

MCC NoVA STEWARD-SHIP CAMPAIGN

Set Sail into 2027

Support MCC of Northern Virginia!

This year we're asking folks to help set the sails
~ all the things that will help propel MCC NoVA into the next year!

Showing Up ☐

In one Inquirer's Class someone asked, "What can I do to help?". My response came quickly, without much thought, and from a place much larger than me: "Show up. Be present. Take the time to come to church on Sundays." And it's true. The most significant gift is the offering of your time and your self. Your Body. You may show up for yourself some Sundays, or you may show up for someone else, your very presence providing encouragement and strength for another. Sometimes you know exactly why you are there, sometimes you will never know, but your presence matters. As Glennon Doyle said about Life (and I substitute Church for Life here):

*The secret of Church is not about knowing what to say or do.
The secret is simply to show up. It's about witnessing it all, even the pain,
and letting it touch you and not make you harder, but more tender.
Showing up, feeling it all — it's how, for me, everything turns holy.*

Doing Something ☐

Do something, offering not only the gift of your presence, but ALL of your body, your hands, feet, voice, skills, gifts, and talents. My dad would always say, "When you don't know what to do, do the dishes". Do something. Sing loud. Bring Food. Greet strangers- guests. Participate. Engage. Become active in an outreach ministry. And.. there are always dishes to do. ☺

Giving Something Beyond Yourself ☐

Give a portion of that which sustains you: your treasure. There are oodles of suggestions for how much to give (see Rev. Emma with any questions). The most important thing is the spiritual process of giving from a place of generosity. If you hold tight to money, it will hold you. If you give with an open hand, your hand will fill with blessings. I know it sounds too easy, but it is. A wise teacher says, "Prove me now in this." It teaches us that we have **enough**. Enough for ourselves- and more. Abundance! This simple change in perspective creates a paradigm shift that changes lives ~ and will change your own life!

Many people are so focused on finding their one true path that they miss a very important part of life, and what it's truly like. I think we'd like life to be like a train: You get on, pick your destination, and get off. But life doesn't work like that. It's more like a sailboat ride. Each day you have to see where the wind is blowing -- the weather changes and the current changes and the wind changes. And you look around to see if there's anyone else onboard you can help or who can help you.

~ adapted from Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor

What is a Pledge?

In order to prepare next year's budget, it's helpful to have an estimate of the resources the church has to work with. For example, in addition to meeting the church's on-going financial obligations, will the church be able to install new lighting? Flat-screen monitors? Adequately prepare for unforeseen expenses associated with an aging facility? Begin a Building Fund to plan for the future? Your hopeful estimate of financial support assists greatly with this process. And it can be changed or modified at any time.

MCC NoVA can count on my regular support of \$_____:

☐ Monthly ☐ Bi-weekly ☐ Weekly ☐ Other _____

My financial contribution will be provided:

- ☐ In the offering collection during worship
- ☐ Via Square electronic payment at church
- ☐ Online at the Donate page at mccnova.com

My new pledge will be available:

- ☐ Immediately
- ☐ January 2027

ANNUAL/ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION

My contribution of \$_____ will be provided:

- ☐ By check made payable to MCC NoVA
- ☐ Via Square electronic payment at church
- ☐ Online at the Donate page at mccnova.com

I would like to give my contribution:

In memory / honor of _____

Consider remembering MCC NoVA in your Estate Planning.

*Remember, all donations to MCC NoVA are fully tax deductible in accordance with current IRS guidelines.
We are a 501(c)3 organization.*

Name(s) _____

☐ This is a family contribution

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

**You can drop this form in
the offering plate or mail it
to:**

**MCC NoVA
10383 Democracy Lane
Fairfax, VA 22030**

THANK YOU!

Your Pledge will help us impact our community "inside and out" and in preparing our 2027 Budget!