

NOVEMBER 2021

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WESTLAKE VILLAGE

SETTING A COURSE FOR A BETTER LIFE
TOGETHER IN MINISTRY
EMPOWERING OUR CONGREGATION FOR
TOMORROW

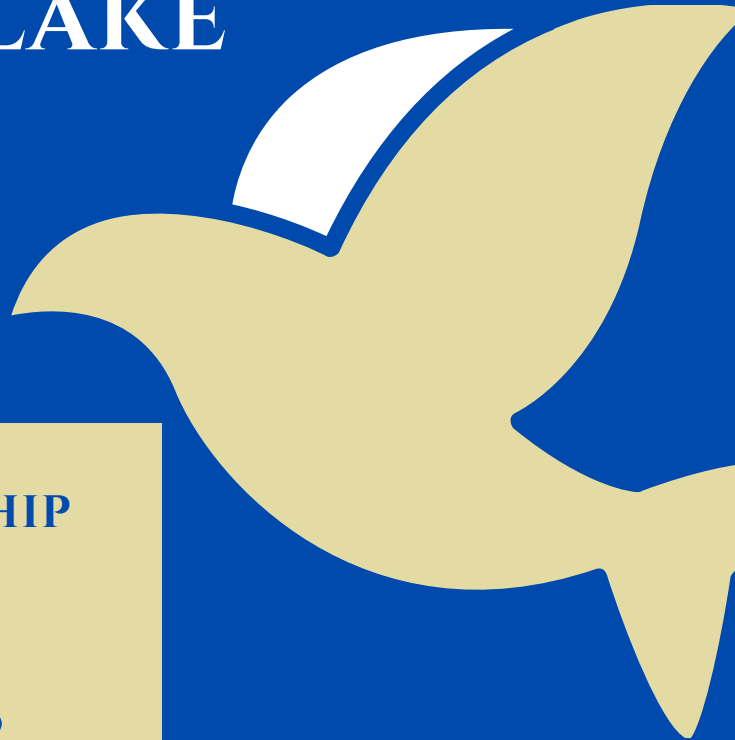
THE MEANING OF STEWARDSHIP

Dear UMCWV Family and Friends,

We are halfway through our Stewardship Appeal, and we are deeply grateful for those who have already told us of their intent to give financial support for our ministries in 2022. Thank you so much for your generosity!

By telling us of your intent to give in 2022 you not only help our church to prepare its budget each year but, more important, your words are a spiritual act of committing your “first fruits” to God before the year begins. This is an act of Christian stewardship.

By establishing your faith-giving plans first, and letting UMCWV know of your intent to give, you are structuring your financial life with God at the forefront, rather than sharing the leftovers with the church and our neighbors. This faithful discipline is a blessing to our church and our community.



OUR CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH



As the head of our children's and youth ministries, the loss of Associate Pastor Rachel Tabutol - her loving and sunny disposition, and her ebullient, creative, and thoughtful Christian guidance and leadership - would be a severe blow to our children's and youth ministries. From our Celebrating Wonder curriculum to our Facebook Group, from Easter Celebrations, Backpack Blessings, and family activities to Children's Time in our worship services and more, Pastor Rachel is a beloved and important part of our church family.

We humbly ask those of you who haven't yet informed us of your giving plans for 2022 to please let us know now.

Many of the wonderful ministries of our church and our exciting shift to launch innovative plans for the future were previously outlined for you.

We have thoughtfully cut expenses and refinanced our loan. These actions will allow us to perform essential maintenance on our church properties while reducing our interest and monthly payments.

These are all on the "expense" side of the ledger.

Now, we need your help on the "income" side.



**TO KEEP PASTOR RACHEL AND ALL
OF OUR OTHER UMCWV STAFF IN
PLACE IN 2022, WE NEED YOUR
HELP - BY DEC. 12 -
TO REACH OUR GOAL OF AN
ADDITIONAL \$240,950
IN 2022 PLEDGES.**

**Sadly, a loss of present staffing will
most likely mean a commensurate
reduction in program ministries.**

While we are working on implementing a shared leadership and funding model for Pastor Rachel as part of the exciting new "Conejo Connection" initiative, which would further reduce our financial obligations, if we do not receive enough 2022 commitments, **we will not be able to meet even those reduced funding requirements.**

WILL YOU HELP US REACH OUR GOAL?

If you haven't yet informed us of your faith-giving plans for 2022, or if you wish to give an additional gift to support our ministries, **please fill out the enclosed "Intent to Give" card or email Vinia at vinia@umcwv.org** to let us know of your faith giving plans in 2022. For any questions, please email Vinia or call her at (805) 497-7884. **Thank you and God bless you all!**



**Your Lay Leaders,
Carí, Jeanie, and Julie**



THREE TAX-EFFICIENT WAYS TO GIVE TO UMCWV!

Qualified Charitable

Distributions (QCD): A QCD is given from your IRA to a qualified charity (like UMCWV). If you are age 72 or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to UMCWV, and **the QCD amount is excluded from your taxable income.**

Long-Term Appreciated

Securities: Most publicly-traded securities may be donated to UMCWV. If you have held the stock for more than one year when the

donation is made, you can claim the fair market value as an itemized deduction on your federal income tax return. The amount deducted in a single year can be up to 30% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). **No capital gains taxes are owed when these securities are donated to UMCWV.**

Checks and Cash: In 2021, you can donate cash to UMCWV **and deduct up to 100% of your AGI** as an itemized deduction on your federal income tax return.

TO BE DEDUCTIBLE IN 2021, GIFTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12/31/2021

The information provided is general and educational in nature. It is not intended to be, and should not be construed as legal or tax advice. Please talk to your financial and legal advisors to ensure that these charitable giving techniques are right for you.