



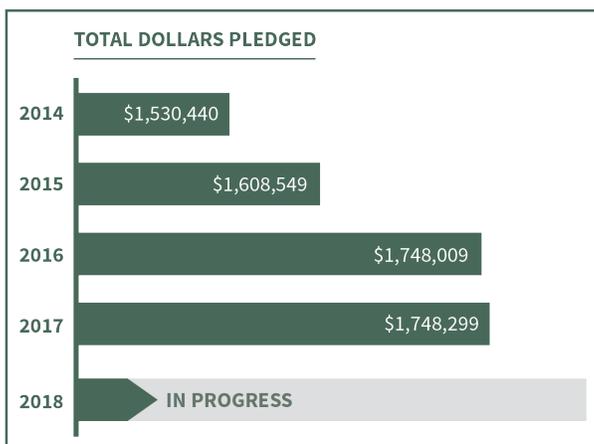
Stewardship season is underway! Your 2018 stewardship packet, along with the stewardship “moments” and sermons during worship throughout this four-week period, convey an invitation to recognize that God’s blessing and call are **“More than we can imagine.”**

We encourage all who were unable to pick up their stewardship packet after worship on September 24, to do so October 1. Picking up your packet in person will save UPC the cost of mailing it to you.

At the heart of the stewardship packet is your pledge card. Please consider it prayerfully and bring it to a Dedication Sunday worship service on October 22, conveying your generous financial pledge to God’s church for 2018.

Pledging during our annual stewardship campaign is always important, and especially so during this time of transition at University Presbyterian Church. Pledging is a commitment in response to God’s call and abundance in our lives to make a financial contribution to support our church’s mission and ministry. It is evidence that we put God first, and reaffirms that living out the call to be a disciple of Christ is a priority in our lives. Pledging is both a spiritual decision and a spiritual discipline, enabling us to be regular and intentional in our offering. Our giving is planned—and from our first fruits—rather than from what is left over.

Formal commitments help University Church plan for its many missions in the coming year, including our remarkable education, music and youth programs, and our effective local and global outreach ministries. **This winter, Session must set the church’s 2018 budget a full month earlier than in prior years in order to provide financial information to the PC(USA) Board of Pensions within the required time frame. Therefore, please make every effort to pledge during worship on Dedication Sunday, October 22, or as soon as possible thereafter.**



We are immensely grateful for the many gifts of time, talent and treasure that have built and nourished UPC through the years. The strength of our stewardship, our church, and our faith is reflected in the record generosity during each of our past three stewardship campaigns in terms of total dollars pledged. What a powerful message we send with this expression of our discipleship!

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

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

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