



CUCC STEWARDSHIP 2026

## FAQs

*Understanding What It Means to Pledge...  
and Why It Matters*

### **What is our “Many Gifts, One Spirit” stewardship campaign?**

Stewardship is a season of prayerful reflection, gratitude and commitment. It’s the time our church family considers how each of us can support the church with our time, talents, and financial gifts and service, helping to sustain and grow God’s work in our community and beyond.

### **What Does It Mean to "Pledge"?**

A pledge is your personal, prayerful financial commitment to the church for the upcoming year. It’s not a binding contract, but it’s a statement of intent that enables the church to plan responsibly for its ministries, mission, and operations.

### **Why Is Pledging Important?**

When you pledge, you help:

- Enable church leaders to **plan and budget wisely**
- Sustain **worship, music, and spiritual care**
- Fund **youth and children’s programs**
- Support **community outreach and missions**
- Maintain our **building and facilities**

Your pledge allows our church to continue as a vital witness to our Christian beliefs and as a place where people can find refuge and peace in these difficult times.

### **How Is Pledging Different from Weekly Giving?**

While all gifts are appreciated, pledging is a **planned commitment** that helps the church budget confidently and accurately. Pledging is more than a financial act—it’s a spiritual one. It reflects our **gratitude**, our **faith**, and our desire to be part of God’s ongoing work in the world.

### **Do I Have to Pay My Whole Pledge Up Front?**

Not at all! Most people fulfill their pledge in installments — **weekly, monthly, or quarterly** — throughout the year. You choose what works best for your financial situation.

## What If My Financial Situation Changes?

Life can be unpredictable. Your pledge can be changed at any time. Simply contact Judy Page [cuccbookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:cuccbookkeeper@gmail.com) if you need to adjust it.

## How Much Should I Pledge?

Our goal for the 2026 “Many Gifts, One Spirit” stewardship campaign is \$320,000. Begin prayerfully considering your pledge now. Many people use proportional giving—choosing a percentage of their income. You may also wish to review the “Our Plan” section of the information provided with your pledge card. If you would like to review your previous pledge commitment, contact Judy Page at [cuccbookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:cuccbookkeeper@gmail.com)

What matters is you are giving faithfully, cheerfully, and in response to God’s blessings.

## I Can’t Give Much. Does My Pledge Still Matter?

Yes! Every dollar counts, and there is no such thing as an insignificant pledge. Stewardship is about your faithful participation in the life and ministry of the church, and we are each called to give according to the resources at our disposal. When each of us pledges what we can, our combined generosity becomes powerful.

## Is My Pledge Confidential?

Yes. All pledges are kept confidential and are only seen by those who manage giving records.

## How Do I Make a Pledge?

You are receiving a pledge card in this packet, along with a letter from Rev. Amelia and additional information. You can pledge by:

- **Filling out the pledge card** and offering it during worship on ***Pledge Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>***
- Mailing your card to the church office or dropping it by the church office
- Emailing your pledge to [cuccbookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:cuccbookkeeper@gmail.com)  
Subject: 2026 Pledge. Include your name(s), amount you wish to pledge, and the frequency of your gift (weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually).
- Using our **online pledge form** [congregationalucc.com](http://congregationalucc.com)

Whatever way you choose to pledge, know that your commitment strengthens our life and witness together.

If you have ANY questions about filling out your pledge card or need assistance in doing so, contact Judy Page [cuccbookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:cuccbookkeeper@gmail.com).