



More than we can imagine

STEWARDSHIP 2018

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





UPC youth and adults volunteer at TABLE, a nonprofit providing healthy, emergency food aid every week to hungry children in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

“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

GROUNDING IN LOVE

The love of Jesus Christ extends down the street and around the world through UPC members and ministry partners. Consistent, generous funding of agencies such as the Inter-Faith Council and Habitat for Humanity enables **Local Outreach** to impact the lives of our neighbors. Support for our mission partners in Central America, Haiti, the West Bank, Syria, Africa, India, Thailand and Vietnam allows **Global Outreach** to touch lives around the globe. Following a bold Session resolution in February, UPC welcomes refugees and immigrants into our community as part of the PC(USA) awareness campaign, “**We Choose Welcome.**”





UPC Mental Health Task Force members helped the Faith Connections on Mental Illness team raise funds at a recent NAMI Walk for Mental Health.

CARING FOR ALL

UPC's **Stephen Ministry** and **Mental Health Task Force** expand services to our hurting brothers and sisters. In 25 years, UPC has trained over 100 Stephen Ministers to provide one-to-one spiritual care by listening, encouraging and praying with members facing hardships. UPC is living into its pledge to be a WISE (welcoming, inclusive, supportive and engaged) congregation for mental health through adult Sunday School classes, youth and family programs, resource and referral information, and partnerships with Faith Connections on Mental Illness and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).



The breadth of God's grace is
more than we can imagine.



God's gift of community is
more than we can imagine.



Almost 100 children and over 80 volunteers gathered at Camp New Hope for Vacation Bible School in June. Through storytelling, crafts, music, service and recreation, participants explored the theme, "Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed."

"The community-building aspect of the retreat, binding us together as a multigenerational family, was exceptional. We accomplished more in 36 hours in that regard than we had in the previous many years."
– a UPC congregational retreat participant

GROWING TOGETHER

UPC's education programming gives children, youth and adults space to examine questions of faith and to nurture a deeper relationship with God. **Sunday School** classes, **Godly Play**, **Bible studies**, **Presbyterian Women circles**, and **Vacation Bible School** provide regular opportunities for faith formation for God's children of all ages. With two staff educators, UPC now offers annual **congregational retreats**, **Kirk Club**, and a **Back to School worship service**. Our **Young Adult Gatherings**, **Woman to Woman** and **Men's Breakfast** discussion groups are thriving.



Adults serve as Sunday School teachers for all ages and as Confirmation mentors for youth. Through teaching and learning, the Spirit binds us together as a church family, and God's story is shared and lived.

“TO GOD BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH...”

Thoughtful sermons and exquisite music touch our hearts and minds in worship. The **Chancel Choir** provides inspired music throughout the liturgical calendar, with a repertoire that spans seven centuries. The **Youth, Junior** and **Children's Choirs** add joy to worship and present outstanding musical productions each year. June 2017 marked the 30th summer that UPC choirs have attended the **Montreat Worship and Music Conference**.

“...AND IN CHRIST JESUS TO ALL GENERATIONS.”

Meaningful relationships for youth with both peers and adults are key in helping develop their faith. UPC's **Presbyterian Youth Connection** has a renewed focus this year on helping youth learn to be a better friend in Christ, while adult youth advisors and small group leaders demonstrate the importance of intergenerational relationships in the life of the church. UPC hosts and supports **Presbyterian Campus Ministry**, a thriving program where UNC students grow in their faith and often continue to spread the Good News upon graduation.



The peace and love of Jesus Christ is
more than we can imagine.



God's promise to us is
more than we can imagine.



"It will be our privilege together to consider the particular shape of the blessing you know, and listen for the ways that God may be calling you to inhabit that blessing in the world."

– Rev. Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Dunham Hall will greatly enhance UPC's outstanding education and music programs with new multipurpose rooms for classroom and meeting space, dedicated choir and robing rooms, a Rosemary Street courtyard and a welcoming entry from Robertson Lane.

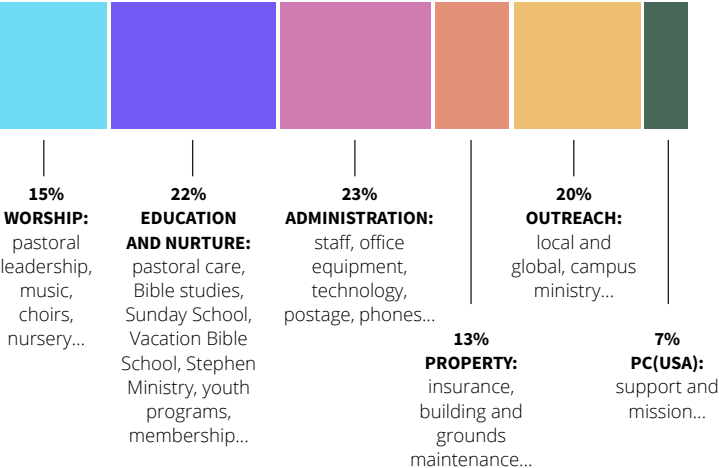
POWERFUL PROMISE

We are grateful beyond measure to dedicate **Dunham Hall** to the Glory of God and in appreciation of the 26-year ministry of Bob and Marla Dunham. Thanks to your generosity, this debt-free expansion increases our capacity to serve our congregation, community and beyond. As we welcome new Interim Pastor and Head of Staff Margaret LaMotte Torrence to lead us through this period of introspection and expectation, we strive to imagine what the Lord has prepared for us.

THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US Each of the past three years has seen record generosity at UPC, as measured by total pledged dollars, sending a powerful message about our stewardship, our faith and the strength of our church.

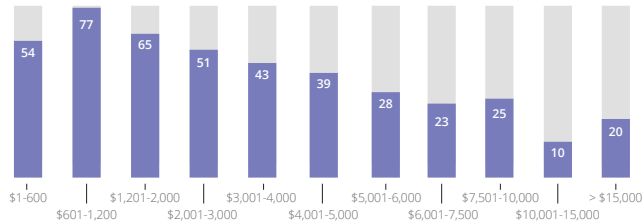
UPC'S 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

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



NUMBER OF PLEDGES BY GIVING LEVEL FOR 2017

Will you join 49 of your fellow UPC members who moved up one level last year?



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE Perry Aycock, Kirsten Barker, Jim Baxley, Don Hunter, Jay Klompmaker, Crowell Little, Daphne Little, Nancy Oates, Scott Singleton, Kelli Smith, Scott Smith, Brian Vandersea, Karen Vandersea, Hank Waters, Ashley Wilson and John Wilson

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