

What About the Offering?

"When will they take the offering?" "How will it be collected?" "How much am I expected to give?" "Are visitors expected to contribute too?" These are typical worries about church offerings. God's Word teaches that our offerings to God should reflect our belief that all we have is his gift to us. It teaches us that with our offerings we worship and honor God.

Like most Christians, our members bring offerings to God through their church. Since offerings are gifts of love for God, no one dictates what each person is to give. These offerings give them the opportunity to not only show love to Christ, but also to support the work of our congregation as we bring the Good News of Christ's love to more people. We have an open accounting system, which is published every year, so that the membership can see where the resources are spent.

Our major expenditures are on Staff, which support music, youth, congregation and worship, as well as local and international mission. If you would like a copy of our annual report, they are available at the information booth.

We pass an offering plate during the service so that our worship may include bringing gifts to God. We do provide offering envelopes to our members and to those who request one. They are used to keep our gifts a private matter known only to the Lord and the financial secretary who provides an annual accounting for your convenience. Many members have chosen to give electronically, and this can be set up through the church office.