

From our Pastor:

Each year, we ask our church to submit Estimate of Giving cards so we can be good stewards and plan the budget for next year. This is an opportunity to reflect on your time, talents, and treasures. Boldly and prayerfully, let's be the joyful, generous people of Stonebridge UMC.

In this brochure you will find a Step Chart that displays the giving levels of our congregation, and an overview of our ministry plans and costs for 2024. I invite you to find your level of giving and prayerfully consider stepping up one level in 2024.

Each family can respond by turning in an Estimate of Giving card or clicking the stewardship link and submitting the form.

#### www.mysumc.org/pledge2024

This has been a year of regrouping and rebuilding. We have had several staff changes and our Leadership Board is taking the necessary steps to lead the church back to vitality. We see new faces joining us for worship every week, and our youth ministries have continued to grow rapidly since summer. All of this is possible based on the support of this local body of believers through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We do this because we believe in Jesus and we believe in His Church.

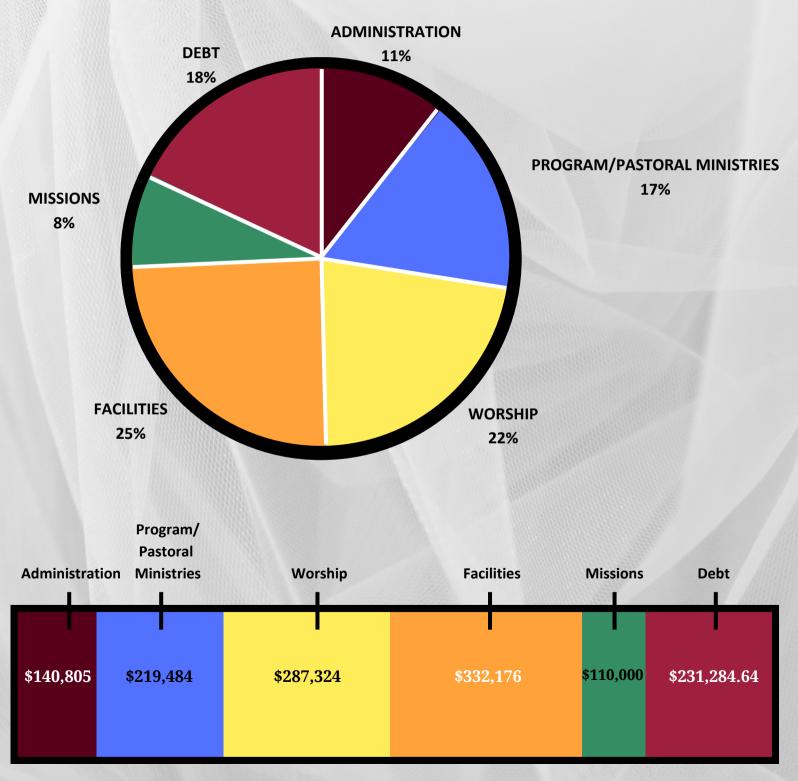
The events of the past few years have reminded me that, more than ever, the world needs the Church. The world needs the hope of Jesus Christ-the embodied, living demonstration of God's love and kindness in the world through the church.

Prayerfully consider how God wants you to participate in the work of the Church through your gifts in 2024. We will consecrate our commitments to God in worship next **Sunday, November 12**.

We believe in the Church, and we are better together. Let us make Stonebridge UMC the most joyous place on earth.

Pastor John Allen





# Here I Am, Lord!

## **Building A Life Committed to the Call of Christ**



#### WORSHIP

We are first a worshiping community. The energy and vitality of our worship continues to expand with each month that passes. Our online worship stream has become an entry point for many who are searching for a church home. The worship budget covers the staff and budget needs of our weekly worship, online stream, and other special worship experiences.

#### ADMINISTRATION

Administrative funds drive the day-to-day operation of the church. The office is open Monday Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Our communications office is the hub for church ministry, mobilizing the congregation through the website, social media, bulletins, and emails.

#### SPIRITUAL GROWTH & PASTORAL CARE

Spiritual Growth ministries supports the core of the church, including the nursery, children, youth, adults, and special events.

For the first time since Covid-19 we are seeing growth in our children's ministries and programs. The largest growth has taken place in our nursery and pre-school area. Since the beginning of summer our participation in children's ministries has doubled.

In order to meet the growing needs of this area, the Staff Parish committee is beginning the search for a new Children's Ministry Director. This position will be tasked with building and developing every area of our children's ministry with a special emphasis on expanding our opportunities for young families.

We are seeing even more dramatic growth in our youth ministries. Just in the past few months, the participation has tripled. We are seeing new teens each week as this group continues to bring their friends.

These two areas are creating new energy and enthusiasm for other ministries here at Stonebridge UMC.

Our pastors are available for those who need spiritual and emotional support. Each week, in addition to providing spiritual leadership for our church through worship and other ministries, our pastors have been making countless phone calls, texts, and emails to connect with the congregation.

### **MISSION & OUTREACH**

We are committed to being a joyful community where we strive to live and love like Jesus. Each month we have a mission emphasis for our congregation to support with in-kind, as well as financial gifts. Our goal is to be one of the "go to" churches in the greater McKinney area for the healing force of God's love through Jesus Christ.

Local serving opportunities include:

- Bed Start
- Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County
- **Community Lifeline Center**
- Family Promise of Collin County
- Malvern Elementary School
- McKinney Prom Closet Meals on Wheels
- Mission Kids

International serving opportunities include:

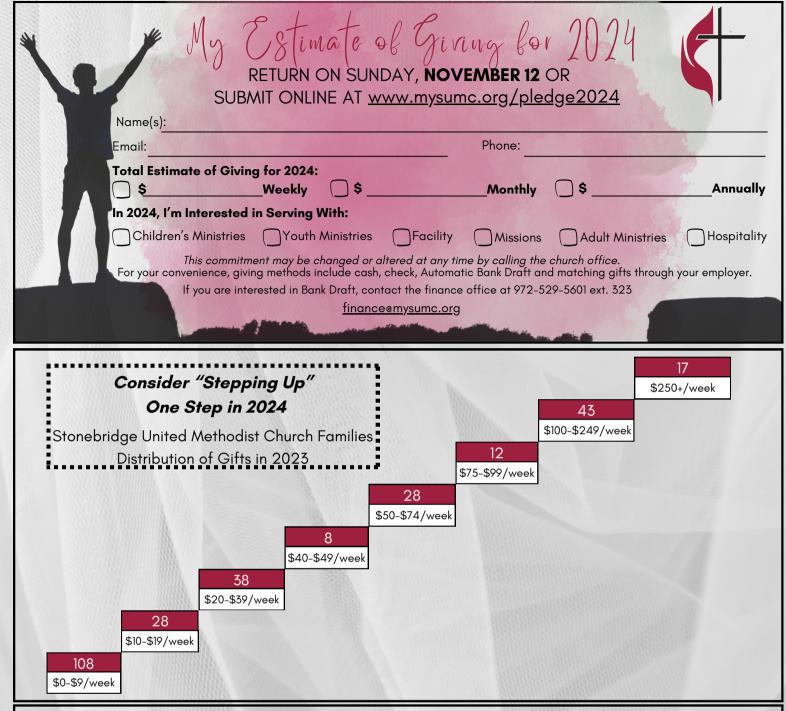
- Living Water International
- Operacion Abrigo
- Project ARK
- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- Wesley College

This does not include the multitude of ministries and community ministries that our United Methodist missional askings (apportionments) support.

#### FACILITIES

Our facilities provide a base from which our congregation can be faithful in carrying out our mission. Our on-campus ministries continue to expand. There are very few days when the facilities are not being used in some type of ministry. In addition, we have been blessed to monetize our facilities through rentals. These funds greatly increase our ability to support the vital ministries of our church.





Annual Income	Weekly Income	1%	3%	5%	8%	10%	12%
\$20,800	\$400	\$4	\$12	\$20	\$32	\$40	\$48
\$31,200	\$600	\$6	\$18	\$30	\$48	\$60	\$72
\$41,600	\$800	\$8	\$24	\$40	\$64	\$80	\$96
\$52,000	\$1,000	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$80	\$100	\$120
\$62,400	\$1,200	\$12	\$36	\$60	\$96	\$120	\$144
\$72,800	\$1,400	\$14	\$42	\$70	\$112	\$140	\$168
\$83,200	\$1,600	\$16	\$48	\$80	\$128	\$160	\$192
\$93,600	\$1,800	\$18	\$54	\$90	\$144	\$180	\$216
\$104,000	\$2,000	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$160	\$200	\$240
\$130,000	\$2,500	\$25	\$75	\$125	\$200	\$250	\$300
\$156,000	\$3,000	\$30	\$90	\$150	\$240	\$300	\$360
\$182,000	\$3,500	\$35	\$105	\$175	\$280	\$350	\$420