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# OFFERING TALK



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This congregation, along with much of the world, has endured a season of uncertainty and loss. Your faithfulness has allowed NAME United Methodist Church to serve as a beacon of hope and possibility in the community. As part of The United Methodist connection, that hope and possibility extends into the world as more than just the sum of our parts.

Our finance team (NAMES) works diligently and creatively to make sure the numbers match up and that our projected income and expenses are aligned in the church budget. Clergy and staff salaries reflect a church that is committed to experienced leadership who are prepared for their areas of responsibility. And for sure, our budget is tight. There are late nights trying to figure out how we will keep the lights on. And over and over again, we are surprised by the blessings that pour out.

What the budget doesn't reflect is the labors of love that staff and clergy devote above and beyond their salary. It doesn't reflect the time

and expertise that you as laity invest in the ministries at NAME United Methodist Church. Your faithfulness multiplies the dollars to be more than the sum of their parts.

As part of the United Methodist connection, our gifts stretch far beyond this congregation. Our community of love and possibility touches people with nourishment, encouragement and hope. When you give through this church, your gifts are shared through The United Methodist Church and your generosity is felt in communities around the world.

*What do we need to do to keep this church prepared to fully live out the mission God has put before us?*

As you consider and give thanks for all the ways in which God has blessed you, your gift joins with others, adding up to so much more than the sum of their parts to impact this church, the community and God's world.

**Thank you for your faithful generosity.**



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