



Annual Pledge Drive

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

1 Peter 4:10

“Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap.

For the measure you give will be the measured you get back.”

Luke 6:38

“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

Timothy 6:18-19

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Acts 20:35

First Congregational Church in Billerica United Church of Christ *an Open and Affirming Congregation*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lives are being transformed, the least of these are being served, and there is more work to be done. Please support the Annual Pledge Drive of the First Congregational Church so that the ministries of Christ will continue to change lives in Billerica and beyond.

We rely on your support to fund the work of the church. Please make a commitment to continuing the work Jesus calls us to do. We have completed Phase 1 of our Master Plan and are working on implementing Phase 2. Your support makes all the difference.

Be encouraged by what your support has done to date:

- ✦ Provide space for Worship, church programs, AA Meetings, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Adoptive Families and other community needs
- ✦ Provide meals for Lowell Transitional Living Center and the Boys and Girls Club of Billerica
- ✦ Support for Living Waters and other community outreach programs
- ✦ Support for Feeding America, OxFam, United Church of Christ Missions, and other national and international programs that care for the hungry and displaced
- ✦ Support Interfaith Programs and dialog
- ✦ Provide a Deacon’s Fund to help in times of need for our congregation and parish
- ✦ Provide an excellent Christian Education program for our children
- ✦ Provide professional child care in the Nursery
- ✦ Provide a rich worship experience with an excellent music program
- ✦ Provide pastoral care and lay outreach to those in need
- ✦ Provide a light of hope and compassion in the community

There is more work to be done, work that Jesus calls us to do. It is through your generosity and commitment that we will accomplish great things. Be encouraged by what we have done, be moved by the needs of the least of these, and may your heart be convicted to further God’s work in the world.

Pray for the Spirit’s guidance and please pledge generously.

In Jesus’ name, the one who said, “Come follow me.”

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First Congregational Church

Stewardship and the Master Plan

At First Congregational Church in Billerica, United Church of Christ, we:

- ✦ Worship – our God of Love and Justice
- ✦ Welcome all – no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey
- ✦ Teach – ourselves and our children about God’s grace and how to fully live
- ✦ Care – sustain our community and the world

When we look at what First Congregational Church provides for the community, we clearly are more than a Sunday morning worship service. There are many other entry points into our church via the services we provide to the community:

- ✦ Bible Study
- ✦ Mid-Week Services
- ✦ Food Pantry
- ✦ Relations with other Billerica Clergy
- ✦ Youth Programs
- ✦ Substance Abuse and Prevention
- ✦ Community Relations
- ✦ Meeting Space for Community Groups/Activities/Concerts
- ✦ New England Boiled Dinner
- ✦ Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- ✦ Play Group
- ✦ Lenten Luncheons

We are in the middle phase of our Master Plan, the goal of which is to continue to sustain our community with a viable church. We have made great progress towards our goals!



This is where you come in. First Congregational Church relies primarily on donations from the Congregation to fund its annual Operating Budget. We ask for your prayerful consideration to help us plan for the 2018-2019 Program Year which started July 1. Approximately 1/2 of FCCB’s **\$300,000** Operating Budget for the 2017-2018 Program Year was planned around pledges from the Congregation. Your pledge for the upcoming year will help us continue to move along the path we have set out.

Good Stewardship involves good planning! With your help we can continue to provide vital services for our Congregation and our Community.