



2018 Stewardship Campaign Update

Through mid-December, the total pledged for 2018 trails the pace at the same point in the 2017 stewardship campaign by \$76,729 and the 2016 campaign by \$111,580. “Our current trajectory will leave us well short of our projected budget requirements,” 2018 stewardship campaign co-chair Brian Vandersea told the congregation during the December 10 worship services.

He continued, “If we are to maintain the breadth of excellence of our church programs and the quality of the facilities we use daily, we will need to do more. If we are to continue our vital contributions to the local and global organizations who depend upon us, we will need to do more. If we are to provide our staff even basic cost of living raises in the coming year, we will need to do more.”

The Session meets on January 11 to work on UPC’s 2018 budget, which will be determined primarily by stewardship pledges received to date. The budget must be finalized in February, a month earlier than in prior years, due to PC(USA) Board of Pensions requirements.

“We are a very generous congregation,” Vandersea said. “Our financial support makes the scope and power of our programs and the impact of our local and global outreach possible. Our family has gained so much from worship–Vacation Bible School, participating in the youth choirs and their musical productions, Sunday school classes, the congregational retreats, PYC, adult Bible studies, and more. We are proud of our campus ministry program, the Appalachian Service Project, and the teacher training workshops in Haiti. Did you know that your dollars not only help provide food and housing for families here in Orange County through the IFC and Habitat for Humanity, but also provide assistance to refugees in Syria and lepers in Zambia?”

If you have not yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible. If you have already pledged, please consider increasing your pledge if you are able.

In order to pledge, you may:

1. Fill out a pledge card (located in the narthex) and place it in the offering plate on Sunday.
2. Email your pledge to the finance office (finance@upcch.org).
3. Mail your pledge to the church office (P.O. Box 509, Chapel Hill, NC 27514).
4. Visit the stewardship page of the church website at www.upcch.org/stewardship and pledge securely online.

The latest stewardship campaign updates are on the poster in the narthex and the UPC website. Thank you for your faithful and generous response to the 2018 stewardship campaign, **“More than we can imagine.”**

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

UPC Stewardship Committee: *Perry Aycok, Kirsten Barker, Jim Baxley, Don Hunter, Jay Klomp maker, Crowell Little, Daphne Little, Nancy Oates, Scott Singleton, Hank Waters, Ashley Wilson, John Wilson*