



See what
Love
can do ... and **dare!**

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

“I have seen what Love can do...”

Whether traveling across town or spanning the globe, UPC members and ministry partners put hands and hearts to work, showing God’s love through their actions. They always return home with their faith deepened and wanting to do more. Your financial support is the lifeblood of these and many other ministries.



Betsy Bryan

“I feel like my faith is stronger when I am doing God’s work. The experience I had on the D.C. trip showed me what it is like to reach out to people in need the way God intended us to do.”

Morgan Jackson,
middle school service trip participant

“We held each other’s wobbly ladders and held each other’s hands in prayer. In daring to step out of our comfort zones, we learned that we can do things we had never dreamed of doing, that we have material comforts many of our neighbors could never dream of, and that although our houses may be different, our hearts are the same.”

Ashley Wilson,
Appalachia Service Project participant

“May we continue to walk together as we seek to be faithful to the one who announced the coming of God’s reign as good news for the impoverished.”

Karla Koll,
PC(USA) missionary to Costa Rica



Appalachia Service Project Team



“Our community of faith...

Growing faithful and joyous disciples of Christ is an essential mission of UPC. Through worship, music, education and fellowship, we are inspired and strengthened to carry the love of God with us, sharing it abundantly with all those He places in our paths.

...sustains.”

“I feel like I am in a constant discussion with God which soothes my soul and calms my nerves. It grounds me and helps me remember that God is control.” - **Betsy Edwards**

“During my 11 years as a Sunday School teacher and youth advisor, my own faith grew as I witnessed how UPC’s middle and high schoolers took time out of their busy schedules to help people in need, support each other, and worship God.”

- **Steve Kennedy**

...challenges.”

“Choir productions have given my kids the chance to risk something completely outside their comfort zone in a safe environment. They have also learned that they don’t have to be the most talented singer; by joining others in the praise of God, they become a part of something beautiful.” - **Christie Osborne**

“The church has provided me with an opportunity to discuss, share and critically think about my beliefs in an environment of acceptance, trust and friendship.”

- **Talmage Preyer**, confirmand

...comforts.”

“We feel the love of the community as we watch the thrilling involvement of the younger families, and enjoy the energy, joy and beauty they bring. The church and its communal support should strive to serve not only its members of all ages, but also the greater community, both local and throughout the world. Love is so evident at UPCCH. Let’s spread it around!”

- **Jim & Betsy Bryan**



Lily McCormick



Future UPC



leaders

What if we dared ...

... to **extend UPC** beyond our walls, using technology and live streaming our worship services to our home-bound members and the wider community? How many more people would hear God's words of love and grace?

... to **give scholarships** for participation in mission service trips? How would the world and our members be enriched by service?

... to **expand our clergy training** mission to include a two-year, paid residency program? What new ministries could be undertaken?

... to **form new connections between the generations** at UPC? How might our aging members benefit from relationships with younger generations, and vice versa? What could each learn?

... to **volunteer our time and talents** more widely in community organizations? How might that transform our community and our congregation?

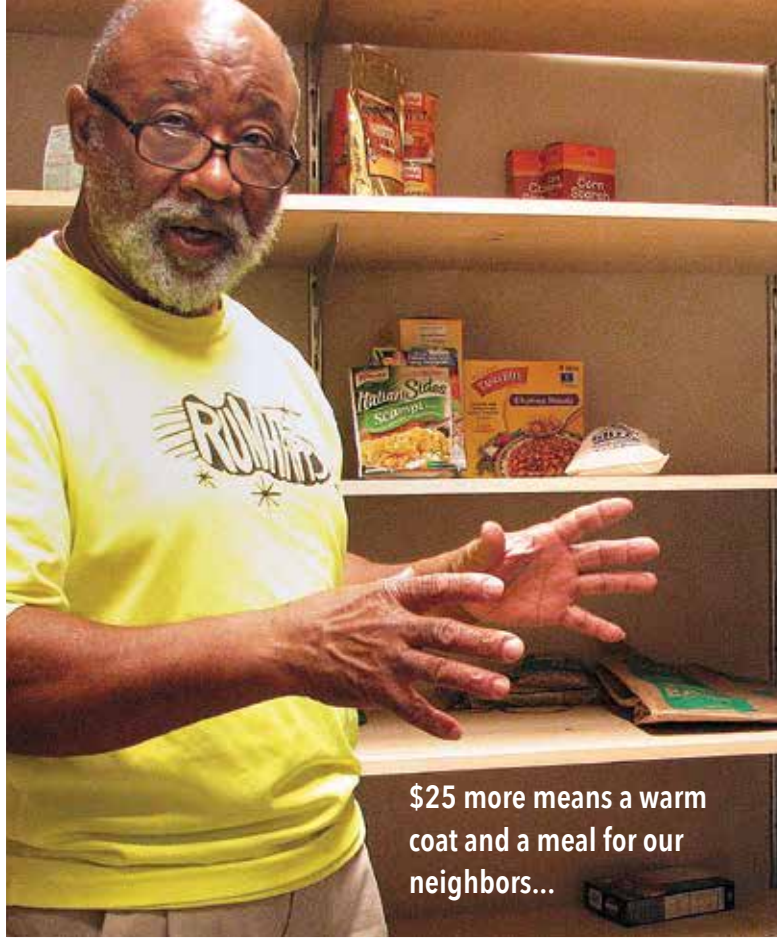
... to **build on the discussions on mental health** issues taking place in Adult Education and at PYC? How might we increase awareness, decrease stigma and learn how the church can respond and support those with mental health needs?

... to **partner with every new member**, quickly bringing them into the life of the church? How might each individual's faith journey be deepened? What impact would that have in this church and the larger world?

... to **increase our giving in support of PC(USA) missionaries** around the world? Some missionaries have been called back due to lack of funds, leaving impoverished and war-torn people without pastoral or teaching service. How many are going without the gift of hope and help that our missionaries so courageously share?



Service to those in need in Haiti



\$25 more means a warm coat and a meal for our neighbors...

Imagine what more can do ... and dare!



\$150 more means help to fund youth scholarships to attend Montreat and other trips...



\$250 more means a mission partner can buy water for their community...

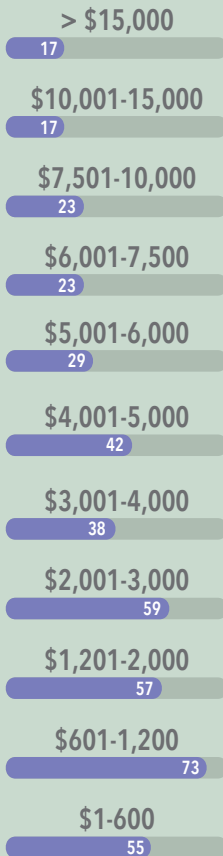
Do you dare?

UPC members accepted the challenge to move their stewardship to the next level during last year's campaign. For 2016, **61 percent of all pledges were either increased or new**, compared to 50 percent last year. The total pledged for 2016 increased almost nine percent over 2015.

Our congregation's generosity made possible much needed funding increases this year for Local and Global Outreach, Campus Ministry and staff salaries. With faith that UPC's stewardship will continue to grow, **the Session adopted a goal of increasing the allocation of UPC's annual budget to Outreach**, and thus our impact on lives in this community and around the world.

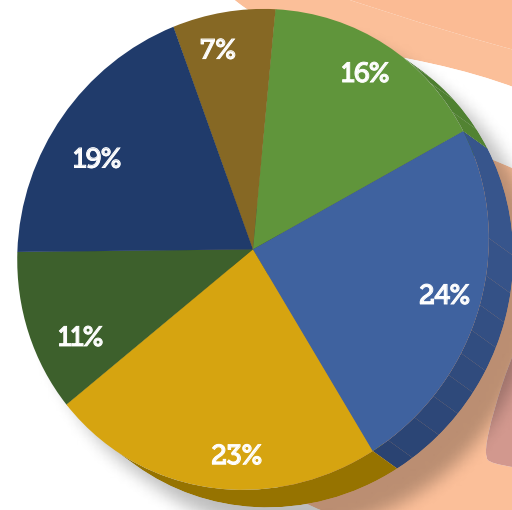
As thoughtful stewards of God's gifts, we are all asking ourselves what we see next for this community of faith. Can you push yourself to the next level of commitment? **Do you dare?**

Number of Pledges in each Giving Level



UPC's 2016 Operating Budget

The chart below reflects how we are funding each program area. Staff salaries are allocated proportionally to the ministries in which they are engaged.



16% Worship: pastoral leadership, music, choirs, nursery...

24% Education & Nurture: pastoral care, Bible studies, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Stephen Ministry, youth programs, membership...

23% Administration: staff, office equipment, technology, postage, phones...

11% Property: insurance, building and grounds maintenance...

19% Outreach: local and global, campus ministry...

7% PC(USA): support and mission...

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