

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER!

September is the start of the new church year as well as all those other activities that seem to center on an academic calendar. But the **Be Boldly Bountiful** capital campaign will finish up on October 1 with a bang.

We plan to spend the month of September celebrating the generosity of spirit alive in our congregation. On Welcome Back Sunday, September 10, our Education and Faith Formation program will host an ice cream social after the 10:00 am service. There will be a new parody of a Dr. Seuss poem that promises to be fun for all. Youth choirs will perform. The Chancel Choir will add their outstanding special music to our Sunday worship. There will be heartfelt testimonials and performances from members of the congregation. We hope you will join us for all the celebrations. If you haven't made your commitment to the Capital Campaign yet, bring your Letter of Commitment with you and drop it in the collection basket. Last, but not least, we hope you'll join us on October 1 for a joyous Fellowship Hour after the 10:00 am service.

Giving to Community Church of Durham: Three Opportunities

The financial wellbeing of our church is central to our mission. How we support our exciting ministries, what this campus looks like, and how our space is arranged will shape our ministry and mission for years to come. Your financial support is crucial to the purpose and impact of our church community.

There are three different ways people can contribute. They are:

- The Annual Stewardship Campaign
- The Capital Campaign
- Planned Giving.

Annual Stewardship

Stewardship is the regular practice of returning to God a portion of all that God has given to us. It is simply the act of being a steward, guided by grace, not guilt. Each fall, we are asked to discern what our personal, annual stewardship pledge can be for the following year. Our Stewardship ministry then uses these pledges to determine the church's operating budget for the next year to support staffing and programs. In addition to sustaining and expanding the mission and ministry of our church, a portion of this giving goes to fund the mission and ministry of the national UCC.

This year's annual stewardship drive, "***Because of YOU our church changes lives.***", will be led by Mary Jane and Hugh Tyler, Jennifer Elliot, and Anne Kimball. It will begin after the Capital Campaign ends October 15.

Capital Campaign

Unlike our annual stewardship program, our Capital Campaign is a once-in-every-twenty-five-years opportunity to raise an offering above and beyond regular giving. These dollars are typically used for large construction or rehabilitation of buildings. Our

capital campaign, “**Be Boldly Bountiful!**” is raising funds to support multiple projects that will sustain and enhance our campus and will allow us to support our Immigration mission.

Planned Giving

A third way to give is **Planned Giving**, a way to remember the Church in your will. It can take the form of a bequest from one’s estate, a gift of property, or a more complex giving arrangement such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. If you would like to remember our Church in your will, please contact Bryn Burns ((brynb07@comcast.net) who is leading this initiative.

Whatever you can give, give it with joy!