

Stewardship corner

The 2017 Stewardship Campaign for "A Church That Serves" is Launched!

1 Timothy 17-19: "As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life."

Katie Strednak-Singer: "Think about wealth from a spiritual perspective. Build bigger barns to store your bounty? What are you willing to give away? Fill your barn with God."



Immanuel's 'first families'

In the August IPC Presence, Pastor Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt wrote: "Words cannot contain my excitement over the energy that is building. It is fun and rejuvenating to be surrounded by people who bring an upbeat attitude and fresh ideas to our work together... To that end it seems quite appropriate to me that the Session adopted as our church-wide theme for the year: 'A Church that Serves'.

Being fully staffed and a church that serves is adding upward pressure on IPC operating expenses. And the task for Stewardship will rise."

Although the budget is not final, we expect to face the challenge of increasing our level of giving in support of Immanuel's programs and operations by 5% each year for at least the next three years. This will involve each of us making some very serious choices. We need to have everyone focus on how they can increase that portion of their overall giving plans that they dedicate to support their Immanuel Family.

Immanuel's annual stewardship campaign runs from mid-

October through December. During that period, members hear from other members about what Immanuel has meant to them and their families, as well as from members of the community who have benefited from Immanuel's ministries. Key events will include the annual **Budget/Stewardship Forum** on **October 30** and **Pledge Sunday** on November 13.

Here's a frequently asked question: What payment methods are available?

Answer: While all gifts are most welcomed, we want to emphasize the importance to the church of having up-front or regular monthly income. Just like managing your family's finances, it is easier to pay bills when you have reliable monthly income.

Immanuel offers multiple ways to pay that suit what's best for individual donors. Although the discipline of putting cash in an envelope that goes in the collection plate is historically a good one, there are so many other ways that fit our congregation's financial needs and exceedingly mobile lifestyle:

-**Cash or check**

-**Regular monthly, bank account debit:** The donor need merely sign the [authorization form](#) found on the IPC web site and Mary Ann Vaughan, IPC's Business Administrator, will handle it from there. It's all very easy!

-**Required Minimum distribution (RMD) for IRA's:** Those members who are required to take periodic distributions from their IRAs may wish to take part of it as a qualified charitable distribution*.

-**Appreciated securities:** Individuals are welcome to transfer securities from their investment accounts to Immanuel's at any time, perhaps as part of an annual asset re-allocation*. To do this, please reference the simple [procedure](#), which can be found at on the IPC web site as well.

*Certain methods of giving can have tax advantages. You should consult your financial advisor / accountant. Please direct other questions to the IPC Business Office.

Please reach out to Stewardship Committee members with your questions and suggestions or your desire to join. Our contact information is as follows:

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