

Delegates October 2017

The delegates will be attending the New Hampshire Conference UCC Annual Meeting, on Saturday, October 21 in Concord, NH. Below is the poster for this meeting. Sorry it is in black and white on the paper copies of the Steeple. What a great and meaningful topic to focus on and discuss. I hope we will all give this some thought.



I like the wording on the poster, "Who Is My Neighbor? Poor, Sick, Muslim, Addict, Refugee, LGBTQ, Samaritan, Jew. Really who are our neighbors?"

You can be sure more will follow in the November Steeple.

The meeting is not just for pastors and delegates. If you would like to go, please let the office know, and we will enter a registration form for you.

Delegates of the West Lebanon UCC are: Judy Alger, John and Laurie Tostenson and Grace Dickerson.

PLANNED GIFTS #3

What does a planned gift consist of? It can be most anything. A piece of property, a share of stock, a painting, or cash. How you decide to gift the item depends on when you decide to give it.

Up to now we have spoken about planned giving as a part of estate planning. The items above can still be part of estate planning. However, they can also be donated prior to death, if you wish. There are sometimes advantages to doing this before death, depending on your situation.

For property, or valuable items such as paintings, a recent appraisal will be needed to determine the value of the donation. With the appraisal, you receive a charitable tax deduction for the appraised value of the item. The organization that you donate to then has the ability to sell the item and use the cash as needed. Please consult the organization prior to donating to assure they have the capability of handling the associated item and sale.

For a stock transfer, the donor receives charitable tax deductions for the full value of the stock at the time of transfer. At that time, the organization you donate to has the option to sell the stock, hold the stock for later sale, or hold the stock and use any dividends paid. This is especially valuable if you have stock that has appreciated significantly while you owned it. Since you are making a charitable contribution, any capital gains tax is nullified. This option is more advantageous if you are still filing taxes!

Just a reminder – these columns are designed to provide general information about options for making planned gifts. Please consult your own lawyers, accountants or financial advisors before making any decisions.

Amy Stebbins, Tru\$tee\$ & \$teward\$hip.

Greetings from your CE committee,

The Sunday school year has started and is now in full swing! We are so blessed and lucky to have many children right now, it is wonderful! It also means that our teachers have to be inventive to be able to teach everybody at their respective level. This is why having Sunday school helpers is so invaluable! Thank you Donna to have volunteered so far! More helpers are needed though! We will reach out to some of you who have expressed willingness to help. Thank you in advance.

We are very happy to have a possible new member in our committee, more to come.

Our next meeting will be on October 11 at 7pm. All are welcome to join us. This is it until next time...

Christine
(for your CE committee: Linda K, Judy A and myself).