

FAQs about Stewardship

How will Westlake UMC use my gifts?

Your gifts will support the mission and ministries of the church. Gifts will fund such activities as worship services, Sunday school, age-level ministries for children, youth, and adults, Stephen Ministry, and community outreach events, as well as operational expenses like building maintenance, utilities, and salaries.

Why is the church moving away from Faith Giving?

After much prayer and discernment, we have decided to move away from Faith Giving so that we can have a realistic idea of our financial resources in the coming year. Most United Methodist churches handle the stewardship process the way we are now going to do it.

How will the new estimate of giving process work?

Estimate of giving cards and return envelopes have been mailed to members and friends of WUMC. Please complete your card and bring it to church sealed in the reply envelope on Consecration Sunday, November 17. We will have an intentional moment during the service when you can bring your card and envelope to the altar.

You can also mail your card to church or make your estimate on the church website via an online form. Click [Here](#)

Will my estimate of giving be confidential?

Yes. Only the one person, the church's financial secretary, Lynne Wolf, will see your estimate. Lynne prepares quarterly and annual statements of giving. She will add the total amount you have indicated to all the other estimates of giving, so that we have an indication of total expected gifts for 2025.

Will anyone track my actual giving against my estimate?

No.

What will happen to my estimate of giving card? Will my card be returned to me at the end of next year?

Estimate of giving cards will be locked in our safe. Your card will be returned to you next fall as we prepare for the next stewardship campaign.

Can I make my estimate online?

Yes. Click [Here](#) to complete and submit your estimate of giving form online.

Can I submit my estimate before November 17?

Yes. You can place your card in its sealed envelope in the collection plate or mail it to the church.

I missed the deadline of November 17. Can I still submit my estimate?

Yes. You can place your card in its sealed envelope in the collection plate or mail it to the church. You can also complete the form online [Here](#).