
How does our church use my Estimate of Giving?

Your pledge is used to set a realistic goal for our annual operating budget and in the determination of what ministries we will be able to accomplish in 2017.

2017 Budget

While the final budget will be determined by the response from what each of us gives to this finance campaign, the working budget has been set at \$2,000,175. That is a 3.35% increase (\$66,931) over the 2016 revised budget.

To see a complete list of expenses presented both as narrative and line-item budgets, see the Giving page of our website www.AnkenyFirst.org or find copies at The Connects.

New this year!
**Complete your pledge card online
and set up your automatic
withdrawal!**

Visit the Giving page at
www.AnkenyFirst.org
and click on "2017 Pledge."

Should I use Electronic Funds Transfer?

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is the easiest, most cost-effective giving option for both you and Ankeny First.

With EFT, you can reinforce your commitment to give your tithes and offerings to God first, before anything else. By choosing EFT, it guarantees that Ankeny First will receive your gifts on a regular basis, even if you are unable to join us for worship.

You can set up your own account through the Giving page at www.AnkenyFirst.org or you can request a form from the church office and we would be happy to set up the EFT for you.

If you have any questions concerning giving, pledge cards, or contribution statements, feel free to contact Alicia Ver Huel, Financial Officer at 515.964.4249 or alicia.verhuel@AnkenyFirst.org

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2017 Fall Stewardship Campaign



Those who are generous are
blessed, for they share their bread
with the poor. | Proverbs 22:9

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Generous to Each Other

- **Number of services:** 3 sites hosting 9 weekly services
- **Attendance:** Average of 1,200 individuals in weekly worship
- **Sunday School:** Average of 225 students each week
- **Small groups:** Average of 40 on-going small groups



Generous to the Community



- **Soul Food Café:** This Wednesday night meal is open to any and all.
- **Sports Ministry:** We host 31 fitness classes each week, as well as special leagues and classes for children, youth and adults all year long.
- **Love Lunches:** Hundreds of Ankeny residents were fed this summer, and enjoyed fun, educational programming at Sunset Park.
- **Holy Week Cantata:** The entire community is invited to our Holy Week musical celebration about God's amazing love for us.

Generous to the World

- **Food Pantry:** We collect non-perishable food, as well as monetary donations each month to help the DMARC Food Pantry.
- **Malawi Partnership of Hope:** Since 2009 our partnership with the Malawi UMC has allowed us to improve their way of life, but also strengthened our faith in God for both Ankeny First and Malawi UMC communities.
- **Disaster Recovery:** We rise up to help those affected from floods, tornadoes, and other disasters close to home or around the world.
- **Women at the Well Partnership:** This ministry to the incarcerated is lived out by worshiping with them, by financial donations, through prayer, and by other support as needed.
- **Trinity UMC Partnership:** The goal of this partnership is to blend urban and suburban ministries to the benefit of both congregations.



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Why is giving important?

The Bible has much to say about giving, with 2,300 verses that tell us to be generous and good stewards of our resources. Your giving is a key marker for your life of faith and enables our church to do the work that God calls us to do.

What is expected of me?

The Bible teaches us to give a tithe or the first ten percent of what we earn to God and the church's work. For some, giving one-tenth is a very difficult goal. For others, it is the starting point, and their giving far exceeds ten percent. The important thing is that you start somewhere—that your giving be in proportion to your income, that your giving reflects an appropriate offering to God given your means, and that your offerings express both your desire to serve the Lord and your investment in God's work.

Begin by determining what percentage of your income you are giving to God. If you are not yet tithing, consider taking a step toward tithing this year.

This chart shows annual proportional giving at various income levels and percentages.

Annual Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$10,000	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1,000
\$20,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$2,000
\$30,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000
\$40,000	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$75,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$20,000
\$250,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000
\$500,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000

Our prayer is that everyone will grow in their faith through giving financially to the ministries of Ankeny First and experience the joy and blessings that come from financial generosity.