breathing in + out

Nurturing Faith, Growth, and Generosity in 2018
Marysville United Methodist Church

Friends, you are holding something special. Through each of us, God is growing our faith community! We get to be a part of hearts and lives becoming whole in Christ. This fall, we celebrate this growth and dream together about where God is calling us to focus in 2018. We invite you to prayerfully reflect on these pages and discern where God is inviting you to be a part of it all!

breathing us in II

As a church in 2017, we...

Started **six new groups** for people to make friends & grow in faith

Created a **meditation community** that's learning contemplative prayer & connection with God

Welcomed **more voices** in worship leadership

Celebrated a **Summer of Stories** as people shared their life with us

Journeyed deep into the **heart of forgiveness** during Lent

Defined our values - the most important things to us

Explored our **relationship with the Bible** in “Tell Me A Story”

Explored our relationship to fear at **Easter**

Held a new variety show evening that strengthened our relationships & support for our youth

breathing us out

As a church in 2017, we...

Filled just over **100 flood buckets** for hurricane relief

Sent a large men's group to **Lazy F retreat center for a work trip**

Sent a great team to **rebuild homes** after the wildfires.

Continued our work to **clothe kids** through K4K

Supported four residents through our **Miracle House**

Celebrated our 2 year anniversary of being a **reconciling community** in Marysville

Explored what it means to **dream again** for what God could do through us

Gave away **prayer quilts** to those in need

Ministered with **48 people in prison**

by the numbers

January - September 2017

13
Baptisms

24
New Members

5459
Sermon Video Views

332
Facebook Members

546
Children served by Kloz 4 Kidz

69
Families served by our preschool

7736
Website Visits

1915
Online Worshippers

44
Backpacks to Allen Creek Elem.

2395
Pounds of food collected for Food Bank

110
Flood Buckets sent to Texas

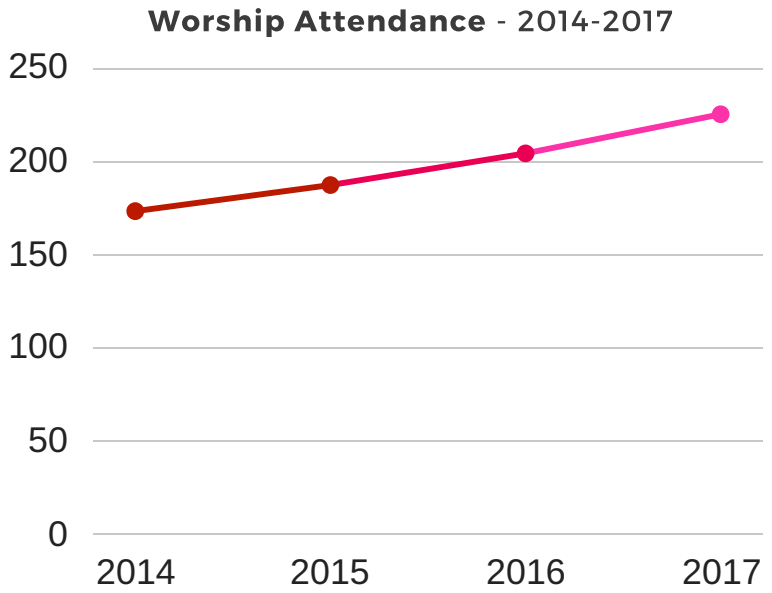
19
People to Leadership Summit

79
Kids at Vacation Bible School

102
People in Wednesday Night Groups

4
People served with transitional housing

153
Prayer Quilts given away



The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. - Psalm 24

our focus in 2018

Strengthen Our Church Family

There are many new faces among us. We want to make time to get to know each other. We want to help you find your people!

Develop Disciples

We become more like Jesus when we spend time with others who are following Jesus too. We want to help people find the sweet spot where their passion & gifts can make a difference.

Community Outreach

We want to support families and childhood development through A Stable Beginnings Preschool, Kloz 4 Kidz, the Miracle House & our family ministries.

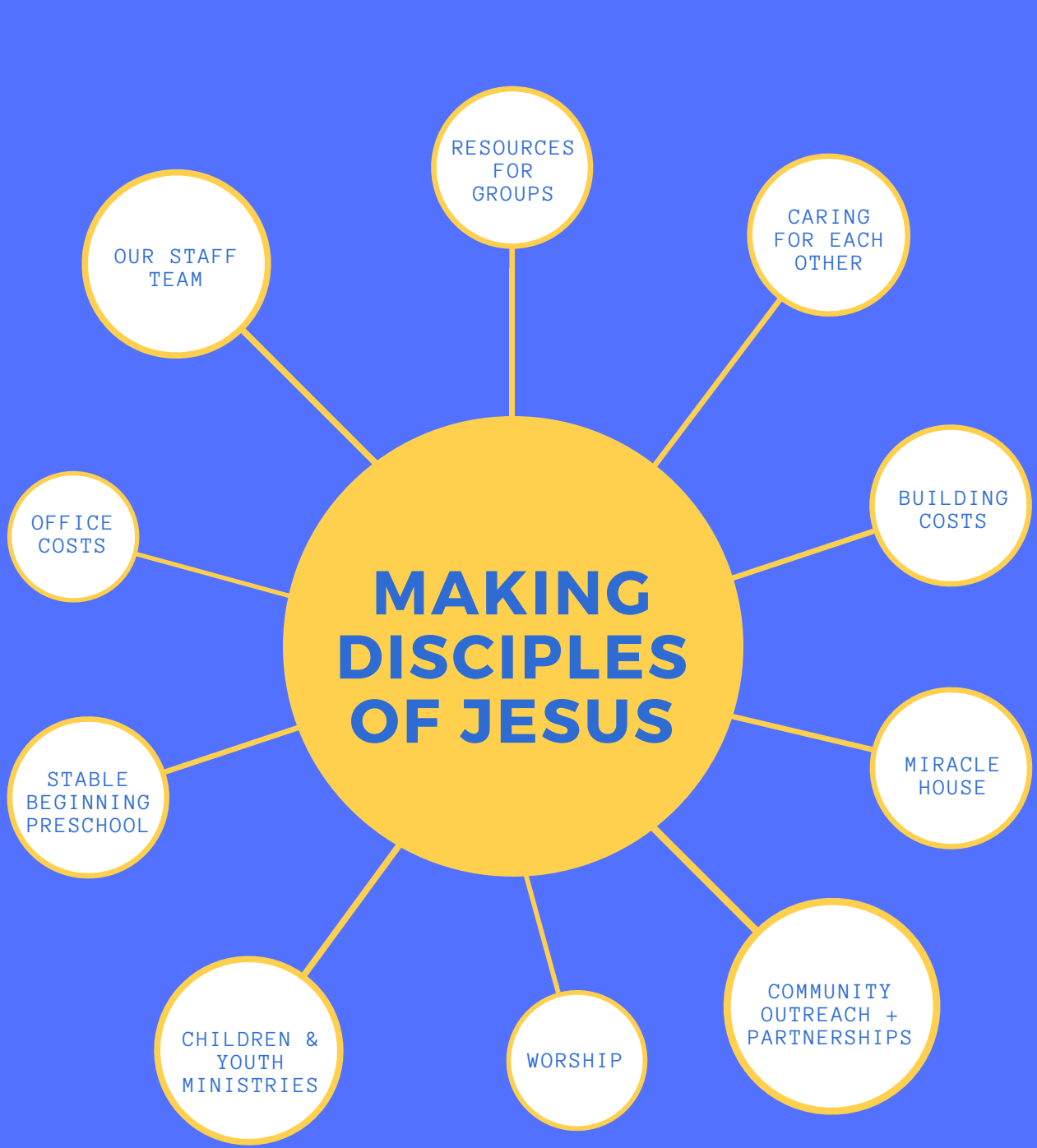
Our budget goal for 2018 is $396,394. This is a 9.8% increase from 2017.

where do my gifts go?

Your gifts make some wonderful things happen in our world. From the relationships that are built in our physical building to the gifts given in aid and hope for Marysville and beyond, **your dollars turn into hope.**

It's a pretty big return on investment.

There are full copies of our 2018 budget available in the church office and Green Room. Pick one up today!



why do we give?

Our giving **changes people's lives.** As a part of the United Methodist Church, we join the gifts of 16.5 million people in 136 countries around the world.

Our financial giving **also changes us.** It slowly creates a total way of life in which we realize that everything we have is from God, that we have been gifted and are therefore called to pass on the gift to someone else: to use our resources wisely and generously.

"Each dollar or minute that I give back is another step towards planting a seed in someone's life in our community."

"Dollar bills transform into giggles in the children's department! And those giggles turn into the children feeling safe and open and comfortable."

"We give gifts, both financial gifts and the gift of volunteering time, because it is important to support programs that make substantial impact in our community."

"We also give because it gives us deep joy and satisfaction to give. We get to be the hands and feet of Christ."

next steps

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge gift to Marysville United Methodist Church for 2018.

Pledged gifts for 2018 can be received at **marysvilleumc.org/give** and in worship on **Sunday, October 29.**

Why do we invite concrete commitments in advance?
As we grow, we want to be responsible stewards for the future. We are developing a comprehensive budget for ministry. This budget is funded by the generosity of attenders and friends, primarily through annual commitments. Commitments (or pledges) are especially important because they help us estimate the resources available and plan accordingly.

How much should I pledge?
Take time to pray and discern. We encourage giving a deliberately-chosen percentage of gross income. We are challenged to set a tithe (the Biblical word for 10% of our income) as the giving goal in our lives. Start where you can and begin the journey. Some fully tithe or give more than a tithe; others take an incremental approach - increasing their gift by 1%, 2%, or 3% per year - to gradually move toward 10%.

how do we give?

- Recurring gift with bank account, credit or debit card
- Place cash or check in offering plate during Sunday worship
- Online with credit card via website or text message

What if my financial circumstances change?
If you need to change your commitment at any time, just let us know. Simply contact Scott McClain at finance@marysvilleumc.org.

Questions? Contact Dave Miller at 2dmiller@comcast.net or 425-876-6891.