

Faithful Funding for 2023

Resurrection Re-Set for Trinity Finances

What is faithful funding? It is acknowledging that everything we have comes from God and our willingness to give what we have been given **back to God** to be used in and for the world the way Jesus teaches us.

Who is responsible for faithful funding? **Everyone who knows God!** Everyone who is grateful for the life and the world that God has given each of us! Everyone who loves the Church and wants to be the hands and feet and heart of Jesus in the world!

How do we do faithful funding? There is no age limit, financial parameter, or physical requirement for how we give back. **All that is required is a loving heart and willing spirit.**

What is the best way to practice faithful funding? There are as many ways to do this as there are people. However, we Methodists tend to break it down into five categories: **Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.** Consider each of these and talk with God about how you are faithfully funding God's work through each of them now. Then ask for guidance on how to give back to God through the church in the future.

PRAYERS: Establish a regular prayer life. Set aside time daily to talk with the Lord about everything going on in your life and to lift up those in need of prayer. **Use your prayer time to feel the presence of God in your heart and soul and mind.**

PRESENCE: Take part in regular worship. In person or online, make praising God in worship part of your weekly routine. Read your Bible daily and reflect on what it is saying to you. Join in a study group or start one with people you know. **Share your presence with others!**

GIFTS: **Talk with God about your finances.** Realistically look at your budget and consider if you are being led to give more. You may consider setting up an automatic giving through your bank or the church's offering site at Givelify. Perhaps money is tight – then look at donating clothing you no longer need or picking up extra food for the food pantry. Giving blood is another way to share God's gifts.

SERVICE: Take time to be the church in the world. **Look for ways to be in service to God** through helping in a service project, with school programs, or participating in the worship service by being a liturgist, greeter, coffee time, special music, special visuals, or another way that you are drawn to. Join organizations that do good and Godly work for the world and our community.

WITNESS: **Talk with others about your faith journey.** Family, friends, co-workers ... start with those you already know and are in contact with on a regular basis. Act in a Christian manner to strangers and become comfortable with saying things like "I love my church. You might like it too," "God be with you", "Jesus loves you", or "Blessings to you."

*Our Mission: Sharing God's Love
with Those who Hunger...
That's what we are faithfully funding!*