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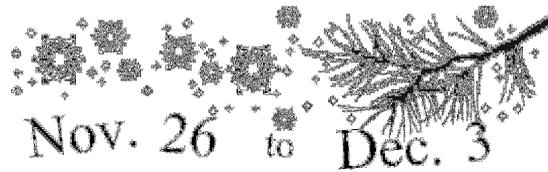
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Sunday, November 26 - Giving Tree Goes Up

8:45 & 11 am Worship - Sanctuary
9 am Children's Choir - Music Room
10 am Celebration of Church Year -
Fellowship Hall

10 am Youth Classes - Downstairs
10 am Interested Persons Gathering - Room 229
11:15 am La Mesa - Assembly Hall
12:30 pm Youth Choir - Music Room

Monday, November 27

12 pm Monday Noon Book Group - Library
6 pm Bronze Voices - Music Room
7:15 pm Chancel Bells - Music Room
7:15 pm Women's Group - Library

Tuesday, November 28

7 pm Church Council

Wednesday, November 29

7 am Bible Study - Library

Thursday, November 30

7 pm Water Warriors Screening - Assembly Hall
7:30 pm Church Council - Music Room

Friday, December 1

9:15 am Yoga - Fellowship Hall
11 am Meditation Group - Library

Saturday, December 2

9 am "In Silence, Stillness" Advent Retreat

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday in Advent

8:45 & 11 am Worship - Sanctuary
9 am Children's Choir - Music Room
10 am Advent Wreaths - Fellowship Hall
10 am Adult Sunday School classes

For adults:

Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
Sacred Conversation on Race - Room 235
Spiritual Growth - Conference Room
Faith and Family - Family Parlor
Young Adults - Room 229

11 am Children's Ministry - Conference Room
11:15 am La Mesa - Assembly Hall
12:30 pm Youth Choir - Music Room
2 pm Ambassadors Rehearsal - Assembly Hall



United Church of Chapel Hill
A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

This Week - November 26, 2017 GOD IS STILL SPEAKING,

Today at United Church

WORSHIP

8:45 and 11 am - Reverend Nick Carter preach-
ing. Music 8:45 Karen Choir; 11:00 Chancel
Choir; United Church String Ensemble; 11:15 La
Mesa

GIVING TREE IS UP TODAY

See page 10 for more information.

CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH YEAR

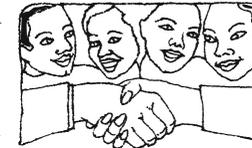
(10 am, Fellowship Hall)

Sponsored by the Boards of Children's Ministries
and Adult Education ministry. Inter-generational
crafts and celebrations of our church year.

INTERESTED PERSONS GATHERING

(10 am, Room 229)

If you are new to the church
or a long time visitor, we
would like to get to know
you. Please join us for this
informal Q&A time to learn
more about United Church,
our history, ministry and
programs.



Get to know us!

SACRED CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

(10 am, Room 235)

SCOR will be joined by representatives of the Open
and Affirming group to brainstorm ways in which
our Racial Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation Cove-
nant can be further integrated into our church's
LGBTQ ministry. Everyone is welcome to join the
conversation, whether to learn, to contribute, or
both. We'd love to hear your ideas!

Similar brainstorming conversations will be held
with Earth Ministries (Dec. 3) and the Deacons/
Music (Dec. 17).

***"Silently, how silently, the
wondrous gift is given."***

In 1868 Rev. Phillips Brooks wrote a Christmas
carol for the Sunday school children in his church.
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" has become one of
the most beloved of all carols. The third verse says,

*How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.*

The "wondrous gift" is given silently.

At United Church we
have adopted this
beautiful idea this
year as our Advent
theme. The many
demands of the holiday
season can push us to
feel challenged and
stressed at a time of
year that ought to be
peaceful and joyful. We need to remind ourselves
that the essence of Advent and Christmas is best
expressed in the divine love that centuries ago came
to us in a baby born in the stillness of the night in an
unknown place to unknown parents.



There are many delightful ways to share the expect-
ation, joy and wonder of Christmas. But through a
willingness to take time to pause in silence in the
midst of all we do exercises our divine capacity of
spiritual discernment. It can give greater meaning to
each of these activities and help us discover God's
wondrous gift again and again throughout the sea-
son.

Reverend Cameron Barr to be our Senior Pastor!

Sunday, November 19, 2017, was a momentous day for United Church of Chapel Hill. The congregation enthusiastically and joyfully called Reverend Cameron Barr as our next Senior Pastor. Reverend Barr's calling is the culmination of a formal search process that began in October 2016 and ended in joyful proclamation on yesterday afternoon.

Reverend Barr will arrive at UCCH in March, and expects to preach his first sermon as our Senior Pastor on March 11, 2018. Please pray for Cameron and his partner Jackson as they bid farewell to Grinnell, Iowa, and transition to our community, as well as prayers for the community of Grinnell UCC as they begin their transition process to call their new pastor.

Thanksgiving and unending gratitude to our Search Committee who fulfilled God's promise of walking with us to new leadership at United Church: Dennis Pagano, chair, Bill Crittenden, chaplain, Karen Demby, Jenna Kolling, Jill McArdle, clerk, Dan Vermeer, and Barbara Wildemuth, Their dedication, faith and long hours have brought us to this historic point in the life of our church. Many thanks.

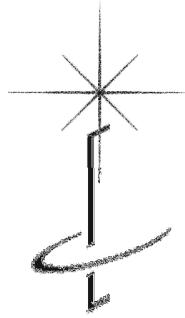
Your moderators,
Alecia Brower and Gaylen Brubaker

In Silent Stillness:

A Contemplative Advent Retreat

**Saturday, December 2
9 am to 12**

**Beginning in the Sanctuary
Ending in Assembly Hall**



Advent is a season of faithful waiting, a time when we prepare our hearts to receive the gift of Christ's birth. Yet with the many demands on our lives and the noise of consumer messages about Christmas surrounding us, it is often hard to tend to our deepest spiritual longings.

To support you as we enter into this poignant moment in the church year, the Board of Adult Education invites UCCH members and friends to pause for quiet prayer on the morning before Advent begins.

The forms of contemplative prayer we'll practice and explore together include silence, written reflection based on an Advent version of the *Iganatian examen*, walking an indoor labyrinth, and praying with images of the Madonna and Holy Family.

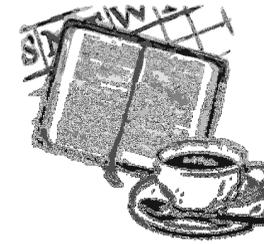
Don't worry, there will be time to talk, too, and light snacks will be offered.

Childcare will be available upon request.

Please register by email:
Susan Steinberg:
ssteinberg@unitedchurch.org.

Led by Susan Steinberg and Nancy Jones

On Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8 am in the church library, join our Bible Study Group to read and reflect on Sunday's Bible texts.



To be discussed on Wed., November 29 **Dec. 3 1st Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37
Jesus warns his followers to be alert for the sudden coming of God's kingdom.

To be discussed on Wed., December 6 **Dec. 10 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8
John the Baptist appears in the wilderness proclaiming a message of repentance.

To be discussed on Wed., December 13 **Dec. 17 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28
John the Baptist describes his ministry as one of preparation for God's Messiah.

To be discussed on Wed., December 20 **Dec. 24 4th Sunday of Advent**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:47-55
Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38
The angel Gabriel announces the birth of Jesus to Mary.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97
Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

All prepare for the baby.

It's early, but we make the coffee. (We can also make tea.) Hope you'll join us!



From the UCCH Library

For additional perspectives on today's readings and other readings from the lectionary, check out the following:

- Wright, N.T. The story of Jesus as the story of Israel's God. In *How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels*, p83-104. 226.6 Wri H
- McKenna, M. Ezekiel: The seer of visions. In *Prophet: Words of Fire*, p157-175. 224.6 McK P
- Brueggemann, W. The book of Ezekiel. In *An Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination*, p191-207. 221.6 Bru I
- Linn, D., Linn, S.F., & Linn, M. We're all good goats. In *Good Goats: Healing Our Image of God*, p49. 231 Lin G
- Garland, D.E. Judgment is coming. In *Reading Matthew: A Literary and Theological Commentary*, p239-249. 226.7 Gar R
- Norris, K. Judgment. In *Aazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*, p316-317. 230 Nor A
- Miles, S. Feeding. In *Jesus Freak: Feeding, Healing, Raising the Dead*, p21-62. 920 Mil J
- Pineda, A.M. Hospitality. In *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People*, p29-42. 248.4 Pra
- Shelp, E.E., & Sunderland, R.H. Congregational caregiving. In *Sustaining Presence: A Model of Caring by People of Faith*, p11-29. 253 She S
- Hobgood, M.E. An economic ethics of right relationship. In *Dismantling Privilege: An Ethics of Accountability*, p66-110. 305.5 Hob D

A library volunteer, will be available between Sunday services, to assist you in finding these and other items of interest. Come visit the library!

The Giving Tree Going Up November 26



The Board of Children's Ministries is again sponsoring the Giving Tree to help bring Christmas to those in need. Gift recipients include four different groups: First in Families, Seawell Elementary School children; members of Fisher Memorial United Holy Church (our partners in United Voices of Praise); and Karen families.

FAQ's about the Giving Tree

How does the Giving Tree work?

- Children, youth and adults are invited to take an ornament
- Write your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet next to the tree, so we may identify incoming gift(s) and know who to contact.
- Select a few items from the Giving Tree ornament
- Purchase the items
- And wrap the gift(s) and return gift(s) to the Giving Tree.

What are the dates to return them to the Giving Tree?

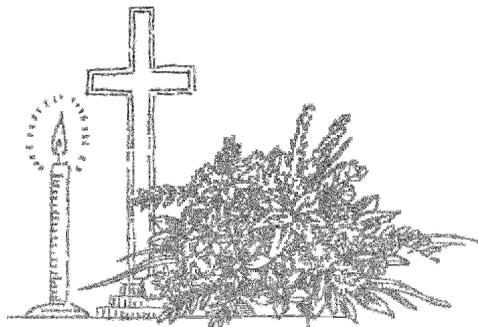
- All gift(s) need to be returned to the Giving Tree by **Sunday, December 10.**

Are there any special instructions?

- Please attach the Giving Tree ornament securely to the gifts.
- If you have more than one gift, please be sure the gifts are firmly attached and labeled.
- If you purchase a gift card, please wrap it in a small box or container, as envelopes often get lost.

Who shall I contact if I have more information?

- Anitra Grove, agrove@unitedchurch.org
- Lisa Wruck, lisa.wruck@duke.edu



2018 FLOWER CALENDAR SIGN-UP OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

Do any of these days have special meaning for you?

- March 11
- May 20 & 27
- July 1, 15, 22, & 29
- August 5 & 12
- September 2
- November 4, 11 & 18

A friend/family birthday? An anniversary? The passing of a friend or family member to honor.

If so, consider volunteering to provide the flowers for the church altar that enrich our Sunday worship. We have 23 Sundays in 2018 to fill with flowers for our altar.

Volunteers sign-up on the 2018 Flower Calendar, outside the church library. You will get a reminder closer to the date you choose, with options for providing flowers.

Advent is coming!

DECEMBER 3 First Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship

Reverend Susan Steinberg preaching. Music: Children's Choir, Chancel Choir and Bronze Voices. Lighting the Advent candle. La Mesa 11:15 am– Reverend David Mateo preaching.

Advent Wreath Making Workshop (10 am)

Advent wreath-making for everyone in Fellowship Hall. *Sponsored by the Board of Children's Ministries, open to all!*

Friends - If you have wreath molds from previous years, please bring them to the church or with you to make a wreath this year. Thank you!

United Church Advent Devotional Booklet Available December 3

Written with love and devotion by members of your church family, the 2017 Advent Devotional booklet will be available Sunday, December 3 for you to pick up in the Narthex.

In the pages of this booklet, you will find your fellow UCCH members reflecting on the meaning of various scriptures and sharing their insight into this season of Advent.

DECEMBER 10- Second Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship

Reverend Nick Carter preaching Music: Youth Choir, Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells. Lighting the Advent candle. La Mesa 11:15 am– Reverend David Mateo preaching.

Youth event: Annual Youth Christmas Party & Brunch (11 am - 12 pm)

Middle and high school youth will gather in the Youth Wing downstairs at 11 am on Sunday December 10th for our annual Christmas party.

New this year: donation pool by vote! Bring a small donation if you can (up to \$5). We will pool our money together and donate it to an organization of YOUR choice, based on discussion and majority vote. We'll set up a brunch spread in the renovated downstairs kitchen, and will eat together in the Youth Lounge while listening to Christmas music.

The Youth Program will provide bagels and juice ~ if you can, please plan to contribute additional brunch dishes. It will be a lovely morning of food, fellowship and giving in celebration of this holy season.

Taizé Advent Service (7 pm)

Taizé is a style of Christian worship that originated in Taizé, France, some 75 years ago. It is woven with Christian song and chants, interspersed with prayerful silence, scripture reading, more song, more prayer, and more silence. The effect is profound and takes one deeper, beyond intellect, into the very heart of worship. Be prepared to walk away from the experience refreshed, renewed, and at peace. You will find that Taizé worship will satisfy the longing of your heart to be filled with God's presence.

DECEMBER 17 Third Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship

Reverend Susan Steinberg preaching. Music: Chamber Singers. Lighting the Advent candle. La Mesa 11:15 am– Reverend David Mateo preaching.

Cookies for the Community (10 am, Fellowship Hall)

The Board of Children's Ministries invites all households to bring two dozen or more undecorated sugar cookies to church. We'll provide the icing and sprinkles. We'll share our finished creations with residents of Project Homestart, the IFC Community Kitchen and Charles House.



Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols (4:30 pm)

Music: Children's, Youth and Chancel Choirs, and Bronze Voices Handbell Choir with flute, piano and organ. Traditional and new carols will highlight Christ's Peace coming into our world.

Hear the Christmas story told in word and song in this traditional worship service, first celebrated in Cornwall, England, on Christmas Eve in 1880, and later made famous through annual worldwide radio and television broadcasts from Kings College, Cambridge. The Christmas story unfolds through readings from Genesis, Isaiah, and the Gospels. After each reading carols and hymns are sung that reflect the message of the reading. Candles symbolize the light of Christ.

UVoP Christmas Concert (6:30 pm)

Come to the Fisher Memorial United Holy Church and become a part of The Christmas Spirit, as the Fisher Memorial church choirs and the United Voices of Praise sing an evening of traditional and popular Christmas songs.

Fisher Memorial United Holy Church
420 E Piedmont Ave, Durham, NC 27707
is on the corner of Fayetteville and Piedmont in Durham.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 Longest Night Worship Service (7 pm)



Aly Breisch and Susan Steinberg will preside. Music will feature UCCH soloists.

Long, dark winter nights, even during the Christmas season, can be overwhelming for those who are in mourning or in pain of any kind. For some, this time of year can be the loneliest of all times.

We invite those who long for community and quiet worship to join us for this service of gentle music, candle-lit prayer, scriptural reflection and the spiritual food of communion.

2017 NATIONWIDE VIGILS AND EVENTS TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Thursday, December 14
(7 pm, United Church Sanctuary)

Come together to remember half a million Americans killed or injured by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy.

Join North Carolinians Against Gun Violence for a vigil at United Church.

At hundreds of locations nationwide, we will give voice to all victims and survivors of gun violence and together help #EndGunViolence in America.

Please contact us at 919-403-7665 or ncgv@ncgv.org with any questions.

BEER AND HYMNS HAPPY HOLIDAYS EDITION

Sponsored by Chapel of the Cross, Holy Trinity, United Church of Chapel Hill, and 519 Church

Benefit sing for Interfaith Council and Paws4Vets. Three dates and locations:

- **Sunday, December 3**
7:30 pm Fullsteam, Durham
- **Sunday, December 10**
7:30 pm Linda's, Chapel Hill
- **Sunday, December 17**
7:30 pm Trali, Morrisville

HABITAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

December 2 and 9 are the two final days for the build - other than possible pop up shifts for landscaping in the spring.

Volunteer online at link here:
<http://vhub.at/buildinghope>

YOGA FUNDRAISER FOR THE IFC Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Wednesday, December 6 (9-10:15 am)

Please join us for our annual fundraiser to help the IFC serve our neighbors in need this holiday season. This beginner-level class will use basic yoga postures to create warmth and openness in the body and deep breathing to bring calm and clarity to the mind. A \$10 donation is suggested, but all are welcome regardless of resources. Contact Rebecca Chilton at 919-451-6861 or rebeccaincarrboro@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday Morning & Event Parking At United Church

Reserve Closest Parking Spaces for Those Who Need Them!

Since we do not have additional parking spaces next to a sidewalk leading directly inside that qualify to be labelled as "handicap parking," we designated three bays of "Priority Parking" (the blue signs) across from the exterior doors of the church.

Please help us keep these close-in spaces identified as available for people who must park near an entrance.

Additional parking on Sunday mornings is available from Homestead Drive, next to IFC Community House.

Thank you!

How to help our NEIGHBORS IN NEED

BRING food & personal care items for the IFC Food Pantry offering on Sunday mornings.

BAKE casseroles to be served at Community Kitchen and Homstart. Please help us restock the freezer with casseroles for the IFC Community Kitchen. Grab a casserole dish on the table in the Narthex and fill it with yummy food for us to serve at IFC. Thank you!

BECOME a server. We serve:

- Dinner at IFC Community Kitchen the 2nd Thursday each month.
- Dinner at IFC's Homestart for Women and Children the 3rd Thursday each month (women servers only!)
- Lunch at IFC Community Kitchen the 4th Thursday each month.

To be on our meal-serving team for IFC Community Kitchen and Homestart, leave us your email address and let us know you want to receive our monthly email volunteer signup form.

WATER WARRIORS SCREENING AT UCCH

Thursday, November 30 (7 pm, Assembly Hall)

Water Warriors Screening at United Church. Hosted by 350 Triangle, Clean Water for NC, United Earth Ministries at United Church of Chapel Hill, and Working Films. Nothing in this world can live without water. Join us for a free screening and discussion of Water Warriors to learn how one group stopped the gas industry in its tracks as well as what you can do on a local scale!

For background about the film, see <http://www.storyline.media/waterwarriors>.

MONDAY NOON BOOK CLUB

Tomorrow we start on our new book, *Trauma and Grace: Theology in a Ruptured World* by Serene Jones, who is President and Roosevelt Professor of Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary. Her book speaks about collective trauma and asks the question, "What we to do as pastors and committed laypeople who seek to live and speak the gospel in the immediate and long-term aftermath of an eruption of violence . . ."

Bring a lunch and join us in the church library at noon.

MONDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP (7:15 pm, Library)

On Monday, November 27, Women's Group will discuss the Introduction and Chapter One of "Goddesses and God in the World: Conversations in Embodied Theology" by Carol P.. Christ and Judith Plascow.



UNITED VOICES OF PRAISE WILL SING

Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Medicare Open Enrollment "After Party" co-hosted by Senior Pharm Assist and Morgan Imports.

Morgan Imports will donate 10% of all sales from 6 to 9 pm to Senior PharmAssist. Please join us!

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

Information has been posted on the Health and Wellness Bulletin Board. Stop and browse. We celebrate and appreciate those who dedicate time to take care of others.

Time for Fellowship

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 11**

**UCCH Women's
Holiday Potluck
(6:30 pm)**



On Monday, December 11 at 6:30 pm, Pat Langelier has graciously agreed to host the women's Christmas party. The Christmas party is a fun annual time of fellowship for all women of UCCH (not just the Monday night group).

We will share a potluck dinner, then play "Yankee Swap" with the exchange of gifts. The gifts should cost no more than \$10 or so - people often bring something with a Christmas theme, but this is not required.

Please contact the church office for Pat's address.

**Christmas
Party
With
St. Nick**



Wednesday, December 13

5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Heavy "hors d'oeuvres" served at 5:30 pm. Carol singing and Santa beginning at 6 pm.

Please bring desserts to share - preferably cookies and "finger friendly" desserts.

Music provided by UCCH Brass Ensemble !

And... we have a very special guest coming from far away.

"Ho Ho Ho"



DECEMBER 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship

NO 8:45 am service.

10 am Carol Sing with the UCCH Christmas Orchestra (10 - 10:45 am)

Please join in as a singer or instrumentalist as our Christmas Orchestra leads us in a sing-along of favorite Christmas carols and songs in the Sanctuary. Instrumentalists are asked to bring their own stand. Music is provided!

11 am worship

Reverend Nick Carter preaching. Music: Soloists, Candace Marles and Benjamin Sallard, soprano and trombone

11:15 am La Mesa - Reverend David Mateo preaching.

Christmas Eve Worship

Children's Service (4 pm)

This lively service includes carols, an interactive reading of the nativity story and communion. We'll provide nativity costumes for angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph and the magi (wise boys and girls). If your child would enjoy being one of the animals at the manger, he or she may wear their own costume. Donkeys, sheep and cows or your child's animal of choice are welcome! Music provided by Children's Choir and Soloists.

Children are invited to bring an inexpensive baby gift for Jesus (bibs, spoons, lotions, diapers), which will be given to families of newborns in need. Following the service, we'll move to Fellowship Hall for a birthday party for Jesus. Cake and punch will be served.

Readers, ushers, communion servers, musicians, and volunteers to help with the birthday party are needed. For more information, contact Anitra Grove, agrove@unitedchurch.org.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7 pm)

Reverend Susan Steinberg preaching. Music: Chamber Singers

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (9 pm)

Reverend Susan Steinberg preaching. Music: Chancel Choir and Youth Choir

Needed:

Advent Wreath Candle-lighting

Families and individuals of all generations are invited to light the candles on the Advent wreath during worship on the four Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve:

- December 3 (8:45 am and 11 am)
- December 10 (8:45 am and 11 am)
- December 17 (8:45 am and 11 am)
- Christmas Eve (11 am, 4 pm, 7 pm, & 9 pm)

Contact the office at office@unitedchurch.org if you & your family would like to participate as candle lighters. There is also a sign-up sheet on Children's Ministry AGM Table this morning. Tell us which dates and services you are available so we can plan accordingly.

Soloists

(singers and instrumentalists)

All singers and instrumentalists are invited to dust off your Christmas solos and duets and share them with your church! Here are the services that need your music:

- ⇒ Dec 21, 7 pm Longest Night Service
- ⇒ Dec 24, 11 am Fourth Sunday of Advent morning worship
- ⇒ Dec 24, 4 pm Children's Christmas Eve Service (child soloist)
- ⇒ Dec 31, 11 am First Sunday after Christmas morning worship
- ⇒ Jan 7, 11 am Epiphany Sunday morning worship

Contact Jenny Anderson for more information.

**The Journey of Faith
2018 Pledge Update**

The United Church 2018 Stewardship Campaign is underway. The early returns are in and the news is good!

So far our business manager, Duane Gilbert, reports we have received 222 pledge commitments for next year. Generally we expect about 360 pledging households (can be an individual, a couple or a family), so that means we are at about 62% of our goal.

Here's a quick snap-shot:

- Total dollars pledged so far: \$632,981
- % who have increased their pledges: 39%
- Number of pledges that are new this year: 17

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support for our church.



2017 Giving Update

2017 Annual Pledge Goal: \$876,959
2017 Pledge Gifts received to date: \$714,984
82% of Annual Goal

Please keep your pledge up-to-date!
Our operating budget depends on you!