



**2017 LANHAM UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
GIVING CAMPAIGN**

**WE DO MORE TOGETHER**

“Why do I give?...” says the Rev. Beverly L. Wilkes-Null, directing pastor at Hope United Methodist Church, Highland, Illinois.

“God loved. God gave. We love. We give. I give because God’s abundance is the source of my joy. I cannot outgive or outlove God, but I can give and love in response to God’s gifts of mercy and grace in my life.” Pat Smith of Shepherd’s Community United Methodist Church, Lakeland, Florida, agrees.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our 2017 Annual Giving Campaign has begun and Commitment Sunday will be November 6, 2016. We give thanks for our blessings on a daily and weekly basis through the acts we do in the practice of our faith. Commitment Sunday is a time set aside to recognize

through our time, talents, and offerings God’s continued presence in our lives.

Enclosed is a commitment card and information on our 2016 Budget and Spending. Our 2016 Budget was \$176,795.00. As of September 30, 2016, we have spending of \$114,807.00. Our budget needs for 2017 will be based upon our current spending and goals set by our Church Committees. The Finance Committee asks you give prayerful consideration to a giving commitment for 2017 which will help us reach at a minimum, the 2016 Budget level of \$176,795.

In 2016, we have relied upon our Endowment Fund earnings to support our spending. Our Endowment earnings in the amount of \$52,500 supported our daily operating costs. For 2017, we would like to reduce the use of our Endowment Earnings.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider a giving commitment which will raise 75% of our 2016 budget or \$132,596 through our giving. An example of "Doing More Together" is if 50 members give \$25.00 per Sunday, throughout the year, we will have 65,000.00 toward our annual spending.

A tithing chart is on the back of the commitment card, for your use. Please return your commitment card on November 6, 2016 during worship service, by dropping it in the offering plate or the basket provided at the altar. You can mail your commitment to the Church office or drop it by in person.

This year we ask that you reflect and consider the following in arriving at your decision on a giving commitment for the coming year:

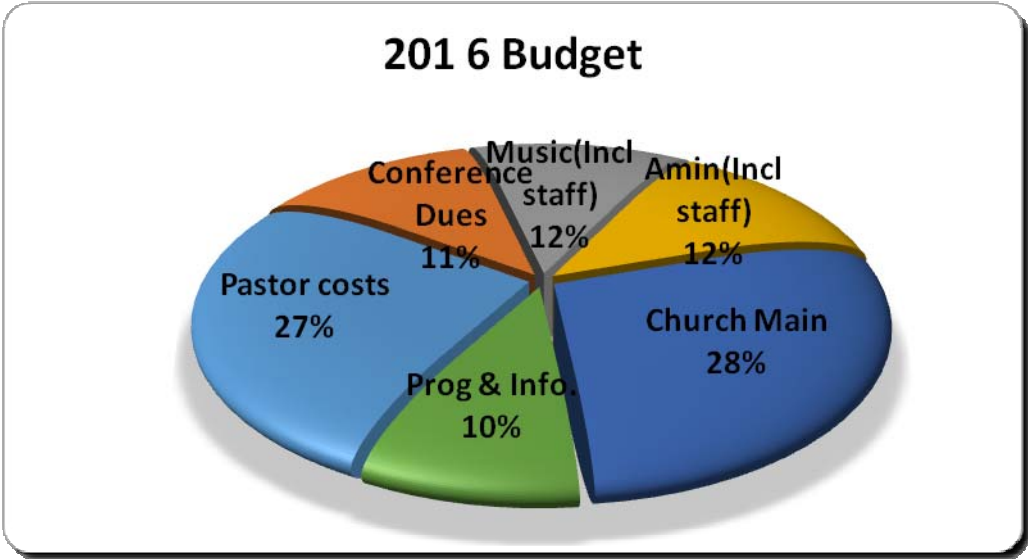
As God’s stewards we have three responsibilities:

- *Receiving:* We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God showers upon us — time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our friendships, natural resources, and the beauty around us.
- *Managing:* We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely — for our own good and the good of others.
- *Giving:* Out of our gratitude in receiving so abundantly, we want to share with others.— *Excerpt from The United Methodist Member’s Handbook Revised and Expanded, pgs. 20-21, George E. Koehler © 2006, Discipleship Resources.*

Yours In Christ,  
The Finance Committee

2016 Budget \$176,795.00

Category	Amount
Pastor costs	\$ 46,764
Conference Dues	\$ 20,176
Music(Incl staff)	\$ 20,195
Amin(Incl staff)	\$ 21,730
Church Main	\$ 50,000
Prog & Info.	\$ 17,930



Spending  
9/30/16  
\$114,107

Category	Amount
Pastor Costs	\$ 34,295
Conf.Dues	\$ 15,132
Music(Incl staff)	\$ 14,168
Admin(Incl staff)	\$ 13,907
Church Main	\$ 27,618
Prog & Info	\$ 9,687

