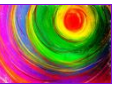


Stewardship Sunday: November 19



Following the sermon, you and any family members or friends with you will be invited to come forward, place your Pledge Sheet in the basket, and proceed to either minister to receive a prayer of blessing.

Please read through this material and pray about your offering for the coming year. After completing your Pledge Sheet, simply cut or tear that page out, fold it up (tape or staple, if you wish), and bring it to worship on Nov. 19. If you are not able to be with us that day, simply seal and mail your Pledge Sheet to church – no envelope necessary. Or, take advantage of our contactless pledging options!

Additional pledge folders will be available in the Sanctuary and at each entrance.



Contactless Pledging Options



ONLINE PLEDGE FORM

1. www.congregationalucc.com
2. Click 2024 Pledge button.
3. Complete form and submit.

EMAIL YOUR PLEDGE AMOUNT

1. **TO:** cuccfinancialsecretary@gmail.com
2. **SUBJECT:** 2024 Pledge
3. **MESSAGE:** Your name(s), amount you wish to pledge, and the frequency of your gift (weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually).

↓ Fold here. ↓

Affix
postage
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Congregational United Church of Christ
Attention: Financial Secretary
400 West Radiance Drive
Greensboro, NC 27403

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Rev. Amelia Fullbright

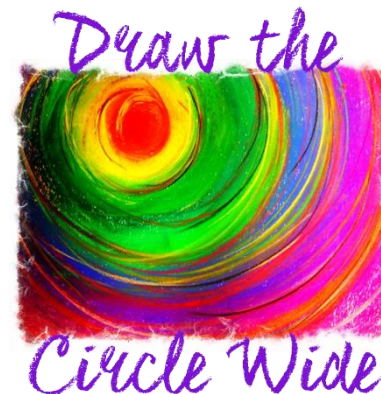
CUCC By the Numbers



- # of lbs. of carbon or trees planted. 82,226 lbs. carbon, 621.03 trees - to date
- # of cupcakes Jimmy made for his and Gary's wedding.....160
- # of solar panels.....125
- # of organizations supported by BCS over the past few years.....55
- # of panels in the latest art exhibit.....48
- # of years Julie served as Pastor..... 33
- # of e-News/Bulletin updates.....28
- # of displays/groups represented in the Earth Day event..... 22
- # of new pastors called by the church..... 1

*Including the church in your estate is an honor we hope everyone will consider!

November 10, 2023



Dear Friends,

I remember the first time I heard the hymn that is the theme for our Stewardship season. Beloved saints Barbara and Sterling Whitener had learned "Draw the Circle Wide" at the UCC church they attended whenever they stayed at their mountain cabin, and they were eager to share it with all of us here. It became an instant favorite!

That was one of many gifts the Whiteners passed on to us. For me, it encapsulates the very essence of stewardship: offering to God and to others what has been a gift to you; generously using what you've been given to make life more meaningful, more beautiful, more spiritually connected for others.

This church has been described as a shelter in the storm, a chosen family, an incubator for justice in the community, a big-hearted congregation. With your pledge, your commitment of financial support, time, and active involvement, you are declaring your desire to see this good work go on and on. Our financial commitments to this church are a commitment to each other, and a commitment to the world we want to live in. We are able to draw the circle ever wider because we have the strong financial undergirding to provide programs, worship, education and outreach.

Times of transition can be unsettling - I get that. They can also be healthy, exciting, and energizing when done well. The congregation has called a wonderful new pastor who will bring new energy and new ideas while keeping Congregational true to its deep commitment to drawing the circle wider still. Especially now, our faithful support will continue to offer all a message of hope, a warm and authentic welcome, a place to belong, a way to make a difference.

We believe in you, we are thrilled to welcome Amelia and her family, and we trust that God will continue to guide us all! So, at this critical juncture, with great confidence in the future, I encourage you to join Paul and me in making our pledge for the coming year.

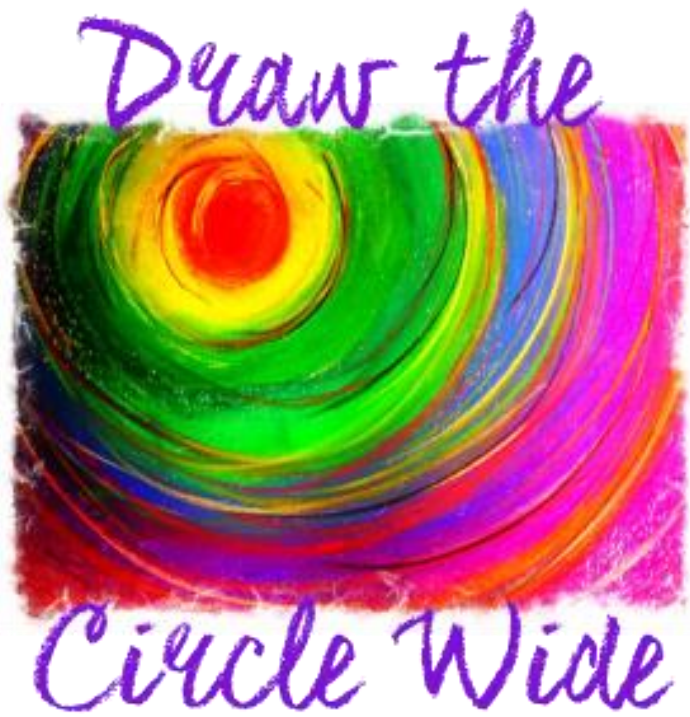
Join us in person on Sunday, Nov. 19 if you can, for what will be a joyous Stewardship/Thanksgiving Sunday. Bring your pledge card; we will receive these during worship and offer a blessing as we have for many years.

The hymn says it best: "Let the dreams we dream be larger than we've ever dreamed before, let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door!"

Ever grateful,

Handwritten signature of Julie in black ink.

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Please consider electronic giving as a means to conveniently and consistently support.

Here are three easy ways!

- **Set up an automatic payment to CUCC through the online bill payment feature on your bank's website.** The bank will send a check to CUCC in the amount and at the frequency you request. It's that simple!
- **Set up an EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) account (called a "Profile") via the GIVE page at www.congregationalucc.com.** Indicate your bank account number, desired frequency and amount of your pledge. The system will automatically transfer your gifts to CUCC per your instructions. By setting up your own profile, you have full control of any changes you wish to make, as well as the ability to schedule special one-time gifts for things such as One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, The Christmas Fund, etc. Again, so simple!
- **Not crazy about navigating the online giving process on your own? No problem!** Feel free to ask us to set up an EFT account for you by completing the form on your Pledge Sheet, attaching a voided check, and submitting your Pledge Sheet in person or via postal mail. If you wish to make any changes to your plan at any time, contact our Financial Secretary's assistant, Caretta Brown (cuccfinancialsecretary@gmail.com or 336-274-5378).

Giving Chart

OUR GOAL FOR 2024 IS TO INCREASE PLEDGED INCOME TO \$329,600.00

To calculate your weekly gift, find your income to the left, and read across to the percentage of income you feel called to give.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$16,000	\$1,333	\$308	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$25	\$31	\$46
20,000	1,667	385	8	15	23	31	38	58
25,000	2,083	481	10	19	29	38	48	72
30,000	2,500	577	12	23	35	46	58	87
35,000	2,917	673	13	27	40	54	67	101
40,000	3,333	769	15	31	46	62	77	115
45,000	3,750	865	17	35	52	69	87	130
50,000	4,167	962	19	38	58	77	96	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29	58	87	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38	77	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48	96	144	192	240	361
150,000	12,500	2,885	58	115	173	231	288	433

Giving Options




Online at congregationalucc.com¹



Text to Give at 833-557-0003¹



Automatic, recurring electronic funds transfer (EFT) from checking or savings²



Automatic payments from your bank's online bill payment feature



During worship or by mail to the church



¹ Credit card donations will be reduced by provider transaction fees: 45¢ per transaction plus 2.84% of total gift for VISA/MC, 3.5% for American Express

² Processed by secure provider, Vanco Payment Solutions



Pledge Sheet

Please place your pledge in the column below based on how you plan to fulfill your pledge **the majority of the time.** (This choice, however, does not preclude you from using other methods for special gifts and at other times; it simply allows us to obtain proper authorization where required. ☺)

Will you give your offering predominantly by **personal or bank check (or cash)** in worship or via postal mail?

If yes, please complete your pledge below.

During Worship OR by Mail from Bank or Home

I/We plan to give \$ _____ each

Week
 Month
 Quarter
 Year

Name(s)

Email Address(es)

Will you give your offering predominantly through an **already established CUCC electronic giving account?**

If yes, please complete your pledge below

EXISTING CUCC Online Giving Account

My/our electronic giving plan will stay the same for 2024.

OR

I/We need to change our electronic giving as follows:

Please adjust the amount withdrawn per period to \$ _____

AND / OR

Please adjust the frequency of withdrawals to

1st of the month
 15th of the month
 1st and 15th of the month

Name

Email Address

Authorized Signature

Date

Do you wish to give your offering predominantly through a **CUCC electronic giving account, but need to have one set up for you?**

If yes, please complete your pledge & acct info below.

NEW CUCC Online Account Giving Account, Please

Last Name

First Name

Email Address

Street Address

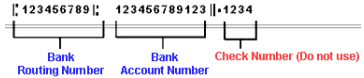
City

State

Zip

Please debit my donation from my:

Checking Account (attach a voided check)
 Savings Acct. (contact financial institution for routing no.)



Routing No.: _____
 (Valid Routing No. must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3.)

Account No.: _____

Date of First Donation: ___/___/___

Amount Per Donation: \$ _____

Frequency of Donation: (check only one)

Monthly on the 1st Monthly on the 15th
 Semi-Monthly on the 1st and the 15th

AGREEMENT: I authorize Congregational United Church of Christ and Vanco Payment Solutions to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect from year to year until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Authorized Signature

Date

2023 Pledge Statistics	Need to Revise Your Pledge in 2024?
Total pledges.....\$319,730 Avg. annual pledge.....\$3,553 Range of 2022 annual pledges: \$1-999 19 pledges \$1000-1999 20 pledges \$2000-2999 12 pledges \$3000-4999 16 pledges \$5000 & above 23 pledges	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>If your circumstances change and you need to revise your pledge, you may do so at any time by contacting the CUCC Office Manager at 336-274-5378 or office@congregationalucc.com.</i></p>