



Dear Vital Members and Contributors of Mountain Park United Methodist Church:

I want to begin by simply saying thank you. Your generosity in prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness to Jesus Christ has sustained our church through various storms. We are grateful for you, and for the example you set for each of us on what it means to be a faithful steward.

Giving to others is such a joy. Being a partner in the movement that changes the lives of individuals and enriches our community is so gratifying. That is a secret I wish more people could discover for themselves! Our financial gifts do remarkable things when they are transformed into ministry and mission. We are especially proud of our spirit filled worship and strong Sunday School classes, all the programs, events, and activities that reach out to the community such as Lunches of Love, Preschool, VBS, Fall Fest, Trunk-O-Treat, etc.

We are in a pivotal year. We have been comparing our church as a ship during our stewardship season. A big ship like Mountain Park takes time and energy to change its course. We have to make sure our propeller and rudder are in good shape. The propeller can be compared to all of us in the ship and our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. But without a strong rudder, a ship would be at the mercy of water currents and the direction of the wind. Our rudder is our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us not be swayed by the currents and wind of the world and the politics of our denomination but let us be who we are as God's people. We can do that when we fix our eyes upon Jesus.

This stewardship challenge is to check our propeller and rudder. When we accept this challenge together, we will move forward in the right direction. Each and every one of us will be challenged to take bolder steps to invest our whole life into becoming the vessel God is urging us to become.

Please plan to be with us for Commitment Sunday on November 12, 2023 as we dedicate our "Pledge Card" on the altar. Not only will we offer our estimates of giving for next year, but we will join together in a church-wide potluck after the service to celebrate the generosity and abundance in God. Again, I thank you for your support. Giving in the manner that you do does not simply happen – it is the result of faith, trust, intentional choices, and a life of discipline. Thank you for your sacrificial giving. Thank you!

In God's Generosity,

Rev. Millie L. Kim, Lead Pastor  
Dan Williams, Stewardship Captain



# How is the MPUMC Operating Fund spent? Support for Ministries

Building and Grounds (18%): Our building and grounds provide the setting for worship, fellowship, and formation, and serve as community resources for the hungry and homeless as well as multiple social, educational, and advocacy groups.

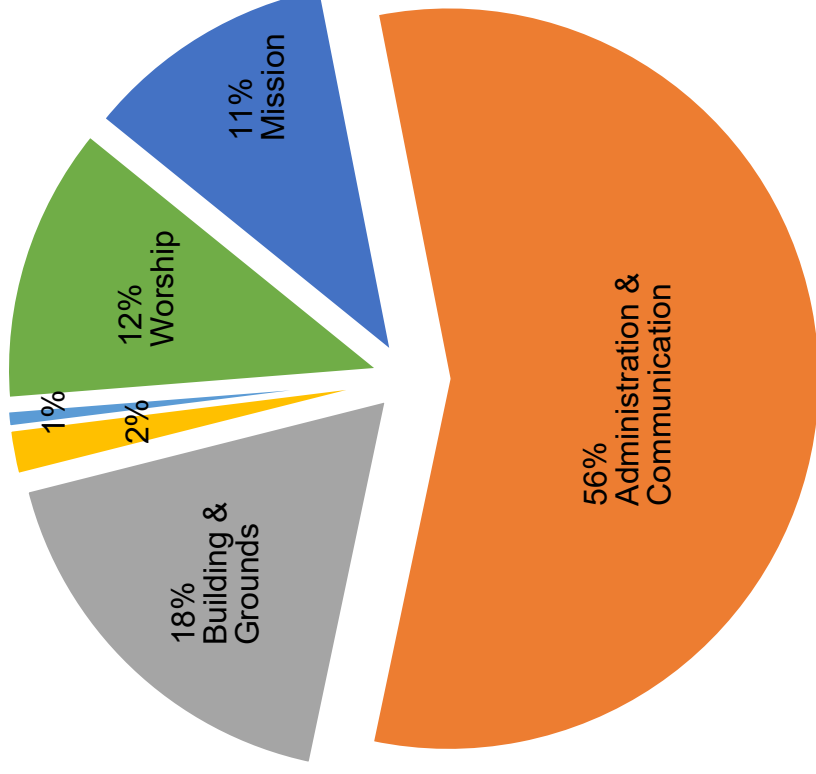
Administration and Communication (56%): Our ministries are shared, coordinated, and communicated through dedicated staff, monthly newsletters, and our presence on the internet at [mountainparkumc.org](http://mountainparkumc.org) and on Facebook. This includes staff salaries.

Christian Formation (2%): Sunday School, Bible studies, small groups, youth groups, and many other learning opportunities help us grow as people of faith.

Congregational Care (1%): We nurture one another through prayer, pastoral care, fellowship, and community building in the name of Christ.

Worship and Praise (12%): Preaching, praying, and sharing at the communion table are enhanced by art and music and empowered by God's Spirit. This includes pastor's salary.

Mission, Evangelism and Outreach (11%): We extend our open arms to the world through acts of service and welcome - in our church, community, the surrounding area and all over the world. Our church contributes financially to local agencies dealing with hunger, poverty and homelessness. We also support denomination and global missions through fully funding our Shared Ministries. This includes our apportionments.





# 2024 Mountain Park United Methodist Church Pledge Card

When Jesus finished teaching, he said to Simon Peter,  
“Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch.” (Luke 5:4, The Message)

Please use this Pledge Card to indicate your commitment and financial support of MPUMC ministries and missions in the name of Jesus. After making your pledge, please return this portion to MPUMC.

**Pledge to the Operating Fund (Budget):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per:  month  year

**Pledge for Steinway Piano Restoration (\$50,000 needed) :** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per:  month  year

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Print name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Print name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ would like to volunteer for (check one or more):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild      | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Visual Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Barnes Community Garden     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Care Team        | <input type="checkbox"/> Children Ministry       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Night Dinner      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Guild    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers/Greeters         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Expressions/ Outreach |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heaven’s Helpers | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School           | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry              | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Praise Team      | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Handbell Choir              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensemble       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunches of Love  | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Missions          | <input type="checkbox"/> International Missions      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Office    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media            | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Office              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Festival           | Other: _____   |   |

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