

Our Story

Our story as a church unfolds in scripture, in the life of Jesus and in the world around us. We live out this story in many ways including: connecting, growing and serving. UCC uses its financial resources in ways that our congregation can continue to offer ministry and programming—living out God's transforming love in so many faith-filled ways.

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you will estimate your giving for the coming year of 2019, during the first three weeks of October. Participate by simply filling out the Estimate of Giving form online, www.universitychristian.org/annual-giving, or by dropping off a completed Estimate of Giving card sent to you by mail or found in the Sanctuary pews. You can drop the cards into the marked boxes in the Gallery and by the Front Desk.

Our Total Goal \$3,027,000

SERVE
\$1,558,000

CONNECT
\$555,000

GROW
\$914,000

Together we do make a difference!

This narrative is how we use your gifts to connect, grow and serve Christ together. Your gifts help people to experience and discover God's transformative love in a complex and challenging world. Our hope is that you feel good about the story we are telling with your gifts and that what we do together, as a church family, is the best investment you are making and what God is calling you to do.



2019 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

What shall we bring?

A Narrative Budget: How Giving Becomes Ministry





CONNECT

Faith is a team sport, not an individual competition. Therefore, we offer countless ways for people to connect with others, and with God.

A vital part of our life together is worshiping and celebrating God. Whether it is one of our weekly worship services or one of the special services we offer throughout the year. Services like Ash Wednesday, the Blessing of the Animals or the Longest Night, these moments bring us together to celebrate; deepening our faith and preparing ourselves as instruments of God's grace.

Before a person enters our parking lot, is greeted at the door, drops their child off in our professionally staffed nursery, grabs a cup of coffee, and sits down—we have already been hard at work to create an environment where everyone is welcomed and loved. Our goal is to create an atmosphere where we may all experience and connect with God.

The Bible comes alive in a way that helps us in our everyday lives. We gather around an open table of love and grace to proclaim and celebrate the Good News is here among us! Your giving provides the means to make all this happen—to be a community.



GROW

To be a person of faith is to be on a journey to become even more like the person God created us to be. We must continue to grow. That is true for individuals as well as congregations.

Each week our music ministry moves and leads us in song. Music and arts in a faith-centered life evokes another layer of growing in our spiritual journey—inspires, promotes creativity and delivers an additional way for us to praise and worship God.

Our weekly Sunday School classes for all ages led by caring teachers; Worship & Wonder for our children where our kids learn about the love of Jesus in a safe and warm worship environment; a dynamic youth program where our young people discover how great God is and how much the church cares for them; just to name a few.

There are book groups, Men's and Women's ministries, Bible studies, special speakers and many more. We are also enhancing our welcome to guests and those considering making this their church, with a new welcome center and new member seminars called UCC & You.



SERVE

God is often found amidst those in need. Because of this, we serve our neighbors from our doorstep to the ends of the world. Whether it is the Children's Closet providing school uniforms for under-served students, sending our youth and adults on Learning/Serving Trips, providing dresses and accessories for young women to have the proper attire to participate in their Homecoming and Prom dances—these are just some of the ways that together we strive to be and do as God commands.

We also support regional and general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through our contributions to the Disciples Mission Fund, impacting lives locally and globally.

While some of these funds link to our church facilities, their importance is foundational to our larger mission and goal of serving the community around us. We offer space for many groups and organizations. In this way, our campus becomes a place of solace and hope, community and hospitality for others.

We aim not only to connect with one another and continue growing in faith, but to effectively reach and serve the community around us into the next year.

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Living the good news of Jesus Christ with open minds and loving hearts.