

“More Than We Can Imagine”

The 2018 UPC Stewardship Campaign

“Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” ~Ephesians 3:20-21

Stewardship season begins this month, an extraordinarily exciting time for University Presbyterian Church as we welcome Interim Pastor Margaret LaMotte Torrence. Margaret will help us discover anew our church’s many strengths and listen for the Holy Spirit to guide us as we are called.

“You are a community that has been extraordinarily blessed,” Margaret wrote to our congregation upon accepting the call to lead University Church. “That suggests to me that God expects a great deal from you.”



Our 2018 Stewardship theme—“More than we can imagine”—is an invitation to make ourselves available to God and then to witness how both blessing and call exceed what we can ask or dream.

Indeed, God has accomplished great things “by the power at work within us” at UPC. Our congregation shares abundantly its time and talent in support of UPC’s ministries—as ushers and greeters, choir and committee members, Sunday School teachers, youth advisors, local and global outreach volunteers, and in many other ways. We also share generously our treasure, as evidenced by three consecutive years of record stewardship in terms of total dollars pledged and by the successful completion of the Faith Forward and Legacy capital campaigns.

Now with two staff educators, UPC has not only strengthened programming, but also added an annual congregational retreat, Kirk Club, a Back to School worship service, and much more. Young Adult Gatherings and the Woman to Woman and the Men’s Breakfast discussion groups have returned. UPC’s efforts to sustain and increase local and global outreach allocations to organizations with which we have longstanding, personal connections have enriched ministries near and far. And Dunham Hall’s welcoming doors, classrooms, meeting spaces, choir rooms, and courtyard will open soon, and without debt.

This year’s stewardship campaign will kick off on Sunday, September 24. We invite you to pick up your labeled 2018 stewardship packet after worship that day or the following Sunday, October 1.

Stewardship season will culminate on Sunday, October 22, when we gather for our annual Dedication Sunday worship services.

2018 Stewardship Campaign Chairs: Kelli and Scott Smith, Karen and Brian Vandersea

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