

Stewardship season is underway! Your 2019 stewardship packet, along with the stewardship reflections and sermons during worship throughout this four-week period, reminds us of God's call to faithful commitment. We are grateful for the many gifts of time, talent, and treasure that have built and nurtured UPC through the years.

In the fifteenth chapter of John, Jesus says to his disciples: "I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last . . ." We are a congregation committed to that mandate. We engage in mission both locally and globally because there are no limits to God's love; we invest in collegiate ministry believing that its seeds will be carried far and wide; we nurture the children and youth of this community because God has entrusted them to our care; we come together for worship because we cannot live out this faith alone.

At the heart of the stewardship packet is your pledge card. Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge, if you are able. This will be a pivotal year, as we anticipate welcoming a new pastor.

We hope you will join us in worship on Dedication Sunday, October 21, when we will bring our 2019 commitments forward in an act of stewardship and discipleship. If you are not able to join us on the 21st, we would be grateful to receive your pledge at your earliest convenience. The session begins its budget-planning in early January and is greatly helped by pledges that are received before that time.

For more information about University Presbyterian Church's 2018 stewardship campaign, including secure online pledging and giving, please visit <u>www.upcch.org/stewardship</u>. Thank you!

## 2018 Stewardship Campaign Chairs: Kelli and Scott Smith

UPC Stewardship Committee: Perry Aycock, Don Hunter, Jay Klompmaker, Daphne Little, Nancy Oates, Jenni Soccorso, Brian Vandersea, Karen Vandersea, Hank Waters, Ashley Wilson, and John Wilson.