



On Sunday, Pastor Christy preached an inspiring sermon on the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Jesus shared this story about two persons who dared to be bold with what they had been given. This is what stewardship is all about. We are called to make Kingdom-investments.

This Sunday, members and friends of FUMC continued to make generous pledges for our 2018 budget. We are presently 75% toward our goal. Thanks to all.

I hope you have enjoyed our stewardship videos each week. This week in our final e-blast, we decided to have some fun and share with you some of the “out-takes” from our four videos. Enjoy!

#### [Stewardship Video Bloopers](#)

Our pledge goal for the 2018 Annual Operating Budget is **\$1,284,150**. This represents a **5%** increase of last year’s budget. This is a bold goal that honors the boldness of our faith in God.

If we attain our goal of \$ **1,284,150** in pledged income (a **5% increase** ), we will deepen our discipleship through these new initiatives.

- Increasing Missions Giving from 7% to 8% of Annual Budget
- Adding media to four Sunday school rooms to enhance learning opportunities
- Renovating our beautiful Brunson Chapel so that is more accessible to members with handicapping conditions
  - Adding a fourth weekly worship service
  - Increasing our capital reserves by \$70,000

This week, I am pleased to share information about our fifth initiative. After much discussion among our trustees and our Kairos Leadership Team, we have decided to make capital reserves – the money set aside each year for improvements to our building and grounds – a stewardship initiative. We are a missional congregation and our building – in so many ways – supports our mission. I believe it is most apt to consider facility much more than a building. It is mission infrastructure. Our church building is where disciples are made, saints are equipped and believers are inspired to change our world in the name of Jesus Christ. If we meet our goal, we will increase our capital reserve account by \$70,000.

This will empower us to fulfill all of our core values.

For all who have not had a chance to make a pledge, I invite you to make this your opportunity. You can [pledge online here](#) . Every pledge takes us closer to our goal and the fulfillment of our five initiatives.

Thank you for helping us to *EXCEL IN THE GRACE OF GIVING!*

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