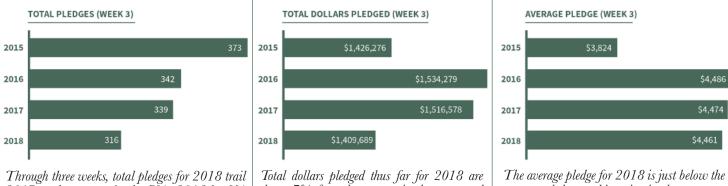


2018 Stewardship Campaign Trailing Previous Years (So Far!)

After a strong start to the 2018 stewardship campaign, the total number of pledges and dollars pledged for 2018 have now fallen behind the pace of each of the previous three years' campaigns.

Below are results through November 15, just over three weeks after Dedication Sunday:



2017 at the same point by 7%, 2016 by 8% and 2015 by 15%. The 2017 campaign concluded with 433 pledges. Total dollars pledged thus far for 2018 are down 7% from the same point last year and down 8% from two years ago. The 2017 campaign concluded with \$1,748,299 pledged.

The average pledge for 2018 is just below the average pledge at this point in the past two stewardship campaigns.

"This is a pivotal time in the life of University Presbyterian Church," Margaret wrote the congregation last month on behalf of the Stewardship committee. "To express commitment to a community during an interim season is an act of faithfulness and hope, which witnesses to the covenant love in which we dwell. Such dedication affirms that a church is not defined by its pastoral leadership, but by its trust in God's provision and its willingness to serve God in all circumstances."

If you haven't yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible so the Session can set the 2018 church budget and plan ministry and mission for the coming year. If you have already pledged for 2018 and feel you can increase your pledge, please do not hesitate to contact the church office.

Please remember that Session must 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 timeframe.

In order to pledge, you may:

- 1. Fill out a pledge card (located in the narthex and in the church office) and place it in the offering plate on Sunday.
- 2. Email your pledge to the finance office (<u>finance@upcch.org</u>).
- 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 <u>www.upcch.org/stewardship</u> and pledge securely online.

Thank you!

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