



## **Giving Update**

**November 18, 2018**

Good morning! I am pleased to be with you today as a member of the follow-through team for our Capital Campaign For a Whole Community. I also stand before you with a heart full of gratitude for the vitality and vibrancy of this church community.

We began the year with an ambitious capital campaign to raise money to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Through this effort, we pledged to care for children, construct affordable housing, and create a more welcoming campus.

If you've glimpsed the Morehead St. side of campus, you know that we have taken major steps toward fulfilling not only a campaign goal, but also the original vision for our church campus as we begin construction on the Welcome Center that will house our new Child Development Center.

Site prep work for the affordable housing project on Freedom Drive has also begun and we expect to celebrate a groundbreaking soon.

In support of these projects, your faithful generosity has resulted in pledges to date of more than \$12.9 million, with more still coming in. But pledges, of course, are only half of the

equation. As of today, we have collected 37% of our pledged amounts, representing \$4.7 million.

Given both of the construction projects are ahead of schedule, we are grateful to all of you who have already begun to fulfill your campaign promises so that we can make required payments on a timely basis. If you've not yet made payments on your pledge, I invite you to consider doing so as you plan your final gifts for 2018.

No matter your payment schedule, please know that we are counting on every penny pledged to see our vision for the capital campaign to success.

I recognize that I'm coming before you with this campaign pledge reminder during our stewardship season when we're all asked to consider our contributions to the church's annual operating budget, which is separate from the dollars raised for the campaign.

You know as well as I do that it takes significant resources to fund the day-to-day operations of the church – not just keeping the lights on, but supporting our staff and our families and fulfilling promises we've made to our mission partners both in the city and around the world.

Last week, we enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship and meaningful community service through Covenant Impacts Charlotte – a day so emblematic of what it means to live into our call as a church family, and a wonderful reminder of what it is we give to when we make our annual financial commitment.

As I ask you to fulfill your campaign pledges, I hope you'll join me in prayerfully considering what it means to invest faithfully in the vitality of this church with your annual stewardship

pledge as well. Our operating budget is what keeps the church and all of its good works running. The capital campaign is an exciting extension of our commitment to boldly and bravely working toward a whole and just world.

If you've not yet made your pledge – to the campaign or for annual stewardship – you can find pledge cards in your pew racks. You can place them in the offering plate in just a moment. You can also pledge online at [covenantpresby.org](http://covenantpresby.org).

What a wonderful privilege to be a part of – and support -- this wonderful, dynamic Christian community we call our church home!

Thank you.