

GROUNDING IN FAITH -- GROWING TO SERVE

Over the next 30+ weeks, we will be highlighting various portions of our 2015 Unified Budget during the Stewardship Seconds in each church service. Leaders of FUMC will be describing how we use the weekly offerings to support our ministries and missions, as well as to support the upkeep of the church facilities. Each week we will add a flower to our tree that will represent many of these important ministries. At the end of our campaign in December, our tree will be loaded with these flowers. We are hopeful that our annual giving will be enough to continue to support and possibly expand many of these important activities.

Our tree has nine roots (one for every remaining month in 2015). The topics of each root are as follows:

April Shares of Ministry

May Church Staff

June Pastors

July Facilities

August Missions

September Children's Ministries

October Adult Ministries

November Youth Ministries

December Debt/Interest

During May's "Stewardship Seconds", we will concentrate on the ministries that are supported by the "Church Staff". One of FUMC's core ministries is our music program. Two adult choirs, a youth choir, and multiple children's choirs, with the support of very talented organists provide artistic support and help lead more traditional worship services each week. Invocation is a praise band that helps lead a more contemporary worship service. We also support multiple bell choirs for children and adults. Other church staff ministries include our office and financial positions. These support many functions including the newsletters, bulletins, financial reports, annual giving statements, and church calendars. Our congregational care staff adds many "caring activities" including visitation, prayer support, Access Ministry, Day of Pampering, communion stewards, meals/transportation, and many senior congregational activities. During May, be sure to listen and watch as we water and nourish the "Church Staff Root". If we have roots "**Grounded in Faith**", we will be able to "**Grow to Serve**".

