

Tithing v. Pledging

There are many terms used to describe giving money to a church. Two of the most common, “tithing” and “pledging”, are related but different. Pledging means stating early in the fiscal planning cycle what you intend to give of your time, talent and money to church during the coming year. It isn’t a binding promise but is your best estimate of what you will contribute to the ministries of the church.

Tithing, on the other hand, means different things depending on who you ask. While we often think of it as giving 10% of one’s income, the term originally referred to farmers giving a portion of their livestock or crops to help feed the needy. For some church members today, that’s translated into committing to give a certain percentage of personal resources to the church.

No matter how you frame consideration of your giving plan for 2019, we appreciate your discernment of how God is leading you to support and to further the work of GCPC in the coming year. Members of the Stewardship Committee are available for any questions you may have should that be helpful to you.