





## HELPFUL IDEAS FOR LIFESTYLE STEWARDSHIP

Here are some ways to give that perhaps you haven't thought of before:

What will it take for us to reach our **IMAGINE** Initiative goals?

Certainly it will take some substantial gifts, but just as importantly **each of us making small changes** in our lifestyles to sacrifice something that we could commit to the mission and vision of our church could have a substantial impact on our future.

Here are just a few examples of how small changes could result in achieving more than 50% of our goal if we all were to **IMAGINE** together:

Activity Per Month		Avg. Cost	x36 Months	x600 Families
4 cups of coffee		\$16	\$576	\$345,600
2 large pizzas		\$24	\$864	\$518,400
1 fast food meal		\$30	\$1,080	\$648,000
1 round of golf or mani/pedi		\$40	\$1,440	\$864,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,376,000</b>

Of course, there are also other ways to demonstrate your commitment to Lifestyle Stewardship and the Imagine Initiative. You may also consider ways such as the following:

**PRIORITY BUDGETING:** You may choose to rearrange your priorities and give up something in your current budget that allows you to increase your giving.

**REDIRECT PRESENT EXPENDITURES:** Often families have significant short-term expenditures for specific needs that may change during the course of a three-year initiative, such as repaying a loan or the end of a tuition payment. Such changes can free up funds for additional giving.

**INCREASES IN INCOME:** You may receive periodic increases in salary or bonuses from your employer that provide additional resources for giving generously.

**APPRECIATED ASSETS:** Gifts of appreciated assets, typically investment securities, can be very advantageous to both the donor and to the church. Unlike gifts of cash that have already incurred an income tax, gifts of appreciated assets avoid the incurrance of capital gains tax. In addition, the donor receives a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the asset, in effect making these gifts less costly to make. Importantly, before making a commitment of this type please consult you financial or tax advisor.

## PROPOSED INVESTMENTS IN THE IMAGINE INITIATIVE

Bearing in mind the specifics of the interconnected initiatives we Imagine for the future of Rye Presbyterian, below is a summary of the resources we estimate will be required to realize that future.

### INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Third Pastor Housing Fund	\$1,000,000
Youth space	\$27,000
Additional Worship Service	*\$30,000
Programs and Mission	*\$120,000

### INVESTMENT IN WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Stained Glass Windows	\$1,270,000
Chapel	\$150,000

### INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE

Programs and Mission	*\$200,000
Endowment	\$250,000

### INVESTMENT IN STAFF

Manses	\$420,000
Office space and library	\$525,000
Seminary Intern	*\$50,000

<b>CAMPAIGN EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
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<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT</b>	<b>\$4,142,000</b>
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\*Represents three-year investments in new initiatives.

*"If we INVEST fully and wisely in the initiative, through God's power it will return "...far more than we can IMAGINE."*



*Imagine*  
 "BY GOD'S POWER ACCOMPLISHING FAR MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE"  
 EPHESIANS 3:20

**YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF  
 RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Practical ideas for giving and living generously

## ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING AND EXCITING DECISIONS WE MAKE WITH OUR MONEY IS THE DECISION TO GIVE.

Sometimes giving creates tension. We wonder, "If I give this away, how will the gap be filled?"

That's why giving is so important. Nothing invites God into our lives like giving. Giving is a tangible way in which we declare our trust in and commitment to God. Giving often paves the way for us to know God's presence in our lives in a very powerful way.

*Giving is not just a financial decision - it's a deeply spiritual decision.*

We've put this guide together to help you consider how God has blessed you and how God might invite you to trust in God's graciousness during the Imagine Initiative. Our prayer is that you would experience the power of God in your life as you seek to follow God's ways through generous giving and living.

Dan and John



# Imagine

what your relationship with God can be and what our church can be as we move into the ever brighter future that God envisions for Rye Presbyterian!

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18

Sunday, October 18 will be Commitment Sunday. We invite you and your family to share in a call at both services to celebrate God's grace and generosity through our commitments to Rye Presbyterian's future. **We ask everyone to attend on October 18 and bring their two commitment cards to make this special offering.**

Enclosed are the two commitment cards. One is for the 2016 Annual Stewardship and the other is for the Imagine Initiative.

### ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

**The first priority, as in each year, is to fund the annual budget of the church.** Your continued support of Annual Stewardships is vital to funding the day-to-day needs of the church, including staff compensation, fellowship, education, music, mission and more.

### IMAGINE INITIATIVE PLEDGE

With your **IMAGINE** pledge, we ask you to reach over and above your annual stewardship gift for the next three years. The **IMAGINE** pledge is separate and distinct from annual funding. Pledges to support the **IMAGINE** Initiative can be fulfilled in any increment and at any time over a three-year period, from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2018.

If you cannot attend on October 18, please mail your cards to the church in the enclosed envelope. Alternatively, you may pledge by email to [stewardship@ryepc.com](mailto:stewardship@ryepc.com) or on the church website..

## LIVING A FULLY GENEROUS LIFE

The most effective path to generosity is a spiritual path where you set your heart on things of God. Then your financial priorities will naturally flow out of your spiritual priorities.

One term people use to define this is "lifestyle stewardship." This describes a level of generosity that affects your living. It is always a temptation to give in such a way that makes little impact on how you live.

The challenge of lifestyle stewardship is to intentionally and prayerfully find ways to do just that - to let your giving touch your living!

## TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE

The challenge before us is a significant one. The gift profile below reveals how it will be possible, even with the large task God has given us, for us to reach our goal for the **IMAGINE** Initiative .

It also shows that every gift - no matter the size - makes a difference. Whatever your ability to give, participation in the **IMAGINE** initiative affirms your investment in our shared future at Rye Presbyterian Church.

As you think and pray about your personal commitment on **October 18**, we encourage you to open your heart in the coming days and let God shape your response.

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"*  
*2 Corinthians 9:7*

## HOW WE CAN GET THERE

NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS	ANNUAL COMMITMENT	TOTAL 3-YEAR COMMITMENT	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
75	\$250	\$750	\$56,250
50	\$500	\$1,500	\$131,250
25	\$1,200	\$3,600	\$221,250
20	\$2,400	\$7,200	\$365,250
15	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$500,000
12	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$680,250
10	\$8,000	\$24,000	\$920,250
9	\$12,000	\$36,000	\$1,244,250
8	\$15,000	\$45,000	\$1,604,250
7	\$20,000	\$60,000	\$2,024,250
6	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$2,474,250
5	\$30,000	\$90,000	\$2,924,250
6	\$50,000+	\$150,000+	\$4,200,000

**IMAGINE GOAL: \$4,200,00**