

**This Friday, March 24th is our
Fling Wide the Door All Congregation Event being held at the
Mooring Line Drive Campus from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM.**

If you haven't yet done so, please respond to this invitation
by indicating your plans for attendance to
Gina Fidler at gina@naplesemmanuel.org or (239) 261-0894 xt. 303.



FLING WIDE THE DOOR
Embracing All In Christ

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What am I being asked to do for the Fling Wide the Door Campaign?

A: We are asking that you fill out a Gift Intent Card with a financial commitment. That commitment can be fulfilled through a one-time payment, over a three-year period, or on a timeframe in between. The quicker we receive gifts, the sooner we can begin each new project. Increased giving to the annual fund is needed immediately.

Q: When do my gift payments for the campaign begin?

A: "The annual fund is for all of 2023." Unless you prefer a different timetable, the offering period begins April 1, 2023. The Gift Intent Card has a place for you to indicate how and when you will fulfill your commitment.

Q: How long does the campaign last?

A: The Campaign will last for three years. However, if you feel you can make a larger gift by extending the time, you are welcome to do so. You may also make a one-time gift or contribute over fewer than three years. The quicker we receive gifts, the sooner we can begin each new project.

Q: Is it possible to just make gifts to the campaign without making a specific commitment?

A: Yes, but written responses, while never legally binding, give us an indication of what we can expect and permit us to plan for the future. Please fill out a Gift Intent Card indicating how you will respond even if you do not make a commitment. The response from the congregation will be a compelling story to share as we move forward in ministry.

Q: Will I be asked to give a specific amount?

A: You will be asked to prayerfully consider an amount based on the gift chart to reach our goal. If every gift on the chart is fulfilled, we will exceed our goal.

Q: Why are we being asked to give to the ongoing ministry through the annual fund as well as the campaign at the same time?

A: The **Fling Wide the Door Campaign** will empower us to complete the projects outlined above and position us for the future as our congregation grows and ministry changes. As we enter into this campaign, we will continue to provide our ongoing ministries to children, youth, families, and adults. We will continue to offer worship and pastoral care. We will continue to reach out with love and service to our community. These are all funded through the generosity of our members on an annual basis through our regular giving. The projects listed in this **Fling Wide the Door Campaign** are above and beyond our regular and ongoing ministry and regular annual giving.

Q: Do all gifts to the campaign have to be cash?

A: No. Gifts of property, appreciated stock, required minimum distributions from an IRA, mutual funds, cash value from insurance policies or policy loan proceeds, certificates of deposit (CDs), bonds, and annuities are just some of the ways we can give. For those who qualify, giving via a Required IRA Distribution may be the best way to contribute. All of these gifts may be subject to restrictions and limitations and each giver's circumstances are unique, so it is wise to consult your financial advisor or accountant.

Note: Contact Vivian Shea, Chief Operating Officer at the church office to make non-cash gifts. Important! Do not sell the asset yourself or you will be unable to avoid capital gains tax. If you are trying to capture a capital loss, you may want to sell the asset yourself. Please consult your tax advisor on the best approach for your own circumstances.

Q: What is the advantage of giving appreciated stocks or property?

A: You can avoid capital gains taxes and possibly also receive a tax deduction in the amount of the appreciated value.

Q: How do I make a gift of appreciated stock?

A: Have your broker transfer shares from your account to the church. The church's broker will sell the stock and you will receive gift credit for the average market value on the day it is transferred. Contact Vivian Shea, Chief Operating Officer at the church office for transfer information.



Step 6: Continue Growing in Christ!

When do you stop giving and growing in giving? You don't. Growth in generosity is a journey. If your giving is to be blessed and joyful, it must continue to grow and expand. For each person, that growth may look different! Some are motivated by a biblical tithe and then to grow to the concept of offerings. Others seek to grow by a percent a year and never stop their giving. While still others have the challenge to find a process to be more generous even in a case where their income has declined due to layoff, death, or divorce.

In each case, once you have experienced the joy of good and generous giving, you will want to keep on growing!