

WAYS TO LEAN IN WITH FLORIS UMC



Engaging Engaged Deeply Engaged

PRAYERS	Start Simple: Plan to pray the Lord's Prayer once a day.	Join the Floris Prayer Team.	Develop a daily prayer discipline.
PRESENCE	Practice being present with your family, friends, and neighbors.	Worship regularly, "Whenever not prevented."*	Lean in to a "2nd-hour" group by participating in a life group or music ensemble.
GIFTS	Complete an Estimate of Giving card this year.	Commit to online recurring giving as a consistent giving practice.	Pursue or commit to an increase in giving (1-10%) based on your income.
SERVICE	Volunteer for one service opportunity 3 times in the next year.	Volunteer for one service opportunity monthly.	Commit to serving on a Ministry Team for 1-3 years.
WITNESS	Pray for someone in your life, and tell them that you did.	Identify one person or household to invite to church, and then invite them.	Commit to being present, advocating, or serving in the community to bear witness to your faith.

*This was how John Wesley (early Methodist founder) answered the question, "How often should I go to church?"

Ways you LEANED IN WITH FLORIS over the past year

**25** baptisms

**69** confirmations and new members

164 students and **232** children engaged with Floris

429 average **in-person** worshipers per week

326 average **online** worshipers per week



500 adults signed up for life groups

**Lx**fe Groups

More than **700** prayer requests received by our prayer team

**5,800** backpack meals packaged for children at three local elementary schools

100,000 Rise Against Hunger meals packaged by Floris volunteers and sent overseas



More than **\$350,000** to Christmas Eve Giving (over \$5.4 million since 2006!)

**880** people engaged in service opportunities

9 student and adult mission teams served locally, nationally, and internationally

**7** lay-led advocacy groups worked for social justice in our community and country



**5** years providing an inclusive place for young adults and children with disabilities through Access Ministries

Last Year's Engagement:

 **439** estimates of giving
\$6,225 average estimate of giving
307 online recurring giving schedules



LEARN IN with Floris

"As a member of this congregation will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your Prayers, your Presence, your Gifts, your Service, and your Witness? If so, say I will."

-the United Methodist Baptismal Covenant



FLORIS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Friends,

It's a new season at Floris UMC, and we're calling it "Lean In" season. Floris is a church that shows up, leans in, and pours out the gifts God has given us all. Fall is often a time when we're all "showing up" to a new school year, a new church year, and new or returning routines.

This year, we're inviting you to plan how you will lean in with Floris in mission and ministry by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. **We want to help you engage with Floris in the ways God is calling you in the 2026-2027 ministry year.**

Please, take a look at all the information, and join us on Sundays to learn more. Most of all, we're inviting you to pray. Listen for how God is calling you to lean in this year, and make sure to let us know by turning in an engagement card by October 11.

Our hope is that this invitation to lean in will bless your life so that, together, Floris UMC can be a blessing to God and to the world God so loves. We look forward to leaning in with you.

In Christ,
Pastors Drew, Barbara, Daniel, and Megan



STORIES OF ENGAGEMENT

PRAYERS

The prayers and support I have received from Floris have given me much more than comfort. They have strengthened my faith and helped me experience a deeper sense of peace. I have come to know more deeply that God loves me as a daughter, God is with me, and God holds me even in moments when I do not know what comes next.

–Lisseth Palacios



PRESENCE



Floris has helped us mature in our faith and walk out our Christian journey. Our pastors' focus on how Scripture applies to our lives caught our attention from the very beginning, and life groups and service opportunities at Floris have helped us to grow in fellowship and truly understand what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ.

–Steve and Tracie Lambakis

GIFTS

Being an active part of a faith community is important to us as a couple, and consistent with the values we want to pass along to our kids. To us, this means giving of our time, our talents, and our financial resources. It brings us joy to give in response to the blessings we have received!

–Barbara Hoopes and Steve Mutter



SERVICE



To be the humble hands and feet of Jesus is to be consistent in having compassion for others – even the smallest act of kindness reflects God's love. Serving is not only nourishment for my spirit, but someone's answered prayer, and a reminder that God is near.

–Hōkū Rillon

WITNESS

Being at Floris has energized and encouraged me to serve God in new ways. The pastors and study groups have helped me to learn a lot about Christianity and about life in general. My family has also found a community and an engaging environment for our children to learn about God.

–Hua Li



SPOTLIGHT ON GIVING

How To Give in Faith

What does the Bible recommend?

The traditional biblical way to give is to "tithe" (give 1/10th of your income), not out of compulsion, but out of praise and thanksgiving. If not a tithe, the Bible encourages giving proportional to your income.

Should I pray about it?

Yes! Pray about the needs of the church, your resources, and discuss it with your household or a friend in prayer.

Then what?

After you've prayed, make a plan and fill out an Engagement Card with your estimate of giving. This helps the church, but it is also a way to declare—to God and to the church—your plans to give.

What would a giving increase look like for me?

Your Current Annual Giving	Your Total 2027 Giving with an increase of...			
	5% Increase	10% Increase	\$20 more per week	\$100 more per month
\$100	\$105	\$110	\$1,140	\$1,300
\$500	\$525	\$550	\$1,540	\$1,700
\$1,000	\$1,050	\$1,100	\$2,040	\$2,200
\$5,000	\$5,250	\$5,500	\$6,040	\$6,200
\$10,000	\$10,500	\$11,000	\$11,040	\$11,200
\$15,000	\$15,750	\$16,500	\$16,040	\$16,200

Ready to LEAN IN?

Fill out your engagement card today!

