SERVING and PARTNERING



Serving and delivering meals after Hurricane Ian to the Gladiolus Food Pantry

COMMUNITY and CONNECTION



Valentine Potluck with The Cordials

WORSHIPING AND DEVELOPING



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Make Room!

Fort Myers Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
2023-24 Stewardship
Campaign



"His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the JOY of your master."

(emphasis)

-Matthew 25:21 New Revised Standard Version This year's stewardship campaign theme is Make Room! One of my favorite hymns from the *Chalice Hymnal* is *In This Very Room* due to the beautiful melody but also the simple and direct truth. Each of the brief three verses begin with "In this very room there's quite enough love..." Subsequently, the verses piggyback off one another reminding us there is an abundance of love for not only you and I, but all the world! In fact, since "Jesus is in this very room" there is plenty of hope and power.

At the same time, the Gospel is never idle as it calls for a faithful response. That is, to make room! Furthermore, when we truly make room for Christ in our hearts a transformation is bound to happen as we discover our lives reflecting this by being generous with our time, our talents, and our gifts. Throughout the stewardship campaign we had a variety of speakers who shared about the ministries of the church and the importance of making a commitment to give to the 2023-24 budget that should lead to joy! Joy in being part of and giving to something larger than ourselves- Christ's church.

I want to thank everyone who has already made a pledge to the church, and encourage others to do so as you find your way through our doors and into the church family. This brochure will highlight some of the ways Fort Myers Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has made room in the past as well as how we will continue being the body of Christ into a bright future. Finally, you can see the breakdown of the budget.

Blessings,

Pastor Zach Seitz

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough!"

Making Room to love and serve like Jesus...

- GROW in a deeper faith through worship and study.
- CARE for our homebound members through our Caring Circle Ministry.
- EMPOWER younger generations, such as vocal students from FGCU to lead in worship.
- PROVIDE opportunities for members and students to volunteer and make a difference.
- PARTNER with the Gladiolus Food Pantry.
- FUNDRAISE throughout the year from Thanksgiving turkeys, book drives, and much more.
- CONNECT with our denomination and local community.

Generous contributions allow us to continue bringing in new talent and offer quality live streaming that invites, connects, and deepens the worship experience no matter if you're in-person or participating online.



Your Generosity Breakdown

Discipleship: \$750

Expenses for Christian education as we expand our minds and hearts to be like Jesus.

Evangelism: \$900

Expenses from marketing as we promote our church and vibrant ministries.

Worship: \$12,550

Expenses for all worship services, including online streaming, recording, special guests, communion supplies, candles, worship music

Outreach \$12,000

Supports local ministries and giving to the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Congregational Life: \$1,200

Expenses related to fun fellowship activities such as monthly dinners: Potluck and Well-Fed Dinner.

Property: \$60,500

Expenses related to being good stewards of the inside and outside of the church campus.

Administrative: \$11,500

Expenses to operate the church office.

Personnel: \$123,600

Salaries of the pastor, music director, and bookkeeper.

Total: \$223,000