



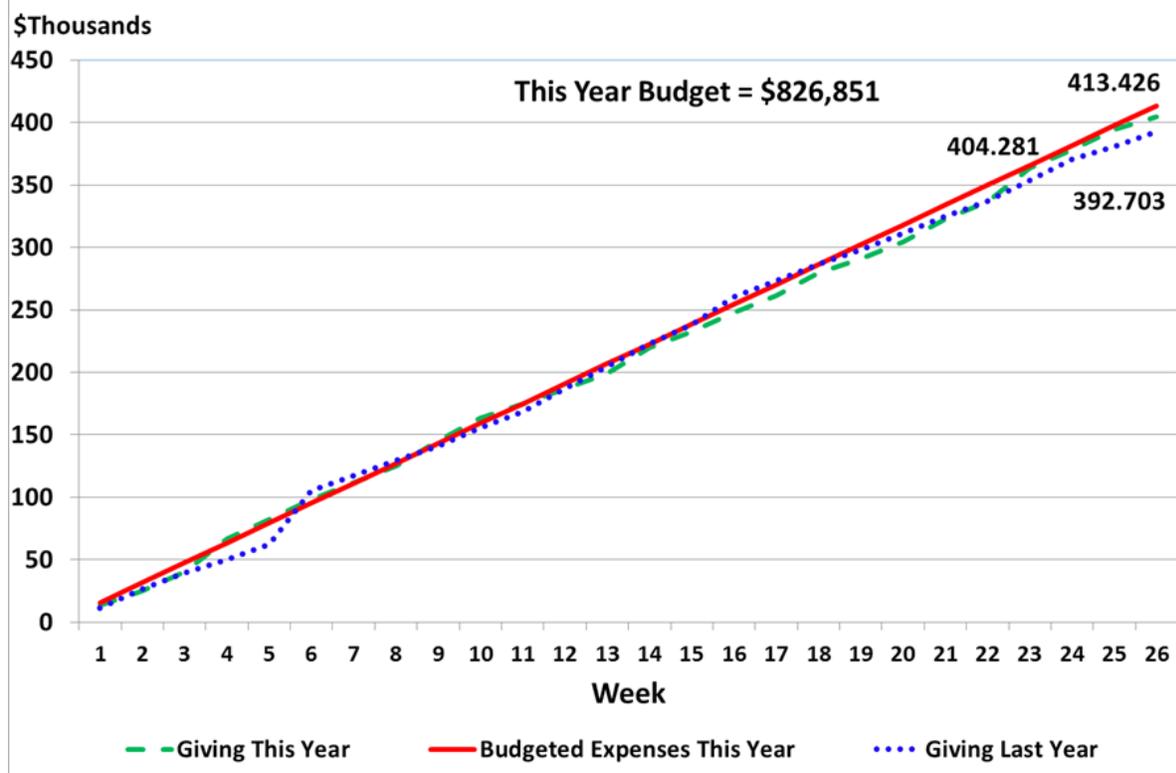
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## Stephen Ministry Training Continues

Nine Stephen Ministry trainees continue to meet weekly studying, discussing, experiencing, and practicing skills involved in sharing God's love and compassion with those who especially need these gifts. During the past four weeks they have: a) understood the difference between passive, assertive, and aggressive behavior as they gained skills that will help them both in relating with others and in affirming their own self-worth; b) learned about how to guard against being manipulated and how to recognize their own

tendencies to foster dependency by doing too much; c) studied what happens when a person goes through a crisis, and how caring Christian ministry can help turn a potential danger into an opportunity for growth; d) discovered the many and varied resources that exist in our community to help meet people's specific needs; and e) better understood that grief can be healthy, and to recognize and help people through the various stages of grieving.

## Waterford Mennonite Church Cumulative Total Giving



We are half way through the church fiscal year and have received \$404,281 in total giving. That is about 49% of budgeted expenses. Giving at the same time a year ago was \$392,703. Typically, giving to Waterford is strongest in the second half of the fiscal year. Over the past 5 years, giving during the second half of the year (November to April) has accounted for 55% of the total giving. If that trend continues we are well on our way to meeting the budget.

## Conversations that Matter

Our first “Conversations that Matter” session on Wednesday, October 25, was guided by Phil Thomas as we listened to each other share thoughts and feelings around immigration.



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### Next Conversations That Matter is Nov. 15

We had a very encouraging start to CTM on Oct. 25, with over 80 youth and adults present, discussing immigration. Round 2 is coming up on Wednesday evening Nov. 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary again. The topic this time will be “Miracles Today?” and it draws from a theological question often asked by our high school youth, “Do miracles still happen today?” If you were here at our last event, please encourage someone to come who didn’t make it last time.

