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Apportionments 101

The first apportionments were the offerings that were taken during the bible studies know as Classes. Wesley believed that our faith should be practical and should be shown in our actions as well as our words. Each member of the class was asked to contribute a penny for aid to the poor, orphans, educating the poor and other acts of social holiness. If you were too poor to give a penny a richer member would give two pennies. This tradition carried over in our assessing of apportionments to churches in our conference and our denomination in order to raise funds to minister to others and support the work of our churches.

What Are Apportionments?

Each year, every local church is assigned "a portion meant for others." The amount of money each congregation is asked to pay is determined by a formula that, in Minnesota, is based 15 percent on each congregation's number of members and 85 percent on each congregation's expenditures.

15% based on number of members

85% based on congregation's expenditures

In this way, each individual, each family, and each congregation contributes to the church's work. **We combine our prayers, presence, gifts, and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.**

The History Of Apportionments

Apportionments started with John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement. He realized that people in the small faith groups he helped organize could do more with their combined resources than they could as individuals in terms of funding new preaching houses, supporting clergy who traveled among worshipping congregations, and providing relief for those in the paupers' prisons where Methodists also shared the good news of Jesus Christ. As the church grew, the Methodist connection spread across the world, delivering hope.

Supporting Global Efforts

Did you know that your apportionment dollars are helping break the cycle of poverty in Laos? Or that they are helping to reduce hunger in Africa?

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Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: George and Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Steve Conway, Connie Moran, JoAnn Egness, Jon & Nikki Schultz, Beau C., those who have suffered the loss of a loved one in 2018.



Thank You

I appreciated the Christmas gift that Friends of Faith Church brought to me. It really meant a lot to me. Thank you! ~ *Les Wells*

Faith Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet **Thursday, January 10, 2019**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will talk about crafts for Bazaar 2019. You may also bring a project of your own to work on. Coffee and treats will be provided. Please call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 if you have any questions.

2019 Stewardship Drive

Look for the letter in January requesting your Estimate of Giving for 2019. We were able to cover all of our operating expenses in 2018 without a SPECIAL ASK. That will use a good part of the balance in the checking account that we were able to start 2018 with. With the pastor's surgery in mid-December and the holidays that are upon us now, we decided that it was better to wait until January to carry out the 2019 Stewardship Drive. The Finance Committee will meet in early January to discuss how we can increase the number of pledges as well as increase our giving for apportionments. Faith Church has fallen significantly below our fair share of supporting the work of the Minnesota Conference in giving for apportionments.

Trustees Meeting

Trustees will meet on **Thursday, January 24, 2019** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Lakeview Room.

Fellowship Events

On December 9th there was a wonderful display of Nativity sets. It looked like the BIGGEST AND BEST display of Nativity sets. Thank you to everyone who brought them.

January 13th the fellowship event will be showing '**favorite winter activities**'. Example activities could be indoor games, or outdoor fun depicted by equipment, photos, etc. Please share your winter time fun with us.

Waseca Area Caregiver Services

The Waseca Area Caregiver Services had discontinued services due to lack of participation and funding. The Board of Directors has met to discuss the remaining funds and \$500 was allocated to Faith United Methodist church for unpaid services supporting Some Time Away and WACS activities. They did so in honor of Sherry Scholljegerdes for her leadership and dedication to the program.

M & M Night (Meal and Movie)

M&M Night (Meal and Movie) The next movie will be January 20th. The movie will be 'The Ultimate Gift'.

Hot dishes went over so good at one of the M&M Nights that we decided to serve that again. If anyone in the congregation would like to help us out with a hot dish or make two dozen cookies, please let Roberta Walker know.

The meal is served at 5:00 and the movie is shown about 5:45 or 6:00 pm. The admission is free and we invite you to bring your family members and friends.



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Important and life-changing ministries around the world are made possible thanks to apportionments. Apportionments also support global efforts through these **seven general funds** within The United Methodist Church:

World Service Fund

Prepares men and women for effective ministry by helping them answer that divine call. A portion of money from this fund goes to each of the United States' 13 United Methodist seminaries, which lead the effort to proclaim God's word in a world desperately in need of that message; additionally, 25 percent of the apportioned dollars that Minnesota churches provide to this fund is retained by the Minnesota Conference for clergy education.

Ministerial Education Fund

Underwrites and finances general church activities that are administrative in nature, rather than program-related—like General Conference, the legislative branch of the church. The General Council on Finance and Administration coordinates and administers the finances of the church; receives, disburses, and accounts for the church's general funds; and safeguards the denomination's legal interests and rights, among other functions.

General Administration Fund

Supports global ecumenical efforts by partnering with Christian organizations to witness to a common Christian faith, meet human suffering, and advocate for peace and justice all over the world.

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Supports active bishops, who oversee and are responsible for the congregations in their respective Episcopal areas, and many retired bishops and surviving spouses. Specifically, the fund pays for office operations, travel, salaries, health insurance, pensions, and other expenses.

Episcopal Fund

Supports operations, programs and capital improvements at United Methodist-affiliated, historically black colleges across the United States; The United Methodist Church supports 11 historically black colleges and universities, more than any other religious denomination.

Black College Fund

Supports the only United Methodist-related, degree-granting university in Africa—serving students from all countries across the continent. Africa University provides higher education of excellent quality, enriched with Christian values, for both men and women, thus developing visionary leaders of tomorrow. Underwrites Christian mission around the world; connects churches to a long list of missions and ministry efforts throughout the denomination that occur through general church agencies and other national and international programs.

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Apportionments 101

Benefits To Your Church

In addition to helping people in other countries, paying your apportionments also provides direct benefits to your local church. Apportionments support:

- Your pastor, who was trained, credentialed, appointed, and is supervised through the Ministerial Education Fund, the conference's Board of Ordained Ministry, the bishop, and the district superintendents, which are supported by apportioned funds. Ensuring that each church has a spiritual leader is vitally important but so basic that it often gets taken for granted. Ongoing training and resources are also provided to clergy and lay leaders.
- The complicated task of administering pension and health insurance plans for your pastor.
- Grants from the conference to help churches grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people and, and heal a broken world. Your church may have previously benefited from such a grant, or perhaps it will in the future. There are two primary types of grants administered: Investing in Congregations Grants, which support emerging ministries like new worship services, outreach strategies, and staff positions—and Equitable Compensation Grants, which provide temporary assistance to pay for appointed leaders.
- The Minnesota conference's camping ministry, considered to be one of the best across the United Methodist connection, which is there to support your local church's spiritual development efforts by providing time apart in God's creation.
- A wide variety of Christian education tools, Bible and adult small group studies, DVDs, curriculum, and other resources available to your church through the Resource Center for Churches.
- Communities is one of the ways we fulfill the United Methodist mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world—and apportionments provide necessary funding for those new faith communities.
- Almost every church within the state was started with financial and other support from the Minnesota Conference and/or from "mother churches." There are currently close to a dozen Minnesota churches in their infancy, each of which requires startup funds from the conference.

In other words, your apportionment dollars are directly helping to build the kingdom of God and make more disciples to transform the world.

I encourage you to ask questions, investigate and educate yourselves concerning apportionments and especially to give in support of our apportionments. We as a church are part of a connection of churches in our conference and our denomination that depend on one another to bring Christ to the world and apportionments are a way we demonstrate we are in this task together.

Pastor Victor

Faith United Methodist Church UMW United Meeting
Monday, November 19, 2018 2:00 pm

The Faith United Methodist Church UMW Unit Meeting was held on Monday November 19, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm. The UMW Executive board members served the snacks, Pumpkin Bars, Apple Crisp, applesauce, nuts, Apple Cider, coffee, and water. The treats were yummy. 11 ladies were present at the meeting.

Barb Friedl chaired the meeting. Roberta Walker, Edy Barber, and Karen Ferch presented the program, The World Thank Offering. World Thank Offering money was collected. Linda Griffin read the secretary's report. Sandy Voshell gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

The UMW's Southern District's Fall meeting was held at The Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Marshall, Minnesota on September 15, 2018. There were 80 women in attendance and 120 birthing kits were made. The annual UMW State Gathering was held in Hastings, Minnesota on October 6. The topic for this next year is "Maternal and Child Health".

Fall Bazaar: We had a great turnout for our Fall Bazaar this year and many compliments were received on our delicious soup. The money that was taken in was \$3,334.32. Suggestions that were gathered include:

1. Use refrigerated pies before others.
2. We need a specific person to carry the pies between those cutting the pies and the serving table.
3. More help is needed with cleanup and to table settings.
4. The side board to restock tables should be set up before the meal begins.
5. Numbers should be placed on the tables to make it easier for servers. Certain tables will be designated for each server to take carry of.
6. 11:30-12:30 is the busiest time, also workers are needed between 1:00 and the end of the bazaar (especially for cleanup).
7. Better signage for the cashier's table. Many people asked where this was.
8. Next year's Trunk or Treat will be on the Thursday before the Saturday Bazaar, which could pose some challenges.

New Business:

Our Southern Prairie District's Emma Norton Representative will be Shirley Hansen. In the Spring, we will again collect paper goods for Emma Norton.

UMW Sunday will be held in January or February. There will be also the installation of new officers and special mission recognition. The 2019 calendar needs to be set.

The slate of officers for 2019:

President: Shirley Hansen

Vice President: Roberta Walker/Barbara Friedl

Secretary: Linda Griffin Communications: Janet Welch Treasurer: Sandy Voshell

Nominations: Shirley Hansen, Lorraine Wick, Edy Barber

Your Secretary, Linda Griffin

M & M Night!
YES! Meal and Movie night returns to
Faith United Methodist Church!

801 Fourth Ave NE
Waseca, MN
Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019
5:00 pm
Free Admission!

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From the Screenplay by Jim Stoen



Featuring the film
The Ultimate Gift

A deceased billionaire leaves his spoiled adult grandson a series of odd tasks to perform in order to receive "the ultimate gift," with the resentful grandson having no idea what that might be.



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Come Worship with Us
We have room.

MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Lakeview Room. Our hostess will be Karen Ferch and Shirley Hansen will lead devotions. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth will meet **Tuesday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Room. Linda Taylor will be hosting, Lorraine Wick will do the devotions and Roberta Walker the program. All are welcome to attend.