



# Stewardship corner

**Our 2017 pledge goal has been met!\* *Thank you very much!***

Psalm 100:4: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*



We want to thank the many members and friends of Immanuel for your continuing investment in the ministries that energize our mission to embody God's love in the world. Your gifts of time, talent, treasure and influence have brought us to this moment. With our amazing ministerial and administrative leaders, our potential for growth and the possibilities for the future can now be fully realized. And we can live even more fully as a "church that serves." It truly "all starts here" and it has indeed all started with you!

\*More specifically, as of January 20, there were 175 pledge units (+ 4.2% over 2016), with a total pledge income at \$1,160,738, an increase of \$61,585(+5.6%). Among existing pledgers, pledge income increased 3.7%. Total pledge and non-pledge income exceeded the goal from the Finance Committee by about \$10K.

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## SEND IN YOUR QUESTIONS FOR OUR APRIL 23RD FORUM

### *"The Muslim Experience in America"*

The Spirituality & Learning Committee has been exploring ways to learn about Muslims in our community and several members of the congregation have recently reached out to the McLean Islamic Center. As a result, following the 10:00am service on Sunday, April 23, we will host a panel of congregants from the McLean Islamic Center ([mcleanmuslims.org](http://mcleanmuslims.org)). The purpose of the forum, which is similar to others the Center has offered in other area faith communities, is to get to know our neighbors through learning what life is like for some Muslims in our community, and to develop mutual understanding, respect, and compassion. Panelists will share personal experiences as Muslim Americans today, and respond to questions.

Please send any questions you would like our panel moderator, Lee Rainie, to ask, at [LRainie@PewResearch.org](mailto:LRainie@PewResearch.org). Though we will likely be unable to ask every question, your questions will be compiled and will guide the content of the conversation. If you have any questions about the forum, feel free to ask Lee, or any member of the Committee.



*Daffodils in the Grear Garden* Photo: Carol Huyler