

THE SCARSDALE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC



Journeying Together

An Open and Affirming Church - Warmly Welcoming all of God's Children

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Dear Friends and Fellow Stewards of God's Gifts:

Everyone reading this letter has chosen to include the Scarsdale Congregational Church, UCC, as part of their journey. Though everyone's spiritual journey is different, we have made the SCC as a common point in our lives. At this time, more than ever, we must ensure that the SCC can continue to be a part of future generations' lives. It is for that reason that we are asking everyone to pledge to this year's Stewardship campaign.



A popular saying is "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together". I often think how well this applies well to the SCC, where we are all journeying together and are supportive of each other in this journey. This year our journey will include joy, togetherness and change. We ask that you, as Shepherds of our Church, give generously to this year's financial Stewardship Campaign to help support and assure the continued good work of our church. The Goal for this year's Campaign is \$240,000 in pledges and 100% participation in the campaign by Church Members.

The SCC offers guidance and direction to its members' journeys every day of the year, as well. We are blessed to have dedicated leadership; we are blessed to have an amazing Music Director and Choir that guides us with song every Sunday; we are blessed that our children are starting their own journeys encouraged by our committed Sunday School teachers and a Christian Education curriculum that helps children consider how to live good and wholesome lives. Without your support the programs we value would not exist.

SCC members' journeys also include multiple community service projects, and last year over \$50,000 was given directly to outreach programs. Examples of SCC Outreach initiatives include preparing meals for the Open Arms Shelter in White Plains, donating food each month to the Scarsdale United Interfaith Food Bank and the White Plains Ecumenical Emergency Food Pantry, helping our teenagers participate in the Midnight Run, and contributing funds to Kids for World Health. Our financial commitment to our Church allows us both to support our staff and our facilities, and to provide these and other valuable programs for those in need. Without your support, these efforts to strengthen our local and world communities could not be maintained.

In order to sustain our Church, its programs, its Outreach, its leadership, its music, its Christian Education, and all that makes it dear to us, it is important to look at our own individual financial commitments. We ask you to **Please complete the enclosed pledge card and bring it to worship on December 11th, which we have designated as "Giving Day"**. If you cannot join us on December 11th a return envelope is enclosed. It would be wonderful if we could all give the modern tithe of 5% of our income, but we also understand that everyone is at a different place in life's journey. We ask that you pledge as much as you are able, but that you pledge. Your pledge will ensure that we can continue to be a signpost and beacon for the community and each other for years to come.

Faithfully,

Bill

Bill Morgan - Stewardship Chair

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Frances Wise Grenley - Senior Minister

Journeying together in Spirit and Service

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There are many ways in which to give to the church. For your convenience, they are outlined below. The Scarsdale Congregational Church, UCC, is working to make the act of supporting our church easier for our members. Please let us know if there are other means by which we can help facilitate your giving.

Ways to Give

Electronic Funds Transfer – You may transfer funds to the SCC UCC on a one time basis by EFT'ing funds to our account. Please contact Bill Morgan or the SCC Finance office for details.

Recurring Bank Transfer – Many financial institutions today offer the ability to transfer funds on a recurring basis. You can coordinate directly with your financial institution and transfer money to the SCC's account. Please contact Bill Morgan or the SCC Finance office for details.

Check Or Cash – The SCC will always accept cash and checks for our stewardship needs. Pledges may be left in the offering plates or mailed directly to the SCC.

Securities – Owners of stocks and/or bonds may transfer their shares directly to the SCC. The Stewardship Chairperson and SCC Finance office can provide the necessary paperwork and help coordinate the transaction.

Online Giving – Pledges may be completed online via PayPal. The link to this option is here: <http://www.scc-ucc.org/index.php/giving/giving-overview>. Please consider including an additional 3% to cover the transaction costs of PayPal.

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Thank you for your continued Stewardship.

