

**Special Easter Appeal**  
United Church of Chapel Hill Supports Prison Ministries  
with Gift to Reentry House Plus

Dear United Church of Chapel Hill members and friends:

We remember how Jesus described his ministry in Luke 4: “to proclaim release to the captives” and to “let the oppressed go free.” For many years our congregation has found ways to support individuals and families touched by the criminal justice system. UCCH members have visited inmates and shared in worship at Orange Correctional Facility, sold pecans at the Alternative Gift Market to support the Yokefellows ministry, protested the death penalty, advocated for bail reform, or found other ways to share the love of Christ with those who have been imprisoned.

This spring we have another opportunity to share God’s love by making a congregational gift to an organization that provides care and support to men who have been released from prison. At our February meeting, the Church Council set a goal of \$15,000 to help Reentry House Plus establish a home in Orange County for men transitioning from prison into society. Several members of our church such as Gates Vrooman have been involved in supporting Success While in Transition (SWIT), the program of Reentry House Plus that provides support and training to men as they transition. Reentry House Plus has recently secured a home near Hillsborough that will provide a secure place for men to reside as they establish themselves.

Regardless of whether you can make a financial gift, you can help support this initiative by providing 2-3 sentences on why you believe it is important for our church family to support those members of our community who are in the prison system. Your statement can help us bear witness to the graciousness of God that is always opening doors and breaking chains. Please add your statement using this link, <http://bit.ly/30KwTGS>.

Please join your church family in this Biblical calling by helping us reach our goal. This Easter gift to Reentry House Plus will be a sign of our faith in God who rolled the stone away from the tomb of Jesus.

Gifts can be made on the church’s online giving site, <http://bit.ly/38ICVMk>, or by check to UCCH. If you would like to become more involved in our church’s Prison Ministries, please reach out to Pastor David. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of how to support this campaign.

Yours in love and joyful service,

Cameron Barr, Senior Pastor

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