



ST JAMES

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Happy Summer 2017!

Thank you for faithfulness to St. James United Methodist Church. This wonderful community of faith is able to be the hands and feet of Christ because of your provision into so many mission and ministry initiatives. Your commitment absolutely fortifies our Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Discipleship, Risk-Taking Mission and Service and Extravagant Generosity. It is truly by your gracious gifts that we are able to carry on with our Mission of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World! You are a blessing by being a part of fulfilling Jesus' command found in Matthew 28:19 (NASB)...“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...”

Your financial gifts continue to allow St. James to do amazing ministry such as The Red Carpet Affair, Vacation Bible School, Mission Trips, Community Benevolence, Small Group Discipleship, Operational Maintenance, Sunday Worship and so much more. Through June of this year, your generosity helped us reach \$707,191 toward the operational budget of \$753,953. Additionally, contributions to the Lighting the Path to Christ (LPC) campaign continue and have totaled \$96,248 from January to June of 2017. These funds have allowed us to reduce our Line of Credit (LOC) to \$50,500 with expectations to retire the LOC within the next several months. St. James has been faithful during the first 24 months of the LPC campaign and we collectively pray to finish strong through June of 2018!

As we carry on through the second half of 2017, please continue to support the mission and ministries of St. James with your tax-deductible tithes and offerings. St. James provides multiple ways to securely give including text-to-give, online giving, bank draft, and offering plate to name a few. St. James has also been blessed with gifts like IRA Charitable Rollovers, transfer of Life Insurance Policies, Trusts, Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds in case you prefer to contribute by means such as those. Any gift you feel led to provide will help St. James prepare to do more ministry as we expand our discipleship efforts. St. James has a Certified Financial Advisor on the Finance Committee who will be happy to work with you and your tax advisor on current and planned gifts to St. James. Please call the church office at 813.971.4790 for the advisor contact information or with other inquiries regarding financial stewardship. Again, thank you for your support and for continuing to pray that St. James be on mission to have an eternal impact in the world with our time, talent and treasure!

Sincerely,

St. James Finance Committee
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