



**CLARENDON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Subject: Kick-Off to 2017 Stewardship Campaign

Dear Church Family,

For 75 years, Clarendon United Methodist Church has been a strong presence on the corner of 6th and Irving Streets. The **commitment** of the people of the church, because of our **abiding faith** in Jesus Christ, has empowered this strong, vibrant congregation since we were first formed 110 years ago. Our **response** to Christ's call is manifested every day in the people, programs, worship, music and presence of the church in the community and the world. It is time once again to recommit to our annual support of the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. More specifically, this October, we ask for your financial commitment to continue the work of bringing the Kingdom of God to our community, our nation, and the world.

In a practical sense, your church leaders need to know how much income Clarendon UMC will have in 2017 to bring the program of the church to life. At this point in our celebration of the 75th anniversary of our building, we turn our focus from bricks and mortar to people. For our program to come alive in Christ, it takes skilled, dedicated people like our valued staff, working with the passionate, committed people of the church. Our fall stewardship theme echoes Jesus' words about Peter in Matthew 16:18: **"Upon this Rock I will build my church."** In our financial support of the church, we enable our gifted, faith-filled staff to champion the Gospel in our midst as they plan and guide the work of the congregation. We also enable the people of the church to rise up and use their own skills and gifts to make our ministry rich and vibrant.

This fall, **we ask that you prayerfully consider your annual giving amount** by using the special giving card enclosed in this letter, located in the church pews, or found online through the giving options on CUMC's website. If using the ClarendonUMC.org online form, please select the "2017 Stewardship" fund option.

Please consider this investment as building 'Upon This Rock' of Clarendon UMC by ensuring we can glorify God and work that we do in His name both in and outside the church. If you have questions about the 2017 Stewardship Campaign, please feel free to contact either of us at numbers listed below.

Yours in Christ,

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