



November 7, 2022

Dear Church Family,

I'm so proud of our vibrant worship and all the activities and ministries of our church, Manchaca United Methodist Church. Our gifts and tithes create the platform for ministry in the form of our buildings and maintenance, as well as staffing to support ministries. Our financial contributions also directly fund ministries such as discipleship growth, Christian fellowship, worship, and outreach to the local community, region, country and world. They enable our extensive food pantry ministry, the Manchaca Elementary food ministry, and the Akins High School ministry that supports students experiencing homelessness. Our gifts empower international outreach and assistance through both our apportioned giving and support of missionaries.

I want these to continue. **The church is at a crossroads, where we must decide to fund the ministries we enjoy or to cut back.** The reality is that church giving was down considerably through the summer and fall of 2022. We have depleted our reserves. Without an increase in giving in 2023, the church will not be able to fund all of its ministries.

You can make a difference. **The entire shortfall for 2023 could be eliminated if every giver increased their giving by only 10%.** I hope you would prayerfully consider joining me in increasing your giving by that amount. I also would encourage you to pledge support to the church and to give using on-line giving. For on-line giving, please go to the church website, <https://www.manchacaumc.org/>, and click on the "give" menu item.

Enclosed is an "Estimate of Giving" card to complete. We would like for you to prayerfully consider completing it and bringing it with you to church on Commitment Sunday, November 20. If you are unable to attend, you may complete the card on line at the church's website, drop the card off at the church office or mail it to the church. We hope to have all cards turned in on or before November 20.

Thank you for supporting the church and its ministries. I am grateful for your gifts and service.

In Christ,



Dave Bourell

Chair, Stewardship Team