## The Journey to Generosity

"See, I am making all things new." Rev. 21:5

God is calling us to try new ways of being the church. We are experimenting with a new Governance model to help involve more people with our ministries. This year, we will make a Financial Commitment to the ministries of the church just before Easter instead of Thanksgiving. Easter reminds us that with God new life is possible. The resurrection of Jesus reminds us that with "God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26).

Our community of faith here at TCC is the embodiment of what Rev. Martin Copenhaver, President of Andover-Newton Theological School described in a Still Speaking Devotion:

"The true wonder is that God can be found inside the church, among quirky, flawed and broken people who may have little in common and yet are bound to one another. What an unlikely setting to encounter God. But the Christian God seems to like to surprise us by showing up in the most unpromising places, like a Jew from Nazareth and in a motley gathering of people known as church.

God throws us together in the church and says, in essence, "Here is where you get a chance to learn how to live with other people, to forgive, and even come to see God in one another. After all, if you can find God here, you can find God anywhere."

We at TCC, try to embody the radical welcome of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, when we say, "No matter who you are, where you have been and what you have done, you are welcome here."

We need each other to be the church of Jesus. We are also self-sustaining meaning, we alone provide financial support for TCC as we live out a God's mission to bring hope and healing to one another and the places we live.

We invite you to join us on this Journey to Generosity by prayerfully considering your financial commitment for 2018 and completing and submitting your pledge card or electronic giving form on or before March 25<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Please look for additional information in the newsletter, on the Governance Update board outside the church office and in future correspondence and educational sessions, or feel free to talk to us in person at your convenience!

With thanks,

The Financial Commitment Team Pam Carey, Barbara Janczunski and Rev. Bernie Hinckley