



"For all that has been, thanks..."

So begins the famous quote from former U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, which offers us an invitation to pause and reflect upon the past before looking toward the future. Even in the midst of a difficult year, we give thanks for the way God was still at work among us at UPC.

When you consider all that has been, what are your highlights?

Here are just a few things that some of you noted:

Small Groups

"Even on Zoom I looked forward to being together with old and new UPC friends, including two precious babies. **We connected our perspectives** from various careers, past churches, and stages of life to each week's worship, **applying whatever we were studying to the way we were all experiencing life in a strange time.** Faith development? Community building? I experienced both by way of Small Group 19."

-Lisa Lord



Online Worship

"Anne & I had been in Chapel Hill (and UPC) only 8 months when everything closed down. We are so thankful that recorded services were available online to help us **continue to feel connected.** Thanks to all concerned for their considerable efforts to make that available. **God has richly blessed us.**"

-John D. Wilson

Pentecost Picnic

"The Pentecost picnic in May provided us the opportunity to worship, play and reconnect with friends — both old and new. **The time we spent together was simply a gift** as we engaged on a personal level with people we love. I will forever have very fond memories of that day because of **the hope of the future it provided to our family.**"

-Martha Aldridge



Returning to the Sanctuary

"It was lovely to be **back in our beautiful sanctuary** and hear the music in person, but the most wonderful part of returning was hearing your voices around me during the worship service — **it felt like a warm and welcoming hug.**"

-Mary Ellen Olson

"...For all that is to come, yes!"

Out of gratitude for what has been, we also look to the future. While we cannot predict exactly what 2022 will hold, here is what we're hopeful about in the year to come:

Making Music Together

Choirs are back for all ages! We have plans to expand our musical offerings via more concerts and events, allowing us to **enjoy live music together** once again. We're also looking forward to how our Choral Scholar Program will continue to enhance our worship offerings each week.



Traveling Together

We are hopeful that in 2022 we will be able to resume **trips for all ages** — from Montreat Music & Worship Conference to High School Sabbath to the congregational retreat at Montreat. (Can you tell we've missed going to Montreat?)

Life Together

After so much time spent physically apart, what we are most excited about is **just being together**: in worship, in Sunday School and small groups, in fellowship, in service. The Christian faith is meant to be lived out in community, and while we give thanks for the technology that kept us connected, **we look forward to re-engaging church life together in person** (in whatever form it may take in 2022).



We are hopeful about what is to come, and know that, together, we can continue to be church in many different ways.

Your pledge of financial support will help us as we plan for 2022 (and beyond).

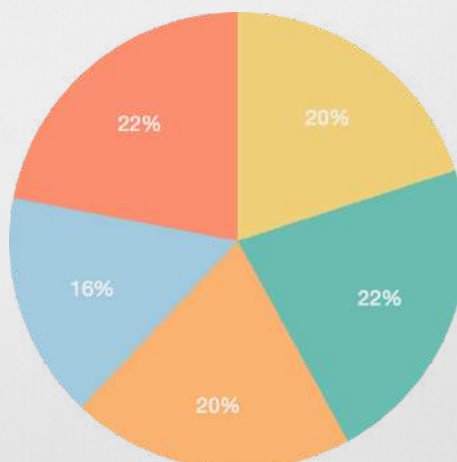


2022 Pledge Goal: \$1,800,000

2021 Budget Breakdown

Your giving supports the ministry of UPC in so many ways! Here's how we are funding each program area; staff salaries are allocated proportionally to the ministries in which they are engaged.

- Worship: 20%
- Education & Nurture: 22%
- Administration: 20%
- Property: 16%
- Outreach (includes PCUSA giving): 22%



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- Fill out the enclosed card and
- 1.) Mail it in, or
 - 2.) Bring it with you to worship on October 24, or
 - 3.) Visit upcch.org/stewardship to learn how to pledge online.

