Your 2027 Generosity Packet

The contents of this packet include:

- Pastor Julie's Generosity Letter.
- 2027 Mount Cross Pledge/Estimated Giving Card—This provides you an opportunity to plan for and commit to supporting our church and its ministries with a portion of your financial gifts. Every pledge makes a difference and every amount matters. Determining the right amount is between you and God.
- Time and Talent Survey 2027—This form asks you to indicate areas of service in the church and community where you have abilities and interest. Every bit as important as giving of our treasure is the commitment of our time and talent. Each member is asked to complete a survey hoping every person finds at least one area of interest.
- A return envelope for your Pledge/Estimated Giving Card and Survey. **Please note:** One first class stamp is needed if mailed. The envelope will be opened ONLY by the Financial Secretary to ensure confidentiality. Surveys will be sorted out and directed to the Volunteer Coordinator, Vicky Edell.

If you prefer, online versions of both the Pledge/Estimated Giving Card and Time and Talent Survey are available at the church website, http://www.mountcross.com.

Questions about the Generosity/Stewardship Campaign?
Contact Gayle Johnson at cygaylej@verizon.net or 805-402-6542
or Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com or 805-586-5553.

GENEROSITY FAQ'S

WHAT IS A PLEDGE? When a church asks its members to "pledge," it seeks statements of estimated giving intent for the year to come. For each giver, this sets a giving goal for the coming year. Every member is asked to consider tithing (giving 10% of their income); or if not able, to make a yearly increase in their giving with tithing as a goal. The congregation's collective pledges assist church leaders in making financial plans for the church and its many ministries.

WHAT IF I CAN'T MEET MY PLEDGE? It is understood that circumstances change before or during the year. You will **never** be contacted about the status of your giving. Giving reports are provided for your information only. Every gift is a blessing.

IF I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE A PLEDGE SHOULD I STILL COMPLETE THE CARD? The pledge card offers the option of committing to supporting Mount Cross without making a specific dollar amount pledge. This is a significant personal commitment and states that while there is uncertainty in your current circumstances, it is your intention to give to the church within your means.

HOW IS MY PRIVACY ASSURED? Use and seal the provided response envelope. Only the Council-appointed Financial Secretary sees submitted pledges and manages a separate system for recording pledges, tracking giving, and producing giving reports. Not even the Pastor has access to this information.

WHAT IF TOTAL PLEDGES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO MEET FINANCIAL NEEDS? The Church Council would develop options to propose to the Congregation if this should occur. Church leaders first work to make the most effective use of available resources. The clearer the information they receive regarding estimated giving for the year, the easier it is to draft a reasonable budget.

WHERE IS MY BOX OF GIVING ENVELOPES? This year, giving envelopes were not ordered. Instead, we are using old supplies of envelopes. If you would like to use a box of surplus giving envelopes for 2027, contact Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.