

THE
KINGSTOWNE
COMMUNION
EXTENDING THE TABLE

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ANNUAL REPORT
+ 2026 STEWARDSHIP INVITATION





2025



Forecasting

FAITH

CELEBRATE
2025



professions
of faith



new
members



new
families

50%

increase in
children/youth
opportunity
& engagement

30%

increase in regular
congregational
engagement

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Friends,

As I reflect on my tenth year of pastoral ministry, the culmination of a decade, all of which I've been so profoundly blessed to journey and serve with all of you at Kingstowne,

I can't help but stand in awe at the kind of faith that's been required to grow a church like Kingstowne, and how that faith has been owned and lived by all of you, who give faithfully of yourselves and of your finances, to make God's vision possible and see God's vision through to the defining moment now before us.

By God's grace, made real through your steadfast faith and support, as well as through the generous partnership we've continued to cultivate with Virginia Hills Church,

the Kingstowne Communion will make our *final move* this year to our permanent home at 6507 Telegraph Road - a beautiful, new building set in the foreground of the new Brightview Senior Living community - upon completion of construction and permitting for occupancy (currently on track for May 2026).

At the dawn of this new decade at Kingstowne, and with a mix of excitement and longing, nostalgia and even a little angst, I've found myself clinging to this familiar promise and reminder from Jesus:

"Don't let your hearts be anxious. In my house, there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? Where I am, there you will be, and you know the way to the place I am going." (John 14:1-4)

In every age, season, and storm, these words have served to steady God's Church; and lately I've sensed them timelessly steadying us now, as we prepare and pivot from being a mobile, community-centered church to establishing a permanent, prominent presence at the center of our community.

For years, we've been a church on the move - rolling cases off trailers at daybreak, turning cafeterias into sanctuaries, and praying that borrowed spaces would become holy ground; and at every courageous, creative, and collaborative turn, God has met us there. Amidst metal chairs and folded tables, in spite of locked doors and spotty wifi, flat tires and frozen hitches, God has renewed us, inspired us, saved and healed us, and sent us out.

And so to every set-up and tear-down saint: *thank you*. Your faithfulness has been the scaffolding to countless encounters with God's grace, endless stories of the kind of fear-defying faith for which the world longs.

And now, amidst cultural and political climates dominated by fear (economic uncertainty, churning headlines, all the “what ifs” that keep us awake at night), Jesus is speaking again, to us, “*Don’t let your hearts be anxious*” – not as a way to minimize our questions, but rather to maximize God’s presence and our willingness to trust in it, move with it, build our hope on it, stake our faith in it, forecast our future from it.

That’s why we’ve named this crucial 2026 stewardship season at the Kingstowne our ***Forecasting Faith Campaign***.

Forecasting is not pretending there aren’t dark clouds on the horizon; it is choosing to read the sky with the way and hope of Jesus in view. Fear seeks to measure the pressure around us; but faith always seeks to measure God’s presence with us, God’s Spirit within us.

Yes, God is preparing a place for us; but God is also preparing us for a place - preparing us so that we might then prepare a place for others to lay down their fear, be renewed in their faith, and come fully alive by the love of God in Jesus.

And, that’s also why this beautiful, new building will never be the *end in itself*. This gift and opportunity with Virginia Hills Church is not our trophy. For the Kingstowne Communion, a church that exists to the gather people into communion with Jesus, this building will be our table –

a table with many-a-leaf (a house with many dwelling places), where children will learn the name of Jesus, youth will find belonging, grief will be held, marriages will be healed, food will be shared, neighbors will become friends, and worship will overflow into courageous, creative, collaborative community transformation.

And Jesus reminds us, “*You know the way to the place I am going.*” It’s true, we do. This is the way of Jesus, and has always and will continue to be the way of the Kingstowne Communion: *ever-extending God’s table – courageously, creatively, and collaboratively – until Kingdom comes.*

Therefore, I invite you to join me in *Forecasting Faith* in the future of this, our beloved church:

- First, **spend time reviewing the enclosed 2025 annual report** and give thanks to God with me for the incredible community impact and congregational growth we’ve witnessed this year, especially as the result of establishing the *Neighborkind Collective*; hiring our beloved Qualitra Brown over family ministries; and witnessing walls go up as we prepare and await our move with Virginia Hills in late spring 2026.
- Second, **consider the 2025 and 2026 financials enclosed**, our current 2025 year-end deficit and limited remaining cash assets; as well as the required increases in expenses projected for 2026 and the two possible increased budgets proposed for next year.



- Third, in a posture of prayer before God, **consider what truly *Forecasting Faith* in the future of this church would look like and ask of you:**

Ask yourself: What is *mine* (my responsibility as a steward of this church) to give? Am I giving what is *mine to give*, what I uniquely can give, or that which is a *true sacrifice of worship*?

Ask God: Lord, how are you leading me in this season?? How are you calling me to live without fear and forecast faith in your hope-filled future?

- Finally, **make your 2026 financial pledge in an act of worship on Commitment Sunday(s), December 7 & 14, 2025** (following the instructions included on the final page of this report); and, consider, also, increasing your December 2025 giving to reflect your 2026 pledge, to help us finish the year strong and replenish our cash assets.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Michelle Matthews

COLLABORATE for the COMMON GOOD

Total Community Impact Since November 2024

2
0
2
5



\$50,672
total est.
financial &
in-kind
community
impact

Rising Hope Mission Church

Apple Butter Cook, Thanksgiving Supper, Christmas Angel Gifts, Cold Weather Drive, Fat Tuesday Pancake Party, Community Meals, Back-to-School, Trail-or-Treat Drives, Hypothermia support

\$13,225

Neighborkind Collective

Kickoff of Neighborkind Collective, including Ashes-to-Go, Egg-scavenganza, Alexandria Pride & Trail-or-Treat

\$11,950

Feed the Furloughed & Unemployment Support

Feed the Furloughed at Chalkboard & other GoFundMe unemployment support

\$6,830

Special Worship Events, Partnerships & Outreach

Christmas/Easter at Nalls Produce, Brunch Church at Chalkboard, May on the Move, and other collaborations & community investments

\$4,283

UMC World Relief, Racial Justice & Equity

UMCOR hygiene kits and investment in UMC agencies working toward racial reconciliation and protecting equity and inclusion

\$3,598

Rise Against Hunger

Contribution and offering toward the Neighborkind packing of 20,000+ nutrient-rich, easily-digestible meals to combat hunger

\$3,121

UMC & Cross-Denominational Collaboration

Investment in the UMC connection and other collaborative initiatives between churches inside and outside the UMC

\$1,892

Fairfax County Housing & Sheltering Support

Investment in transitional housing and hypothermia emergency support for persons experiencing homelessness along Route 1 corridor

\$2,731

Lorton Community Action Center

Easter Baskets Drive, School Supply Drive, and Snack Bags for children living in poverty and experiencing food insecurity along Route 1 corridor

\$1,432

Pride Month LGBTQ+ Advocacy & Support

DC Pride Parade, Pride Sunday & Reconciling Ministries Support

\$940

Hayfield Collaboration & Care

Teacher Appreciation, Hayfield Courtyard Project, Hawk Pantry Support and other collaborations with Hayfield Secondary School

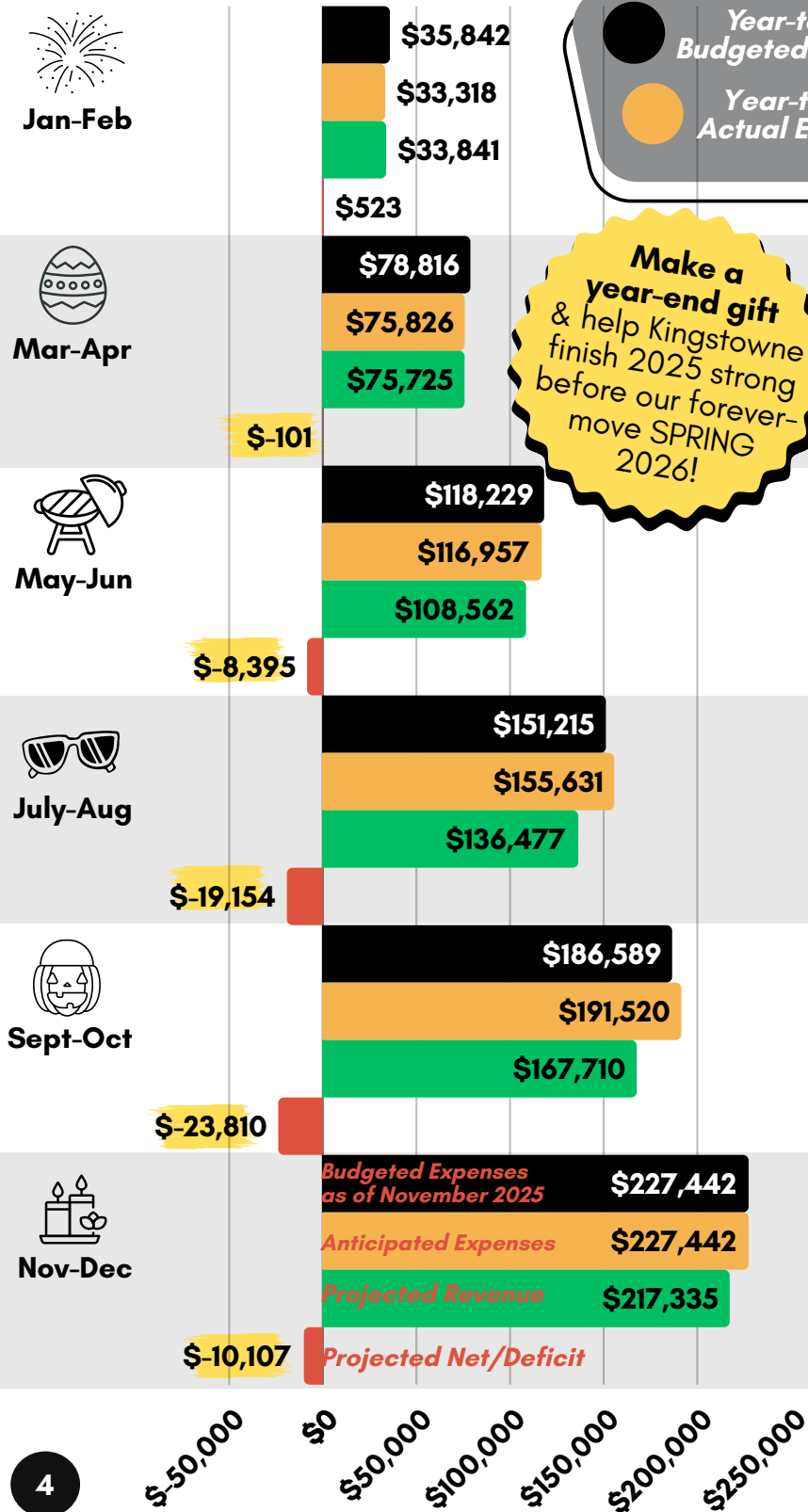
\$670



BEFORE THE MOVE LET'S GET IN THE GROOVE

CURRENT FINANCIALS: BUDGET VS. ACTUALS

2025



Make a year-end gift & help Kingstowne finish 2025 strong before our forever-move SPRING 2026!

Year-to-date Budgeted Expenses
Year-to-date Actual Expenses
Year-to-date Revenue
Year-to-date Net/Deficit

Average Monthly Revenue Jan-Oct 2025
\$16,771
\$1,229 below 2025 monthly goal of **\$18K**

Projected Year-end Deficit as of October 31
\$10,107
behind our 2025 profit/loss projections

Available Cash Assets as of October 31
\$11,178
in remaining unrestricted assets with a current net of -\$23,810

Year-end Revenue Goal Based on Prior Year Trends & Deficit
\$59,732
1/4 of our annual budgeted revenue given & anticipated in Nov-Dec

IT'S OUR **MOVE** YEAR

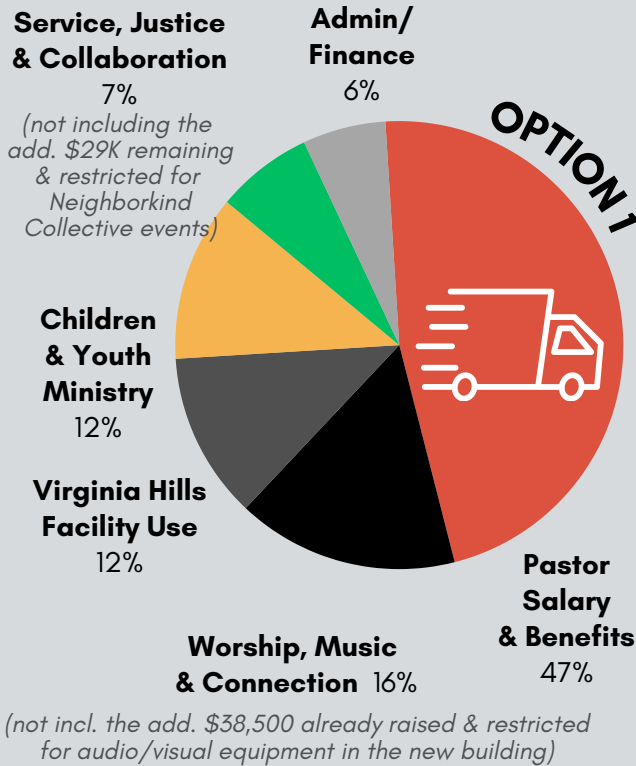
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FUTURE FINANCIALS: GOALS FOR 2026

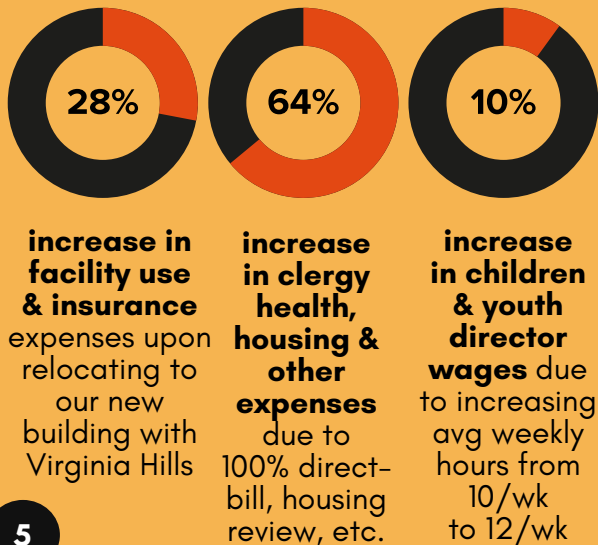
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2026 MOVE & GROOVE

BUDGET: \$245K
7% increase over 2025

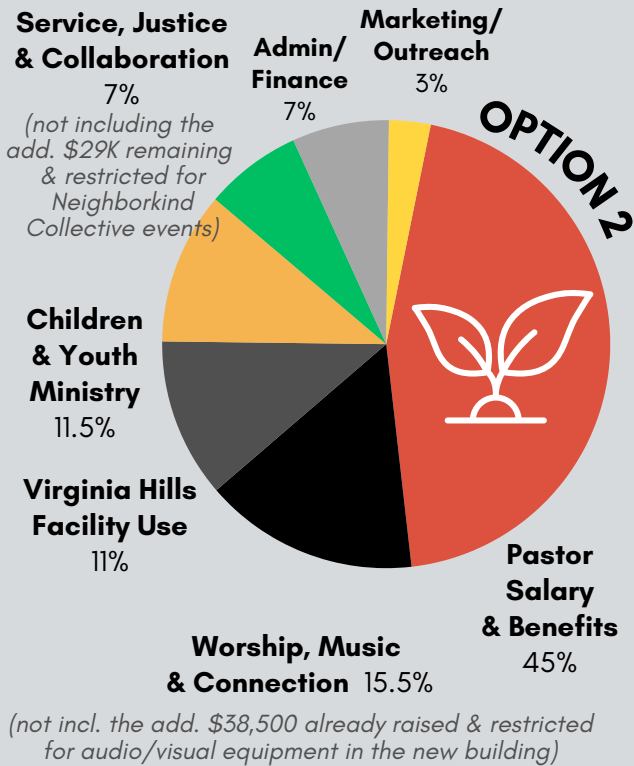


Increases incl. in **OPTION 1**



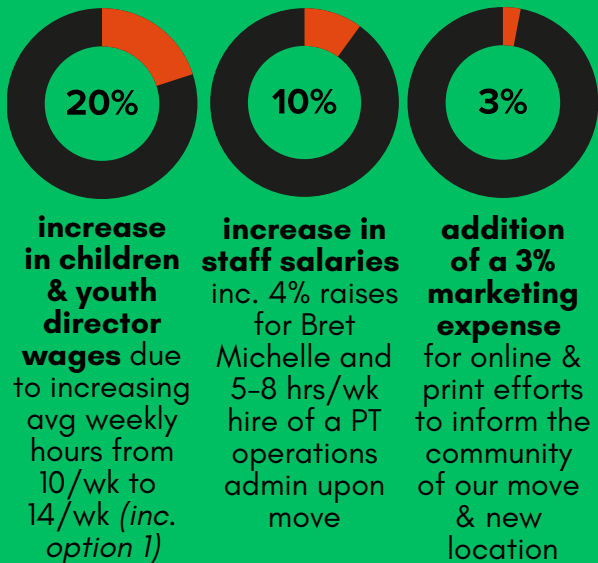
2026 MOVE & GROW

BUDGET: \$260K
14% increase over 2025



Increases incl. in **OPTION 2**

(in addition to all increases in Option 1)



ALL BUDGET OPTIONS INCLUDE

~\$9,500 /mon in fulltime pastor salary, pension, housing, & health (Michelle)

~\$2,800 /mon in facility, insurance & legal req. to rent w/ VA Hills

~\$1,850 /mon for a PT Music & Online Ministry Director salary (Bret)

~\$2,100 /mon for PT Children/ Youth Director + Sunday children's staff

BIG MOVE IN THE MIX AROUND MAY 2026

OUR FOREVER HOME AT 6507 TELEGRAPH RD

2
0
2
5



9:30am

new Sunday
worship
time



3

sharing churches
+ one weekday
preschool & aftercare
program

THE NUMBERS



160 seats

interlocking &
moveable with
overflow capacity



\$2,500

per month
rental agreement,
including utilities



7-day

access & use,
including a private
Kingstowne office
& storage closet



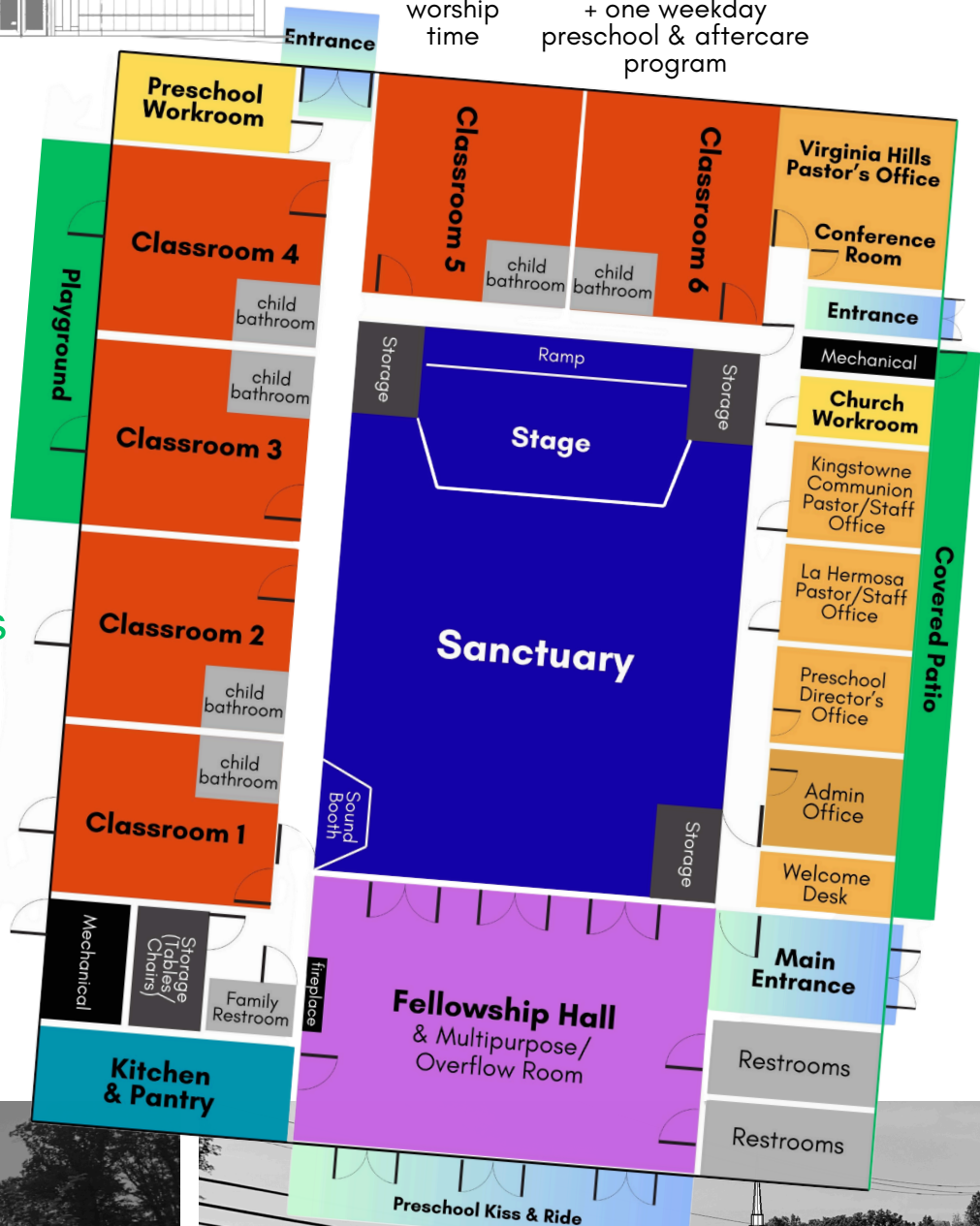
6 classrooms

with in-room children's
bathrooms + two
workrooms with
copiers & monthly
use allotment
included in rent



6+ special
features

incl. children's playground, covered
patio, pantry kitchen, gathering
fireplace, welcome window, state-
of-the-art audio/visual system, etc.



FORECASTING FAITH IN KINGSTOWNE'S FUTURE

2026 COMMITMENT SUNDAYS | DEC 7 & 14

MAKE YOUR 2026 COMMITMENT and consider these **THREE 2026 CAMPAIGN GOALS**

- 1 INCREASE GIVING BY AT LEAST 7%**
ensuring our move to Virginia Hills & funding required expenses, in addition to closing our 2025 year-end gap
- 2 MINIMUM OF \$18K IN AVG MONTHLY GIVING**
to ensure adequate cashflow & guard against significant depletion of unrestricted net assets throughout the entire year
- 3 BEGIN TO BUILD \$50-60K RESERVE (EQUIV. TO 3-MONTHS OF EXPENSES)**
through additional one-time designated gifts to help strengthen Ktowne for the future



FORECASTING FAITH 2026 Stewardship Campaign

<https://kingstownecommunion.net/forecastingfaith>

Bring a completed pledge card to worship and/or scan this QR code to make a virtual pledge. Visit our Forecasting Faith Campaign page to review add. financial documents, download this report, or monitor pledge campaign progress.

HELP KINGSTOWNE INCREASE OUR IMPACT

Will you take the next faithful step to help the Kingstowne Communion increase our impact and forecast faith in our church, by helping to fund our **2026 budget**, as we move into our forever home this year? We encourage you to consider taking one of these six steps below as you plan your giving for the next year.

+50

Increase what you gave this year by **\$50/mon**

If 40 households increased their giving by \$50/mon, we'd easily fund our 2026 **growth** budget

+20

Increase what you gave this year by **\$20/wk**

If 20 households increased their giving by \$20/wk we'd easily fund our 2026 **growth** budget

+7-14%

Increase what you gave this year by **14%** to help us fund our **growth** budget

+7% would ensure our move to Virginia Hills

+1%

Giving at least **10% away** is Ktowne's goal.

Make this your long-term personal goal as well by giving **1% more** of your annual income in 2026

↑ 1 giving bracket

Consider Ktowne's current pattern of giving (to the right) & where you currently fall. If you can, **move up 1 giving bracket**

500+

Inspired by Ktowne's ministry, mission, move? Make a one-time **year-end or designated gift** towards our reserve, children, youth, music, service & justice, or more!

2025 PATTERNS OF GIVING

Donor Giving Brackets
(across all funds)

\$30,000-\$39,999 **2**

\$25,000-\$29,999 **0**

\$20,000-\$24,999 **2**

\$15,000-\$19,999 **1**

\$10,000-\$14,999 **2**

\$7,500-\$9,999 **2**

\$5,000-7,499 **4**

\$4,000-4,999 **4**

\$3,000-3,999 **1**

\$2,000-2,999 **7**

\$1,000-1,999 **9**

\$500-999 **10**

\$100-499 **15**

\$1-99 **11**

**TOTAL
INDIVIDUAL
DONORS 70**

2025 BY-THE-NUMBERS

47

pledges received

43

anticipated pledges fulfilled

37

recurring givers

\$507

avg. given monthly by recurring giver

\$4,408

avg. annual pledge