

Village Church Family,

Thank you for giving to Village Church in 2018. Every dollar that you contribute to Village Church helps us to fulfill our mission to LOVE God, LIVE Community, and SERVE Others. "Finding Our Way Back to God, Together" is truly a team effort, and far from being a vision statement in name only, it is the purpose and process to which we have been called. Over the past few months we have seen in multiple ways God use the ministry of Village Church to impact the lives of those we are fortunate enough to have contact with. Village Church will be **7 years old on October 9**, which is a major milestone to be celebrated (most church plants don't survive past 5 years). We are very close to being completely self-sustaining, and we are asking for your support to help us close the gap.

It is in this spirit that our Leadership Team reaches out to you now. We are humbly asking that you would consider a financial contribution, over and above your regular giving, to help us close our budget shortfall for this year. In an effort to be as transparent as possible we want to make our needs known, and give our church family an opportunity to respond. **Over the next few weeks we will be initiating the GIVE 2018 Capital Campaign to raise \$25,000.** This dollar amount will accomplish a few very important things.

First, it will allow us to fulfill all of our existing financial commitments. This includes our facility costs, staff payroll, and recurring monthly bills, Village Church programming, as well as our charitable giving to church planting in WNY and around the world. Second, this capital campaign will help to replenish our cash reserves to help manage our cash flow for unexpected expenses or ministry opportunities that we would like to pursue. Lastly, this capital campaign will help position us to finish 2018 and enter 2019 in a strong and solvent position, so that Village Church can continue to grow and thrive for years to come.

Our Leadership Team has examined our budget, and we have tightened our belt on discretionary spending. We have also begun to see some of the proceeds from Three Stories Coffee Co. make an impact on our budget in a positive direction. The truth is, even with these cost cutting measures and additional revenue we are short of where we need to be. 2018 is the first calendar year that Village Church did not receive significant outside financial support, put more simply we are responsible for our own finances from this point forward. Your contributions to **GIVE 2018** help to make Village Church reach sustainability, and to extend our reach into WNY and beyond.

For more information or questions regarding GIVE 2018, the financial overview of Village Church, or to connect with our Leadership Team please feel free to email LeadershipTeam@villagechurchbflo.com

Thank you for your support of Village Church! On the next page are instructions for ways to give.

Humbly,



Jeremy Hazelton on behalf of
The Village Church Leadership Team

To make a financial contribution to Village Church you can use any of the methods listed below, all gifts are tax deductible and you will be furnished with a charitable giving statement at the close of the year for tax purposes.

1. **Checks payable to Village Church** (Please note GIVE 2018 in the memo line) may be mailed to:

Village Church
1 Symphony Circle
Buffalo NY 14201

2. **Online gifts** using ACH Debit or Credit Cards can be made by visiting:

<https://villagechurchbflo.churchcenter.com/giving/to/give-2018>

3. **Text to Give**

You can text **84321** to give any dollar amount.

(If it's your first time using this method you will be directed to setup a profile and giving method, select Village Church, and then going forward you can text any amount you'd like to give.)

4. **Offering Plates**

There is an opportunity to give at Village Church gatherings each week, offering plates are located on the communion tables at the front of the main room, and can be used at anytime during our Sunday Gatherings.