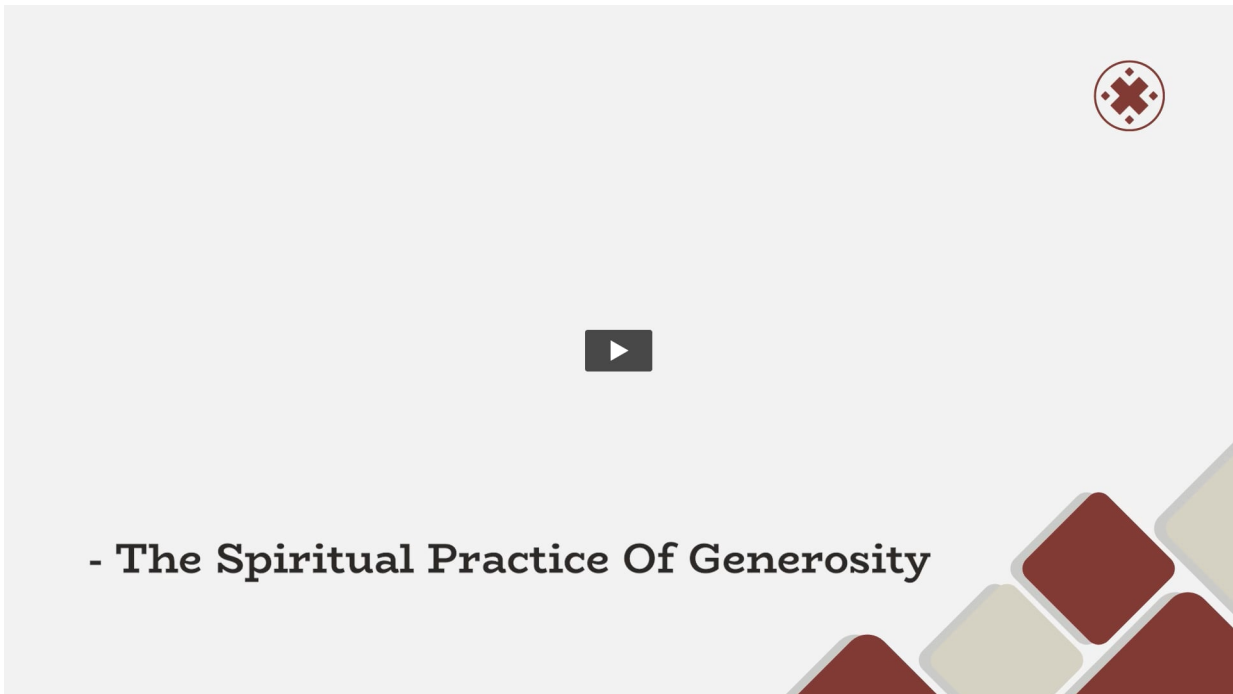




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At University Christian, WHY Do We Give?



Living Out A Core Value. Generosity is a core value at University Christian Church, emphasizing the giver's need to give rather than the church's need to receive. We are created in God's image, so generosity is part of our spiritual DNA. We choose to invest all that we are—our time, our talents, and our financial resources—in answering God's call to transform the world by living out Christ's courageous love.

Partners with God. Our understanding of generosity and stewardship comes from scripture. It teaches us to share God's love and grace, to partner with God in caring for the earth, and to demonstrate compassion for those on the margins of society. The Holy Spirit equips us to serve others and to proclaim the hope of Jesus Christ. Stewardship is a life of purpose and possibility inspired by our generous God.

The Prayer that Guides Us. At UCC, we understand that giving is a spiritual practice—just like prayer, Bible study and worship. The practice of giving blesses us and promotes spiritual maturity. UCC members are encouraged to pray “God, based on your goodness in my life, where would you want me to be in my giving?” When we seek God's guidance, our giving becomes a faithful response grounded in gratitude.

The Path to Faithful Giving. God invites everyone to be generous, but we recognize that each member of our church family has a unique history and understanding of giving. In response, we provide a *Giving Path*. Step One is becoming a First-Time Giver, designating a specific amount as a regular gift. The next step is the Intentional Giver, who commits to give a percentage of annual income. As that percentage grows over time, the giver moves to the next step—a 10% Giver. The final step on the Giving Path is Extravagant Giver, someone who gives beyond 10% of income.

Giving and Leadership. Living out our call to generosity requires UCC leaders to set the example in all aspects of faithful giving. We expect those who lead at to be “all in”—to prayerfully commit their talents, time and financial resources to our vision, mission and core values. Participation in the giving emphasis and renewal and working toward 10% giving is part of that commitment. But generosity is much more than a number written on a commitment card. For our leaders, it is a way of life.

Estimates Of Giving

As the first month of 2024 worship concludes this Sunday, we are asking the congregation to complete their Estimate of Giving form for 2024 (provided you have not already).

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In a previous letter earlier this January, Russ had noted:

*"I'd ask each of you to pray this very simple prayer daily: **God, based on the blessings in my life, where would you want me to be in my giving?**" I have found this prayer becomes more meaningful each time I pray it."*

Submit Your Estimate Of
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Additionally:

- [Reel Religion Film Festival is this weekend.](#)
- [This Sunday's Scripture will be Colossians 3: 12-15.](#) It is the third in our four-part series on forgiveness.
- Identifying and encouraging new leaders is a vital part of the ministry at UCC. Between now and February 15, all UCC members are invited to recommend committed members for positions as Deacons or Assembly Elders. Those who are elected will serve three-year terms beginning June 1, 2024. [Nominate now.](#)
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (**February 14**) with a **6:30pm service**, but from **6-7pm on February 13** (i.e. the night before), the Men's Ministry will be hosting a **Pancake Supper in Walker Hall**. While hosted by a men's group, all are welcome to attend -- and the Paschal/McLean Jazz Band will be playing.
- Last night we had 32 attendees at UCC and You, our quarterly event helping to contextualize the church for potential new members. The next UCC and You will be **April 14**, and we'll provide more details as we get closer. If you're considering making UCC your church home, or know someone who might be, save that date for them.

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