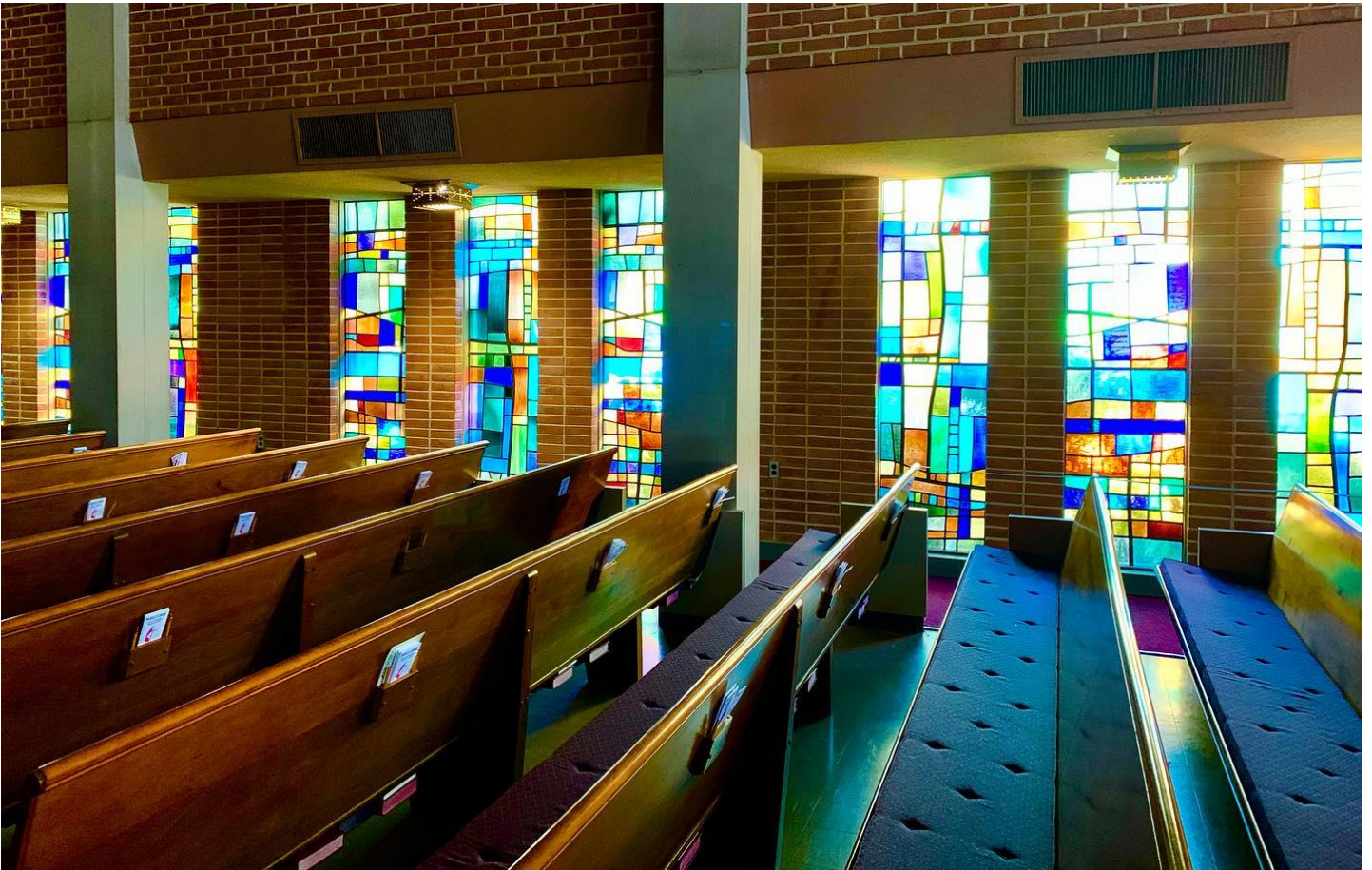




2024 Stewardship Campaign
Be the start of something good
Stone Soup



Capitol Hill United Methodist Church



TO BE THE HEART OF GOD IN THE COMMUNITY

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Be the start of something good!

Stone Soup is a popular European folktale. A stranger shows up in a small village. The stranger is hungry. So are the villagers, but there seems to be nothing to eat. The stranger starts the hospitality by setting out a giant pot and politely asking for a large stone. He claims to have a delicious soup recipe. As the villagers watch, he builds a fire, fills the pot with water, and drops in the stone. He stirs it with delight and anticipation. After tasting it, the stranger announces that it's good but would be much better if only there were a little carrot to add. Eventually, a villager produces a hidden stash of a few carrots. The stranger savors a taste and announces that it would be even more delicious with a little onion or some meat. A villager returns with the ingredients.

Over and over again, the traveler declares the soup good and wagers that it could be even better if Over and over again, the villagers bring out what seem like meager offerings on their own. Together, however, they create an enormous, nourishing soup that feeds them all. Starting with just a stone. The recipe for delicious soup isn't a list of ingredients. It's an invitation to imagine and help.

At Capitol Hill UMC, we have a fierce conviction that everyone has gifts to share. We also have a fierce conviction that what we do with our time and our money is a clear reflection of what we value, and has a profound impact on who we become. The story of God's work at CHUMC, and every aspect of our mission, is supported by every one of us through our gifts of time, talent, money, prayer, witness, and creativity. And it is your generosity, beloved people of CHUMC, who underpin everything we do.

Our Mission is to be the heart of God in the neighborhood.

We are an Anti-racist and Reconciling UMC.

Peace,

Rev. Stephanie Vader



Worship & Music: \$116,000

We give out of a desire to participate...

Worship is the heart of everything we do at CHUMC. Your giving provides what is needed for us to be a place of sanctuary for all people. CHUMC is proud to be an Anti-Racist and Reconciling UMC. When you give, you are part of:

- Two distinct worship services offered every Sunday morning
- Music that enhances our worship themes
- Liturgical artwork on our altar and in our sanctuary and building that enhances our worship themes.
- Holy Week Services including: Ashes to Go in the Neighborhood, Foot Washing and Communion on our front steps, Good Friday services, and the Easter Feaster and Egg Hunt.
- Worship services you can watch on demand via our live stream
- Inspiring preaching and worship that is thoughtfully prepared and delivered
- Communion, baptisms, weddings, and funerals
- A purposeful Sunday School program
- Special services such as Blue Christmas, A Festival of Lessons & Carols, Blessing of the Animals, Children's and Christmas Eve for Travelers, All Saints Day, Christmas Pageant

What is new in worship and music?

- Children's Sabbath is every third Sunday when our children are usher, greeters, liturgists and prayer leaders
- A children's choir offered every Sunday beginning in November
- A Joint Ash Wednesday evening worship with our siblings from Ebenezer UMC
- Live-streamed worship you can watch on demand



Social Justice Ministries: \$155,000



FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP

7 days a week, 365 days a year, people are offered food and friendship at CHUMC!

CHUMC has a long history of welcoming people to the church for a meal and conversation, starting with their Sunday Cafe in the 1990s. This led to friendships and the introduction of Our Daily Bread, which began on Holy Thursdays. Over time, the church expanded its presence, with volunteers from CHUMC and the neighborhood helping prepare meals and engage with neighbors. Social workers, case managers, and medical services from Unity Healthcare was added to the services provided by Food and Friendship. The church also hosted Bible studies and Bible study groups. Before the COVID pandemic, the church shut down for a few weeks but resumed serving the homeless outside, walking through the neighborhood and delivering meals every single day as well as serving food in our parking lot. In December 2022, the church returned to breakfast in the parlor, with outreach workers from Everyone Home DC and Unity nurses joining on a weekly basis. The community continues to enjoy good food, coffee, conversation, and friendship, reading daily reflections, and giving thanks for Our Daily Bread.

RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY BAND

In the summer of 2020 CHUMC created the Racial Justice Task force and made a commitment to being an anti-racist church. In 2022 the task force was elevated into the Racial Justice Ministry Band, aligning the importance of the work of anti-racist with other ministries in the church.

The Racial Justice Ministry Band has worked on the following in 2023:

- Changing the CHUMC Church Council (our governing body) Covenant statement language and values to align with anti-racist principles and values.
- Educating the congregation about the history of the largest stained-glass window in the sanctuary dedicated in honor of the Christian Virtues of J. Edgar Hoover and leading discussions about rededicating the window as an act of repentance and repair.
- Hosting a webinar with Dr. Lerone Martin on the book *The Gospel of J. Edgar Hoover: How the FBI Aided and Abetted the Rise of White Christian Nationalism*
- Developed and implementing a tool for all the bands and ministries groups at CHUMC to evaluate our policies and procedures including: worship, finances, staffing equity, education and more in order to create and protect an anti-racist culture at CHUMC.

MIGRANT EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In partnership with the Mutual Aid Immigrant Solidarity Network, dozens of other church communities, neighbors and various immigrant services organizations CHUMC has opened our building to over 8,000 migrants most of whom arrived via buses from Arizona and Texas in 2023. We have provided a warm and welcoming place of respite, food, clothing, shoes, hygiene items and basic medicine to bus after bus after bus. From January – June of 2023 we were the official city of DC Migrant Welcome Center and we hosted over 4,000 migrants from the buses in those six months.

We currently are the home of the Free Immigrant Tienda (Free Store) with open hours every single Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. We provide clothing, shoes, hygiene items, basic medicine and friendship to an average of 150 migrants every week.

Advocacy and Action:

Making our voice heard as followers of Jesus .

The staff and laity have supported advocacy and actions based on our values as followers of Jesus.

CHUMC staff and laity promoted and attended the following:

- Youth Survivor Sit-In for Gun Regulations on the lawn of the Capitol
- Rally for Migrant Housing at DC Government offices
- Voices for Peace Demonstration
- Organized Migrant testimony for the DC city council for service
- Marched with other Reconciling UMC's in the Capitol Area Pride Parade

Capitol Hill UMC welcomed Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Summer Intern Destiny Shanklin from the Baltimore-Washington Conference for 8 weeks over the summer of 2023 to work with our Food and Friends, Migrant Ministries and Racial Justice Ministry Band.



Serving our Community

Through Our Building: \$137,000

CHUMC Partners:

Everyone Home DC - provides social workers throughout the week to assist our breakfast community with housing and case management.

Capitol Hill Cooperative Nursery School/Preschool - housed at CHUMC

Kid Power, Inc. - housed at CHUMC, inspires youth leadership by promoting academic advancement, physical & emotional wellness, and positive civic engagement in under-served communities throughout DC

Damien Ministries – provides health, housing, employment and other services to LGBTQIA individuals, AmeriCore Training, volunteers assist with Food and Friendship Ministries

Good Neighbors Capitol Hill Refugee Ministries - welcomes and provides for Refugees new to the area

Unity Healthcare - partners with Everyone Home DC to provide onsite health services for the unhoused at CHUMC and provide free vaccine clinic on-site

GRACE in Action--nonprofit organization created by CHUMC members to create affordable housing for our DC neighbors experiencing housing insecurity. Incorporated in 2019, raised funds from CHUMC members and others, and acquired its first home in October 2021.



CHUMC is busy with activity. Through our facility, volunteer and ministries, we are able to:

- Host a Legal Aid Clinic for Migrants
- Host a three-week summer camp for 25 migrant children (ages 4 to 2nd grade) in partnership with Washington City church of the brethren
- Assist with Thanksgiving Grocery Card Drive for Everyone Home DC
- Host our Annual Stocking Project, providing gifts and family items for at-risk families for Everyone Home DC
- Host GRACE in Action
- Contribute to Neighbors for Justice Compassionate Release Letter writing project
- Assemble Christmas Stockings for our Food and Friendship members



Children's Ministries \$100,000

We give because we love, and that's what love does.

We become disciples of Jesus Christ by practicing the values he taught. Your giving sustains our spiritual formation ministries:

- Weekly Sunday School
- One week of Vacation Bible School
- Annual Church Picnic
- Fall Carnival of Fun
- Birthday Party for Jesus
- Lego Fun Nights
- Sanctuary Children's Play Area
- 3rd Grad Bible Workshop
- Intergenerational Advent Art Making Workshop
- ThanksGaming Night
- Annual Christmas Pageant

Youth Ministries

- Weekly Sunday Evening Youth Group
- Service opportunities
- Weekly Sunday School class

Connect Opportunities

- Mending Hearts Crafting & Fellowship Group
- TnT (Twenty & Thirty Somethings) Weekly Soul Feast Virtual Gathering
- SAGE (Older Adults) Ministries of meals and programs including:
Walking the Camino de Santiago, Discussion of Israel and Palestine with opportunities for education and advocacy, "The work of Lord's Mountain Orphanage, *Women Talking* movie discussion and more
- Advent & Lenten Devotionals written by CHUMCers
- Occasional TnT Virtual Trivia Nights
- Casual Fridays & Coffee
- Wednesday Night Running Group
- Speed Fellowship
- Scavenger Hunt in the National Art Museum
- Board game night
- Worship will Hill Havurah for Shabbat

Study Opportunities

We offer adult discipleship classes every Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the year! A few things we offered in 2023 include:

Walking the Way of Harriet Tubman: Public Mystic and Freedom Fighter led by Margot Eyring
Faith, Hope and Love: A Palestinian Perspective of Living Under Occupation led by Palestinian Adam Manashra

Dignity of Work and Workers Rights led by Branden Danaher
What is happening in the UMC? led by Rev Stephanie Vader

Balanced Barre Classes taught by Lark Lewis

On Repentance and Repair by Danya Ruttenberg

After Jesus: Before Christianity led by Kathleen Smith

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg led by Lee McCracken, Dean Lester, Greg Capaldini and Deacon Sam Marullo

The Gospel of J. Edgar Hoover: How the FBI Aided and Abetted the Rise of White Christian Nationalism by Dr. Lerone Martin

The Book of Jonah led by Rick Miller

Learning about the J. Edgar Hoover Window of Christian Virtues and Statedmanship led by the middle and high school Sunday school class

First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God led by Rev. Stephanie Vader



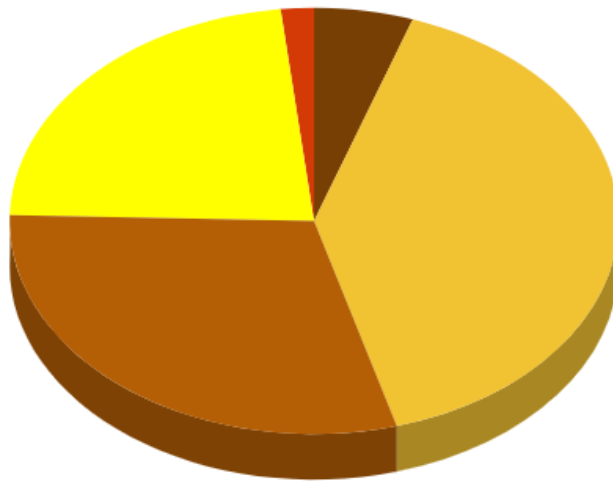
CHUMC Annual Pledges

Total 2023 Pledges: 57

Average Annual Pledge: \$6,868

Average Weekly Pledge: \$132

2023 Tithes and Offerings



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Dear Capitol Hill United Methodist Church,

Thank you for letting us use your space. It means a lot to our troop, and we really appreciate your support and generosity. The opportunity to helping us achieve our goals and be very grateful. We're so thankful to have you in our community! Thank you again for being so kind!

Sincerely,
Troop 44082

Lydia A
Mila
Julia
Brooklin
Cecilia
Evelyn
Maya
Harbin



Your financial giving changes people's lives.

It helps Capitol Hill United Methodist Church reach out in inclusive and relevant ways to help repair the world. This is why we exist: to meet people where they are, with the invitation to participate in something greater than any one person.

Your financial giving also **changes you**. It slowly creates a total way of life in which you realize that everything you have is from God, that you have been gifted and are therefore called to pass on the gift to someone else: to use your resources wisely and generously.

The Bible is filled with examples of grateful response to God's abundant gifts. We hope you will respond to the blessings of God by giving to Capitol Hill United Methodist Church.

What is stewardship?

The practice of stewardship reminds us that all we have is not ultimately ours, but God's. Our money and material possessions, as well as this good earth, are brimming with God's grace as each sustains us. We are called to use what we've been given: grace is never to be consumed greedily or thoughtlessly, but with great generosity toward others and the work of God's kingdom. A challenging practice, to be sure, but we come to discover that it actually gives us more than it asks. It's been said that nothing can make God love us any less, and nothing can make God love us anymore. That's true with financial giving. We don't give because we have to: we give because we can. We give because our giving helps lives be change—we give because giving changes us.

Why do we ask everyone at Capitol Hill UMC to fill out and turn in a pledge card every single year?

As we grow into mature followers of Jesus, we want to be responsible stewards for the future: we are developing a comprehensive budget for our next seasons of ministry. This budget is funded by the generosity of attenders and friends, primarily through annual pledges or commitments. Pledges are especially important because they help us estimate the resources available and plan accordingly. People who pledge statistically give twice as much financially to their church ministries. Pledges are essential.

E-giving

We encourage starting (or moving to) online giving: it's green, consistent, and safe. Contact Julie Harris, Financial Secretary at financialsec@chumc.net or go to <https://www.chumc.net/give> to sign up now!

How much should I pledge?

Take time to pray and discern. We encourage giving a deliberately-chosen percentage of gross income. We are challenged to set a tithe (the Biblical word for 10% of our income) as the giving goal in our lives. Start where you can and begin the journey. Some fully tithe or give more than a tithe; others take an incremental approach—increasing their gift by 1%, 2%, or 3% per year—to gradually move toward 10%.

What if my financial circumstances change?

If you need to change your commitment at any time, just let us know. This commitment represents your voluntary giving; it's not a binding contract.

TAKE THE 10% CHALLENGE

1. Find where YOU are in the chart (your annual income and current weekly giving)
2. Move to the right to determine how much you are willing to grow in your giving

Weekly Giving

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Lower Range			Middle Range			Upper Range			Tithe	Tithe+	
		1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	12%	15%
\$10,000	\$192	\$2	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$13	\$15	\$17	\$19	\$23	\$29
\$20,000	\$385	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$15	\$19	\$23	\$27	\$31	\$35	\$38	\$46	\$58
\$30,000	\$577	\$6	\$12	\$17	\$23	\$29	\$35	\$40	\$46	\$52	\$58	\$69	\$87
\$40,000	\$769	\$8	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$46	\$54	\$62	\$69	\$77	\$92	\$115
\$50,000	\$962	\$10	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$58	\$67	\$77	\$87	\$96	\$115	\$144
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$12	\$23	\$35	\$46	\$58	\$69	\$81	\$92	\$104	\$115	\$138	\$173
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$13	\$27	\$40	\$54	\$67	\$81	\$94	\$108	\$121	\$135	\$162	\$202
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$15	\$31	\$46	\$62	\$77	\$92	\$108	\$123	\$138	\$154	\$185	\$231
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$17	\$35	\$52	\$69	\$87	\$104	\$121	\$138	\$156	\$173	\$208	\$260
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$19	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$115	\$135	\$154	\$173	\$192	\$231	\$288
\$125,000	\$2,404	\$24	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$144	\$168	\$192	\$216	\$240	\$288	\$361
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\$175,000	\$3,365	\$34	\$67	\$101	\$135	\$168	\$202	\$236	\$269	\$303	\$337	\$404	\$505
\$200,000	\$3,846	\$38	\$77	\$115	\$154	\$192	\$231	\$269	\$308	\$346	\$385	\$462	\$577

SAVE THE DATE

Capitol Hill UMC

Covenant Sunday

A celebration of the generosity and commitment to this beloved community.

Sunday, November 19, 2023

9 and 11am Worship Services

Celebration Lunch @ Noon

We will place our pledge cards on the altar at the end of our worship services as a witness to our financial commitment to the ministries and neighborhood of Capitol Hill UMC and enjoy a lunch of soup and bread at noon.