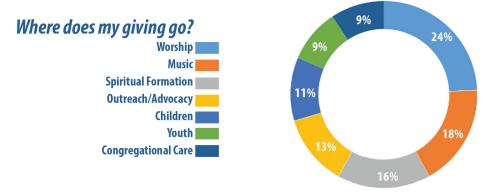


## Help our church thrive and grow in 2020.

Our church depends on the financial support of its members to carry out the ministries and programs that allow West End United Methodist Church to be the loving light of Christ, connecting, transforming.



Each and every gift to our church is appreciated. Help our church plan for the coming year by turning in an Estimate of Giving card by today, and when you do, please prayerfully consider increasing your investment in our church.

## **Faithful Giving Campaign Update**

2020 • 211 Estimates (as of 11/11/19) 2019 • 372 Estimates

Estimate of Giving cards available in the pew racks.

You can also make your Estimate of Giving online at westendumc.org/estimatenow.

## **West End UMC Discernment Team Commissioning**

On January 1, 2020, the Traditional Plan that passed at General Conference in February will take effect, with stricter penalties and stronger restrictions to prevent LGBTQ+ persons from being ordained or marrying in the church. As a congregation we have been clear in our welcome and affirmation of all people. Our next step is to be clear on how we proclaim that welcome in our community and how we respond to the upcoming changes in our Book of Discipline.

In order to name who we are and to listen for God's calling, we have pulled together a Discernment Team who will listen together to the congregation and to the Holy Spirit. As we commission this team today, we ask not only for your prayers but also for your input. Please reach out to any of these friends if you'd like to share where your heart is. The members of the team are: Kirby Davis, Marty Gentry, Trey Harrell, Haley Hendren, Jeff Howerton, Fern Richie, Sue Smith and myself. Thank you for your prayers, your trust and your support.

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon
Senior Pastor