

Stewardship FAQs

What is Stewardship?

Being a faithful steward of God's grace means we are called to reflect God's generous heart, to allow God to work with us and through us, to grow closer to God for a better life and for a better world.

Your faithful stewardship is not about giving to the church – but about your giving to God and with God. That's why your gifts are so important.

What is a pledge?

Your pledge is simply an estimate of your financial gifts to AHCC's mission and ministries from July 1 to July 30th. Your pledge is not a binding contract. You may increase or decrease your pledge at any time based upon your circumstances.

When you make a pledge to AHCC, you pledge to support what God is doing through us and among us, including transforming worship, mission trips, Spirit Hill, youth ministries, pastoral care, and outreach.

Who should pledge?

As a member of AHCC, your pledge is part of your membership covenant. Your pledge enables AHCC to budget and plan our ministries – worship, care, family and youth programs, education and outreach. Pledge contributions provide critical support needed for AHCC's annual ministries. Just as you anticipate an annual income to afford a cost of living, AHCC's leadership looks to member pledges to budget our ministries in the year ahead.

How much should you pledge?

Like most households, you have some idea of your income and expenses by the month or the year. Determine what part of your income you can commit as your pledge.

One way to serve as a Faithful Steward of God's Grace:

Please submit your pledge by Stewardship Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Two factors to consider in your pledge for the year ahead:

Consider *how you have been blessed* and *how much you wish to give to God* in support of AHCC's ministries.

Three ways to submit your pledge:

- a) Place your completed pledge card in the offering plate at Sunday worship.
- b) Return your completed pledge card to AHCC by mail or the front office.
- c) Login to the AHCC Member Portal and pledge online.

Four ways to fulfill your pledge:

- a) **Automatic recurring payments to a charge card**
Please indicate your preference for this when you submit your reply form or pledge online.
- b) **Monthly bank drafts**
If you wish to arrange monthly payments from your bank account, please note that you must arrange this online at the time you pledge online.
- c) **Cash or check in the offering plate**
No matter how often or how much you may give by cash or check at worship, please request AHCC to mail you gift envelopes so that we can properly acknowledge your stewardship and report your giving for tax purposes.
- d) **Stock gifts:** Please contact Deb Holden at dholden@ahcc.org or 860.218.9833 for OTC # and details.