Are There Really Three Avenues for Giving to Our Church?

The financial wellbeing of our church communicates 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! Our financial support is crucial to our purpose and impact!

There are three different ways people can contribute to our mission and we each have unique financial situations to take into consideration.

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 Ann Kimball. It will begin October 15th after the Capital Campaign ends.

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!

Bryn Burns