



Damascus United Methodist Church

Serving Damascus Faithfully Since 1822

Rooted in faith, growing in love, branching out into God's world

May 2024

Dear Members and Friends:

Damascus United Methodist Church is undertaking a campaign in support of its Operating Fund entitled "Growing in Generosity". We are seeking total commitments (including current giving plus new or increased amounts) of \$300,000 for the second half of 2024 and \$630,000 for all of 2025. These targeted amounts translate to annual growth rates of about 5%. We are doing this now because pledging allows us to plan and budget more effectively.

As we embark on this campaign, we are reminded that generosity is an integral part of discipleship. Our faith calls us to share our blessings with others, and through your support, we can continue to make a positive impact in our community. Generosity is at the core of discipleship. When we give selflessly, we follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Generosity is more than just financial giving; it is a commitment to nurture and care for all that God has entrusted to us. It is about using our time, talents, and resources to further God's work here on Earth. By participating in our campaign, you become an active steward of God's gifts and can help ensure that we can continue our ministries. Your pledge will help us create a sustainable future for our congregation.

Please know that this campaign's purpose is to secure financial commitments to fund the daily operations of the Church. It will not provide funds which will be required in the coming years for major repairs to, or the replacement of, significant capital items such as heating and air conditioning systems, the church organ, pavement, roofs, and other related items. We are still in the process of assessing the scope and timing of these needs and will likely launch a capital campaign later this year.

How Can You Participate?

1. **Pray:** Seek God's guidance as you consider your pledge. Reflect on how your generosity can impact lives within our church family and beyond.
2. **Pledge:** Complete and submit your pledge by June 9. You may submit your pledge through the Church's website at www.damascusumc.org/give. You may also return your completed pledge through the collection plate at Sunday worship or mail it to the church office in the enclosed return envelope. Every pledge, regardless of the amount, makes a difference.
3. **Give:** Fulfill your pledge through regular contributions. In addition to accepting cash or checks, the Church offers a variety of convenient ways to establish payment plans that will automatically charge a bank account or a debit/credit card.

Your commitment to our campaign strengthens our church community and enables us to serve others. Together, we can make a lasting impact.

May God bless you abundantly as you prayerfully consider your pledge.

Blessings,



Robert Wilson, Jr.
Council Co-Chair



Gina Wilson
Council Co-Chair



Rev. Phil Ayers
Senior Pastor

Enclosures: Pledge form, Narrative budget, FAQ and return envelope



Pledge Form