

# FEARLESS. Generosity

We're making disciples  
of all nations and  
generations.

## *Scriptures to Prepare our Hearts for Fearless Generosity*

### **Luke 6:38**

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

### **Matthew 25:23**

"Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter the joy..."

### **Mark 12:44**

"They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

### **Proverbs 3:5-6**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way."

### **Acts 2:17**

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."

### **Philippians 4:6-7**

"Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus."

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**Bedford Presbyterian Church  
2019 Season of Stewardship**



# From Our Leadership

Dear BPC Family,

**T**hank you. With those two words, God has transformed our church. Just four short years ago, we were facing a deficit budget and had to make a plea for funds. Under our feet, the front portico was crumbling, and above our heads, we needed a new roof. Our insurance company wouldn't insure the building without a new roof. We were unable to meet our financial obligations and we had to withdraw money from our endowment fund. There was a temptation to become more worried about what BPC didn't have than what BPC did have.

What we did have was God...and you. How could we not be thankful for all of God's blessings and for all of the ways that, in response to God's blessings, you have offered your time and talents, your money and passion, here at BPC? In the middle of our financial worries, we thought about how grateful we are for God and for you, and we started saying out loud what had always been in our hearts—thank you!

While we have always been thankful for God and for you, your pastors and the Session of BPC made a concerted effort to be fully transparent about BPC's finances and to talk about the impact of your faithful giving. Four years later, the church looks and feels so different. And, we start and finish each year with a balanced budget. We are saying "thank you" for the ways that God has inspired great generosity here at BPC and to all who give their gifts here.

Over the past four years, throughout our Building on a Firm Foundation Capital Campaign and annual stewardship campaigns, you have made great sacrifices. We are inspired by the people in our congregation who have been fearless in their giving.

As you read this stewardship brochure, it is our hope and prayer that you will see all that God has done through you and your gifts. We hope you will be inspired to continue offering thanks and praise to God, becoming more fearless in giving. What will the Lord do through you – through us? We can't wait to see! Thanks be to God for doing far more than we could ever imagine....

Grace and Peace,

Karen, John, and the Session of BPC

EPHESIANS 3: 20-21

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! AMEN.*

# What Does Fearless Generosity Mean to You?

*"Actually tithing!"*

ALICIA

*"Giving to help the greater good."*

JODI

*Wholeheartedly placing our trust in God."* KAREN

*"Giving with love."*

MARK

*"Giving without consideration of what you might get in return."*

DAVID

*"Never regretting a single dollar given to BPC."*

MELINDA

*"Approaching giving from a mindset of abundance instead of a mindset of scarcity."*

JOHN

*"Putting God first."* MADDY

*"When I feel good about what I give."* GINA

*"Having faith that God will provide."* BEV

*"Giving to God first, and letting all other things come after."*

DEB

*"When I know it is stretching my faith and making a difference."* LARRY

# FEARLESS *In Service*



## Worship & Praise

Choirs & Ringers  
Communion & Baptisms  
Holy Week  
Christmas & Advent  
Weddings & Memorials  
Children's Messages  
Liturgy & Sermons

## Growing in Faith

Adult Education  
Church School  
Confirmation  
Youth Groups  
Vacation Church School  
Intergenerational Events



## Mission Field

Helping Hands  
Mission Trips  
Caring Closet  
Thanksgiving Baskets  
Soup Kitchen  
Adopt-a-Family  
Bakersville School Partnership  
Support for Missionaries



## Caring & Outreach

Deacons  
Pastoral Visits  
Prayer Shawls  
Meal Ministry  
Prayer Chain  
Pastoral Counseling Services  
Emergency & Crisis Relief  
Staff Benefits & Compensation



## Welcoming Hospitality

New Member Classes  
Fellowship Events  
Living Nativity  
Community Events  
Support Groups  
Presbytery Meetings  
Small Groups  
Scouts

## Buildings & Grounds

Refurbishments & Renovations  
Structural Engineering  
Energy Efficiency/Utilities  
Technology Improvement  
Building Maintenance  
Emergency Repairs  
Space for Community Groups



# FEARLESS IN *Aspiration*

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. PSALM 126:1-3*

We rejoice in the great things the Lord has done at BPC.  
What is next?

**With confidence and shouts of joy, lets dream big in the years to come!**

*Could we...*

*Sing out with even more inspiring music...*

*Expand opportunities for mission...*

*Convert old Parish Hall into something new...*

*Welcome a dedicated youth minister/leader....*

How will you embrace fearless generosity?

If you have never pledged before, can you make your first commitment to giving?

If you already pledge, can you give fearlessly in 2019 to make our future dreams a reality?

# FEARLESS IN *Commitment*

## Prayerful ways to give:

Offering plate

Gifts of appreciated stock

Automatic monthly bank account debit (MyBPC)

Automatic monthly credit card charge (MyBPC)

Designated gifts to fund unmet needs

Memorial gifts

Beneficiary designation

Estate planning

Endowments gifts

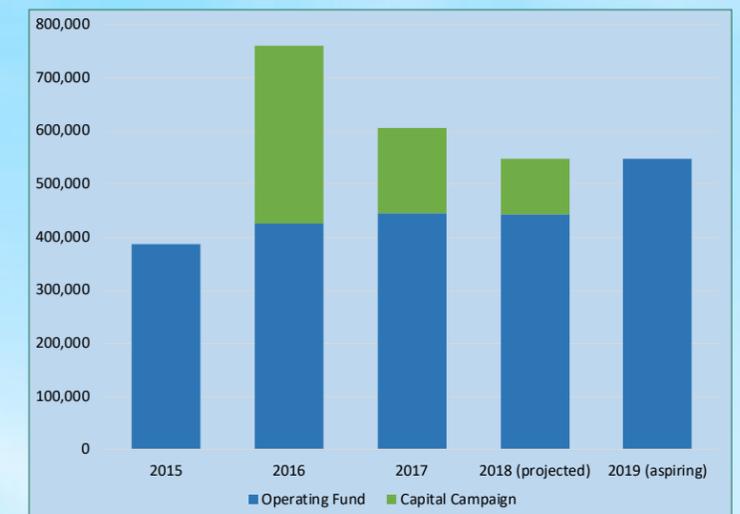
Charitable funds

We encourage you to talk to your tax advisor and financial planner about the possible tax benefits of various charitable contribution vehicles. Questions about giving in various ways can be directed to Michael Sampson, treasurer @bedfordpresbyterian.org. Pledging questions can be directed to Nicolle Small, pledges @bedfordpresbyterian.org.

The call to fearless giving begins with prayer and reflection. We hope the readings on the back of this brochure provide spiritual nourishment as you prayerfully consider your commitment for 2019.

We recognize our congregation's joyful capacity for giving through the Capital Campaign, which ends this year. Could we fearlessly rise to **ongoing** generosity and grow the fruits of our mission and service at BPC?

Giving History at Bedford Presbyterian Church



In early November you'll receive a letter with a commitment card and an invitation to join us for a Thanks-for-giving lunch following worship on Sunday, November 18.

### Share your dreams!

Do you have a hope or wish for the future of Bedford Presbyterian Church? On the back of the commitment card, we've provided space for you to share your thoughts and vision. **Remember to bring your cards to the 10 a.m. service on November 18.**

During the Season of Stewardship, we invite you to pray...

***What would you do through me, Lord? What would you do through me?***