There Will **Your Heart** Be Also

MATTHEW 6:21

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Please join First Congregational Church in Winchester for our 2027 Stewardship Campaign!

This year's theme "There will your heart be also" is based on the text in Matthew 6:21, which states: **"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."** Jesus is encouraging his followers not to store up treasure on earth, but rather to store up treasure in heaven.

How does one store up treasure in heaven?

Can it be found in a sermon that moves you to action, the spirited exchange of small groups, the support of the congregation in time of joy, sorrow, or illness, the excitement of children experiencing new concepts they can't learn in school, the engagement of youth, service to our community neighbors, the wonderful music, or in the quiet moments of prayer and contemplation? It is different for each of us, but so much of it is found in our church home in Winchester. Is that where even a portion of your heart is? **If your answer to any of this is yes, we need your help to continue providing these experiences.**

As you think about giving to the church, please Pray, Participate, and Pledge.

We all know what inflation has done to our personal budgets. It has done the same to the church. Everything is more expensive, including insurance, utilities and any other services we need. Our staff experience the same financial pressures we do. We want to try to maintain their ability to keep pace with increasing costs. To meet our current needs and restore full outreach funding, **we ask that you consider increasing your pledge amount by 4% with the goal of reaching pledge income of $745,000.** We know this is a big ask at this time of rising costs. For those who don't currently pledge, please consider doing so. It helps the church leadership plan for the next year.

The stewardship campaign runs for three weeks, culminating in **Pledge Sunday on November 8.** To reduce costs and save resources, most campaign correspondence will be sent digitally.

Keep your eyes open for the hearts around the church

during the next few weeks, with the theme "There will your heart be also," and Pray, Participate, Pledge. Your generosity has sustained FCC Winchester over multiple years. With your help, we will do so again.

HOW MUCH DO PEOPLE PLEDGE?

Last Year's Pledge Breakdown
Can you move up a level this year?

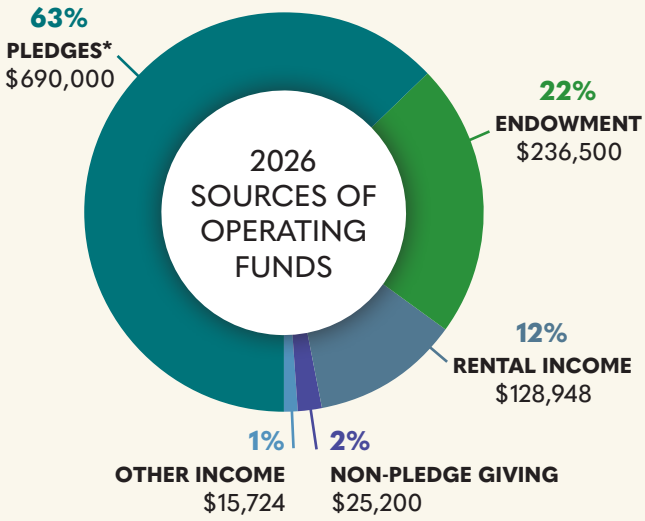
ANNUAL PLEDGE RANGE	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	AMOUNT PLEDGED
$1-$499	6	$1,175
$500-$999	11	$6,651
$1,000-$1,999	32	$41,040
$2,000-$2,999	18	$39,511
$3,000-$3,999	11	$35,350
$4,000-$5,999	12	$55,510
$6,000-$7,999	11	$69,700
$8,000-$9,999	2	$17,000
$10,000-$14,999	12	$136,650
$15,000-$24,999	2	$42,000
$25,000-$39,999	2	$65,000
$40,000+	4	$215,000

Pledge Sunday is November 8

Scan here to make a pledge

HOW OUR CHURCH IS FUNDED

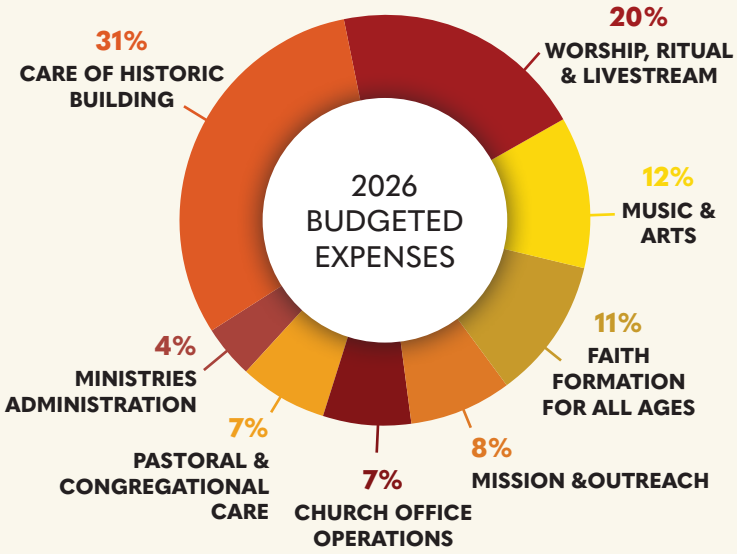
Total Budgeted Income: $1,096,372



*Pledge income is the largest driver of the church's annual financial resources and allows us to bring our church's good to the world.

OUR ANNUAL EXPENSES

Total Budgeted Expenses: $1,084,133











If you would like to pledge—thank you!

Prayerfully consider your pledge and return your pledge to the church by **Sunday, November 8.**

There are many ways to communicate your pledge:

- ➔ **Scan the QR code** below or on the pledge card.
- ➔ **Use the secure online pledge form** at form.jotform.com/212994628492166
- ➔ **Drop your pledge card** in the offering plate.
- ➔ **Mail your pledge card** to the church office at First Congregational Church, Attn. Treasurer 21 Church Street, Winchester MA 01890

Need help? Contact our Treasurer, Janet Hall, at janetmhall001@gmail.com, or ask a member of the Financial Resources Ministry. Thank you!

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FOR THE CHURCH RECORDS:

Yes, I/we want to support our church with a 2027 pledge of: $ _____

per week / month / year (circle)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- ☐ I/We would like pledge envelopes: weekly / monthly (circle)
- ☐ I/We would like to continue or learn more about electronic payment options.
- ☐ I/We would like to learn more about including the church in my/our will.

SCAN TO PLEDGE

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KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS:

I/We want to support our church with a total 2027 pledge of:

$ _____

per week / month / year (circle)

Thank you!