

Sunday Volunteers for January

January 4th - Epiphany Sunday

Greeters: Miriam & Alice

Acolyte: Heaven

Children's Church: Miranda

Lesson Reader: Bill GPs 72:1-7,17-19 & Eph 3:1-12

Easy Worship/Streaming/Sound: Jeff E/TBD/Ed H

January 11th - Baptism of Our Lord

Greeters: Andy & Deb

Acolyte: Hunter

Children's Church: Molly

Lesson Reader: Raewyn Isa 42:1-9 & Acts 10:34-43

Easy Worship/Streaming/Sound: David H/Andy H/Ed H

January 18th

Greeters: Chauncey, Evan & Bradley

Acolyte: Bradley

Children's Church: Ellen

Lesson Reader: Nettie Isa 49:1-7 & 1 Cor 1:1-9

Easy Worship/Streaming/Sound: Jeff E/TBD/Ed H

January 25th

Greeters: Al & Lisa

Acolyte: Zaine

Children's Church: Kelley

Lesson Reader: Jeff E. Isa 9:1-4 & 1 Cor 1:10-18

Easy Worship/Streaming/Sound: David H/Andy H/Ed H

 We need help with audio / visual. If you are interested in helping with in-house audio, streaming/camera, or screen projection - please text Andy 423-912-0554



November 2025

General tithes for November were \$18,487, while total expenses were at \$18,989. Both tithes and expenses were lower than expected, but came within a few hundred of balancing.

We also received donations in:

Dedicated Account \$3,951

Heatherly's Point \$8,500

Special dedicated for Youth/Children's

Christmas Fund \$1,240

PMO tuition \$5,590

December 2025

Books for December are almost closed. But as of Dec 31, general tithes received were \$25,770, while expenses are estimated to be \$21,500. This was one of our better month of giving - which allow us to finish the year strong!

We also received donations in:

Dedicated \$1,002

Heatherly's Point \$8,500

Memorial Fund \$719

PMO tuition \$5,290

Please check the information board in hallway for current financial report



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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

JANUARY



Schedule of Ministries



SUNDAY
4th 8:15am Men's Fellowship
9:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School

MONDAY
6:00pm Scouts BSA Troop 435
6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 134

TUESDAY
8:30-1:30 PMO
12:00pm Rotary
6th 6:00pm Women's Fellowship

WEDNESDAY
7th 12-5pm Medic Blood Drive

THURSDAY
8th 8:00am Viet Nam Vet's Breakfast
8:30-1:30 PMO
27th 5:00pm Community Meal
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (starts 8th)

SATURDAY
8:30am Low Impact Exercise
3rd 3:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 20542

Reach out to the Church secretary if interested in reserving church building for a function



We received memorials in December from friends & family in memory of Grace Stout Goins & Garnetta Alexander Weber.

Total memorials received were \$718.56.



The Community Meal is January 27th and the Men's Christian Fellowship is hosting!

Our monthly community meal is a simple way to share Christ's love—through food, conversation, and hospitality. Whether you can cook, serve, or clean up, there's a place for you at the table.

Special thanks to Ken for organizing December's "Chili Cookout"! It was a wonderful time of fellowship around lots of chili! Congrats to Chauncey (1st), Jordan (2nd), and Jeff (3rd).



new year
NEW GOALS

Why is a tithe 10%? The first appearance of a tithe is in Genesis 14, when Abraham gives a tenth of the spoils to Melchizedek. Later, Leviticus 27:30 formalizes it: "A tenth of everything... belongs to the Lord."

In the ancient world, 10% symbolized a full, representative portion. It was large enough to require trust, but not so large that it destroyed a household. In other words, it was costly enough to be meaningful.

What is God really asking? God wasn't asking for 10% of people's money as much as He was asking for 100% of their trust.

The tithe functioned as: A) A confession – "Everything I have comes from God", B) A reordering of priorities – God first, not leftovers, and C) A discipline of dependence – learning to live on what remains.

That's why the prophets could say God wasn't interested in offerings without faithfulness of heart (see Malachi 3:8–10).

The New Testament does not command a strict percentage, but it assumes generosity shaped by grace (2 Corinthians 8–9). Historically, the church has viewed the tithe as a baseline, not a ceiling, it's training wheels for generosity, and a way of forming disciples, not funding the church.

For many Christians, tithing remains a wise, biblical rhythm—not because God needs 10%, but because we need the discipline of giving first.