of our discipleship journey. How we use our resources is a spiritual practice, following the way of Jesus' life and ministry.

### Jesus talked about it

Jesus spoke openly about money and possessions. About two-thirds of the parables and about one in every ten verses in the Gospels address this very issue. As followers of Jesus, we talk about giving as an outward expression of our love for Christ.

### It's not about the budget

In a stewardship campaign like this, it can be tempting to approach the financial needs of the church as if we were simply funding the budget. In Pathways to Generosity, we acknowledge that living generously is an inseparable part of following Jesus. We give as an act of gratitude and trust, knowing that God is at work for good in our community throughout spiritual practice. Generosity isn't raising a budget, it's God's way of raising disciples.

### It's about trust

As we seek to trust God and follow Christ's teaching faithfully, we learn to depend less on ourselves and more on God, moving from a fearful mindset of scarcity to a practicing a faithful mindset of abundance.

### how to prepare

**1 Examine** your personal giving and how it reflects your commitment to the way of Jesus.

**2 Reflect** on the understanding that stewardship is about raising disciples, not money.

**3 Read** the daily devotional in *Practicing Extravagant Generosity* and pray for God's guidance in your personal finances.

**4 Decide** what percentage of your income you plan to give consistently this year (see the Giving Path above).

Where your  
treasure  
is, there  
your heart  
will be also.

MATTHEW 6:21

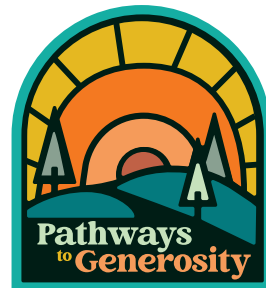
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**Pathways to  
Generosity Sunday**

**November 12, 2023**  
**in all worship services**

*During this time of celebration,  
we encourage you to:*

- Pray for God to lead you on the path of your faith journey
- Deepen your sense of generosity and gratitude
- Discover the joy of giving
- Complete your 2024 Estimate of Giving Card during worship.

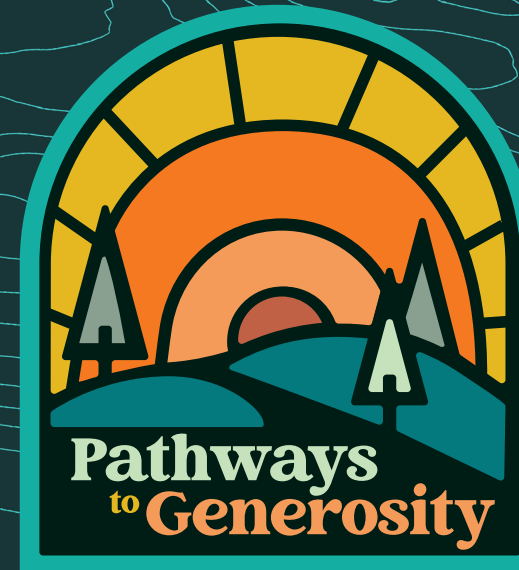
The estimate of Giving Card will also  
be available on our website:  
[fumcdenton.com/generosity](http://fumcdenton.com/generosity)



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Into Every Life*



**You will  
be enriched  
in every way  
for your great  
generosity.**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11 NRSV

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**We're on a  
spiritual journey**

**to be**

**more like Jesus**

**who said...**