

1 Timothy 6: ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Giving to Myers Park Presbyterian Church

Myers Park Presbyterian Church's annual budget supports every aspect of our ministries and programs. Members' commitments through time and treasure are multiplied in powerful ways: children and youth are nurtured, adults grow in faith through discipleship and relationships with one another, older adults are upheld and cared for, God's name is praised through song and worship, the poor are given food, and the homeless receive shelter. All of that—and so much more—is made possible through our giving to the church. With 94% of the church budget coming from pledges, each and every gift makes a difference.

What is pledging? And why is it important to MPPC?

A pledge is an estimate of your annual giving; some call it a statement of intent or a promise. A pledge is non-binding, but assists the Session (the church's governing board) in forecasting the budget and helps them to plan for the use of our resources in support of the mission and ministry of MPPC.

Why should I pledge?

As Christians, we know that financial stewardship is an important aspect of a balanced spiritual life. Returning to God from that which God has given us is a tangible way to express our faith. When each of us gives what we are able, together we fund ministry within our church, our community, and our world.

How do I pledge?

The church typically asks for pledges in the fall so that the Session can set the budget by December. Pledges can be made online at myersparkpres.org/pledge, by completing a pledge card, or by contacting Lauren Mulcahy, Director of Development at lmulcahy@myersparkpres.org.

What if I give through the plate offering?

The plate offering that is collected in worship is dedicated to different outreach partners of the church, such as Loaves and Fishes. Those funds do not go towards the church's operating budget. This model of giving is unique to MPPC and provides a significant funding source for our outreach partners.

Does Weekday School tuition go towards supporting the church budget?

The Weekday School is set up as a fee-based service, and 100 percent of the tuition goes to support the programs and personnel of the WDS. Tuition dollars are not used to support the church operating budget and are not considered pledged gifts to the church. The WDS is a thriving MPPC ministry, and the church provides the facilities, utilities, insurance, human resources, and accounting services for the WDS, shares in the costs of special projects, and provides other administrative and maintenance support. Without this significant support, WDS tuition would have to be substantially more to cover those costs.

What happens after I pledge?

Contributions towards your pledge can be made from January through December in various ways:

1. Set up a recurring gift through the member portal at myersparkpres.org/give.
2. Make a one-time gift online.
3. Send a check.
4. Send gifts of stock by contacting the finance office at 704-376-3695.
5. If you're 70.5 or older, you may be able to use the IRA charitable rollover to make a tax-free gift to the church. This law may allow you to transfer up to \$100,000 directly to MPPC without paying income tax on the distribution.

Please contact Lauren Mulcahy, Director of Development, with any questions about pledging or making a gift to the church at lmulcahy@myersparkpres.org or 704-927-1259.