

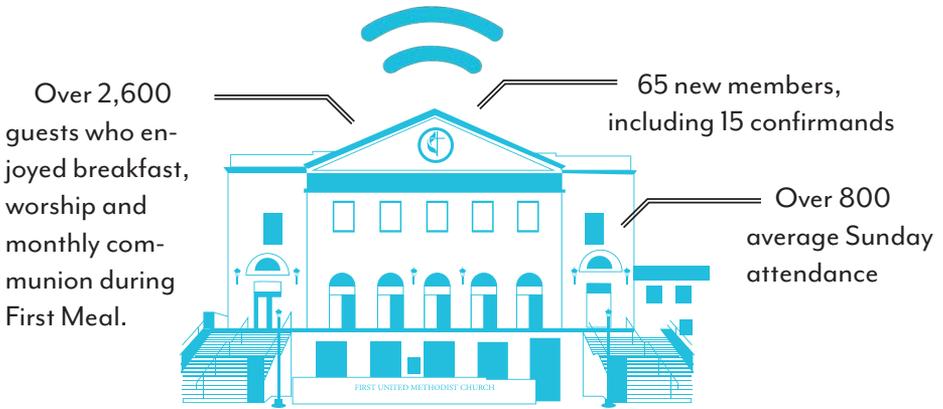
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“ Nobody else can make the sound you make. ”
Yo-Yo Ma



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2019 by the numbers



● A total of 334 Worship services in 2019: Six each Sunday, 7:30 am First Meal, 8:30 am Traditional, 9:45 am Mosaic, 11 am Celebration, 11 am Open Modern, 12:30 pm Jesús Fuente de Vida, plus 11:15 am Third Day Family Service on the 3rd Sunday of each month... plus mid-week, Holy Week, and Christmas Eve

● \$233,000 funding for youth and children's ministries as an investment in the present and future of the church

● Average Sunday worship attendance of over 800, including reaching 98 via Mosaic, 95 via Open, and 55 via Jesús Fuente de Vida

● Over 35 local, national, and international missions supported

● Nearly \$180,000 disbursed in support of those missions, up 29% over 2018

● Over \$170,000 in apportionments to support our conference and general church

● Over \$300,000 reduction in indebtedness, using generous estate gifts, thereby increasing resources for ministry

With your generous support in 2019, FUMC-Denton:

- Created more welcoming and conversational spaces in the church buildings through renovating and re-purposing existing facilities.
- Replaced the church's monument sign with a digital display to communicate a 21st century message of invitation to our community.
- Launched the Youth Symphony of Denton, a by-audition program for school-aged children who will perform in concert four times a year.
- Opened our buildings to over 30 community groups which meet regularly in church facilities. Support from our faith community supplies secure buildings, electricity, and HVAC to facilitate these meetings that build the greater community.
- Supported missions and outreach by our members who offer their labor and love to house, heal, support, and educate people locally and around the world. FUMC-Denton mission teams have restored and rebuilt homes, enabled youth missions, and staffed both domestic and adult missions touching people in McAllen, TX, Guatemala, and Russia as well as Denton County.
- Won the community's endorsement for the Children's Day Out and FunStop programs, which were named "Best of Denton" for the fifth year in a row. Both programs serve children from the community, including the economically disadvantaged.

“Sing all; sing courageously, modestly, spiritually
(with an eye to God) and in time.” John Wesley



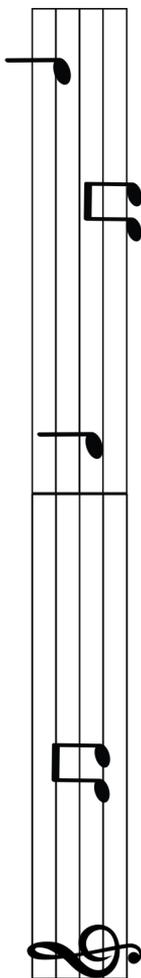
With generous support from all of us in 2020, FUMC-Denton will work to implement seven guiding strategies to *Shine God's Love Into Every Life*:

- 1 Communicate a welcoming presence to all in the community.
- 2 Build connections by helping people find a place in our church.
- 3 Attract new members to grow our total membership and attendance.
- 4 Conduct an annual facility review of the physical plant to ensure maintenance of our facilities and a safe environment.
- 5 Develop a financial plan annually to fully fund expenses and maintain a healthy reserve for the church.
- 6 Expand and continue to improve communication and technology methods used in our church.
- 7 Celebrate some of our major strengths: youth and children's programs, music ministry and missions by increasing visibility church-wide and in the community.

In addition to maintaining our current mission and ministries, we seek additional funding to:

- Support and enhance the music and worship ministries of our church which are among our strongest assets. Additional funding will strengthen the ministry provided by both our Mosaic worship service and our Traditional and Celebration worship services.
- Maintain and enhance the youth ministry of our church as we seek a new pastor/director of youth ministries and a capable fulltime assistant director.
- Bolster our community outreach by our special events ministry.
- Create and staff multiple welcome centers to reach out and support our multiple worship services

Tuned: Raise your pitch



Music binds people and organizations together in a special way. Bands, choruses, clubs, work gangs, school classes, hikers – all are inclined to work and play better together when linked by a song. Churches have the advantage of making music together as an integral part of their common life.

A strong faith community can be like a skillful orchestra or a vocal jazz ensemble or a pick-up band. FUMC-Denton shares the “music” of God’s good news with people near and far, over multiple seasons and years. Each member contributes their best gifts – talent, hard work, financial resources, imagination, tools, skills, gifts. The whole is so much more than the sum of its parts. And when everyone plays a part, that’s when the music is most soulful. That’s when the community and everyone they touch catch the beat and come alive.

FUMC-Denton is asking you to “Raise Your Pitch” to take FUMC-Denton’s “music” to the next level. As renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma said, “Nobody else can make the sound you make.” Swell the chorus and turn up the volume. How might you increase your giving to help in providing the resources that our community most needs?

You can benefit many lives – including your own – by making an intentional commitment of financial support to FUMC-Denton for 2020. How can you do that? One way is to complete an Estimate of Giving card and bring it to the church on or before Oct. 6, Celebration Sunday.

Tune your heart to follow God’s lead.

“Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.”

Ephesians 5:18b-19



What is stewardship?

Stewardship is how we live out the vows we made when we joined the church. That includes supporting the church through our prayers on behalf of the people and ministries of the church; by being present in worship services to fully participate in the joy of community; to serve our fellow members and the greater community through our service which enhances both ministry and mission; by witnessing to our faith through both word and deed; and by sharing generously the financial resources we have received.

Why should I give?

We give in response to God's self-giving. The regular habit of giving joyfully to God is a spiritual practice, much like prayer and worship. Gratitude and generosity are the expression of our understanding that all we have comes to us from God. We are made in God's image and likeness, and our spirits grow as we imitate God's openhandedness. As John 3:16 reminds us, "God so loved the world that he gave...."

I give regularly. Why should I make an Estimate of Giving?

Offering our estimate of giving helps us be intentional about supporting God's work through the church. Being intentional and accountable in our relationship with God is one of the ways we grow our faith. The people's estimates of giving each year also allow church leaders to be good stewards of the resources – money, people, facilities and time – that allow FUMC-Denton to support many ministries, in the local community and in the wider world.

“... and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”

Colossians 3:16

Why is this important to my faith journey?

Declaring our commitment to God's work through the church, giving with joy, and being faithful to our commitment all strengthen our relationship with the Giver of all we have. Each step we take in growing our giving deepens our faith and our awareness of God's engagement in our lives.

How much should I give?

The Bible teaches giving in proportion to the material blessings we have received – to share generously of whatever talents, abilities and resources God has entrusted to us. If you are not in the spiritual habit of making a financial commitment to God through the church, we encourage you to prayerfully consider making an estimate of giving for 2020. Whatever giving level you choose, that first step is the most important. If you have made an estimate of giving in prior years, we encourage you to prayerfully consider growing your commitment by at least 3-5% in support of the budget, as a next step in growing your faith.

The chart below is one way to select the level of giving that gives you joy. Before you determine your commitment amount, we hope you will pause and consider your response

MONTHLY GIVING CHART

| ANNUAL INCOME | 2% | 4% | 6% | 8% | 10% | 12% | 15% |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| \$40,000 | 67 | 133 | 200 | 267 | 333 | 400 | 500 |
| \$60,000 | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 | 500 | 600 | 750 |
| \$80,000 | 133 | 267 | 400 | 533 | 667 | 800 | 1,000 |
| \$100,000 | 167 | 333 | 500 | 667 | 833 | 1,000 | 1,250 |
| \$150,000 | 250 | 500 | 750 | 1,000 | 1,250 | 1,500 | 1,875 |
| \$200,000 | 333 | 667 | 1,000 | 1,333 | 1,667 | 2,000 | 2,500 |

HOW TO MAKE YOUR 2020 COMMITMENT

IN PERSON

1. Fill out your FUMC-Denton 2020 Estimate of Giving card, available at the church and coming to you by mail the week of Sept. 23.
2. Bring forward your Estimate of Giving card during worship on Oct. 6 Celebration Sunday, or bring it to the Business Office, or mail to 201 South Locust Street, Denton, Texas 76201.

ONLINE

1. Fill out the FUMC-Denton Estimate of Giving form at:
www.fumc-denton.com/funding-campaign

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 7, 2019

8:30 am and 11 am | Traditional / Celebration – Sanctuary

9:45 am | Mosaic – Monroe Fellowship Building

11 am | Open – Flinn Hall

12:30 pm | Jesús Fuente de Vida – Flinn Hall

Bring your 2020 Estimate of Giving card, to carry it forward with you during Communion.

If you can't be present that day, you're welcome to send it to the church by Oct. 3.

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