

February 20, 2017

Thank you for your financial support of St. Mark's. Once again we received very generous year end gifts. Unfortunately, our giving fell short of the estimated budget need. However, because the church operates within the gifts received throughout the year, there remained unspent dollars to help offset the shortfall, and we were able to meet all our financial obligations for 2016. We appreciate your faithfulness!

The finance committee met January 22nd to review 2017 budget options. So far this year, financial gifts are trending \$34,000 lower than 2016. Therefore, the finance committee will be recommending a budget for 2017 that reflects a lower level of giving. We will continue to monitor giving trends and keep you informed as the year progresses.

Thank you once again for all the ways you support our congregation. We will continue to do our best to encourage new members to give as well as encourage existing members to increase their giving as they are able. Please pray for us as we seek to lift up the light of Christ to our community and world.

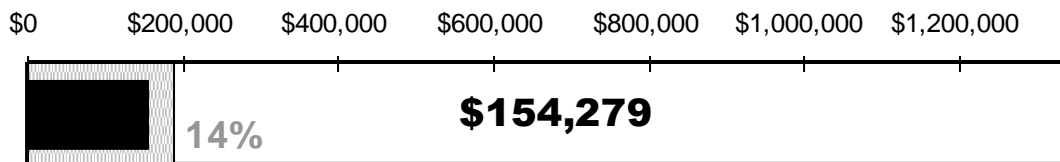
In His Service.



B. Fred Daniel

### Stewardship Summary

Our giving trend average is 14% or \$187,844 of our budgetary needs by the end of the month, yet as of February 19, our YTD giving is \$154,279.



We are grateful for your generosity in supporting the ministries of St. Mark's UMC all for Christ's glory!