



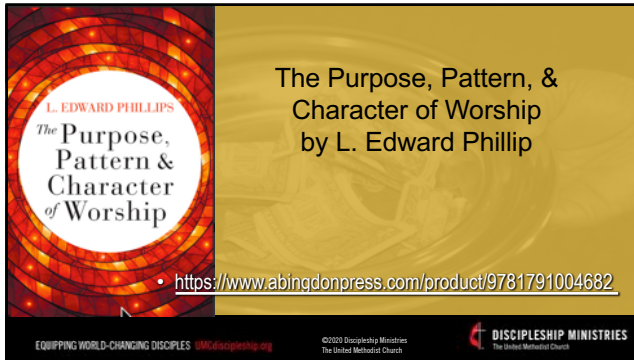
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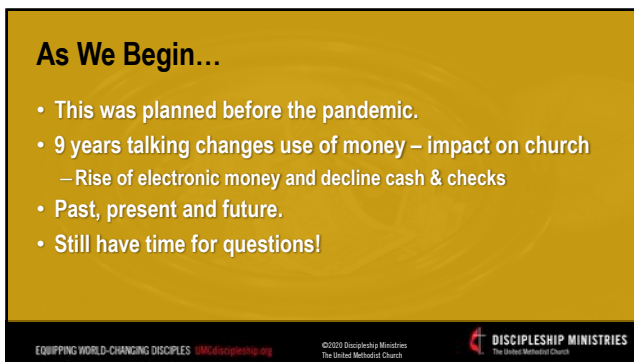
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Take a Closer look at Offering?

- ✓ Health concerns about passing plates?
- ✓ Meaning in plates that more often empty?
- ✓ What is the offering God wants from us?
- ✓ Is this the way we will fund ministry in future?



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In case you haven't noticed....



...we are in the midst
of an interruption of
**"the way we've always
done it."**

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**Attendance Envelope
ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Name

Member of Class

New Member of Class Visitor

S. S. Attendance Offering

On Time Lesson Preparation

Read Daily Notes Bible

Preaching Attendance

Mark (X) Points You Are Entitled to Credit on.

If You Fail to Register, Your Grade Will Be Lowered.

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A collection is distinct from an offering

1. Christians **collected** food (and probably money) as a regular part of the life of discipleship.
2. Christians used the ritual word **offering** for the Eucharist, and connected this with whole giving of their lives, including what they contributed to a collection of food and money.

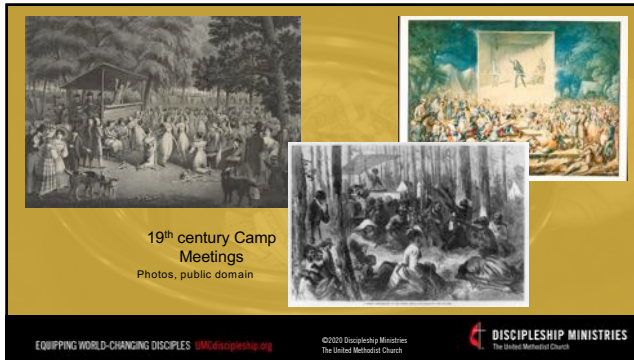
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Pew Rental Chart from First Methodist Episcopal Church Evanston, Illinois in 1913

From Evanston FUMC historical archives.

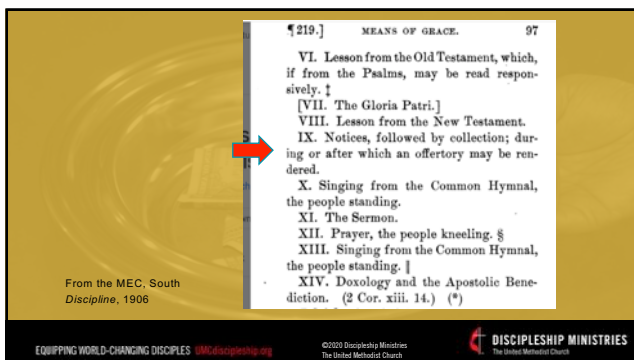
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"Worship in the **presentation** of tithes and offerings, during or after which an Offertory may be rendered."

The Doctrines and Disciplines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1920, par. 72.

"Here, when convenient, may be sung an anthem: the **offering** also being received and **reverently** brought to the Minister, the congregation meantime rising; and it should be placed upon the Table with singing or prayer."

The Doctrines and Disciplines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1932, par. 511.

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Here is a typical offering sequence in a Protestant worship bulletin:

Offering [The minister announces the offering with a standard line such as "Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord."]

Offertory [This may be a choral anthem. During the music, ushers come forward to receive the plates from the minister. They pass plates down pews moving toward the rear of the auditorium.]

Doxology [Congregation stands to sing as ushers process the plates to the front of the church and give the plates to the minister at the altar-table.]

Prayer of Dedication [The minister turns to the table, lifts the plates, and says a prayer]

WHY SHOULD A COLLECTION OF MONEY HAVE SO MUCH RITUAL?

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UM WORD AND TABLE I

"And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us..."

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