



KVCC
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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



A Beacon of Faith, Hope,
and Love Since 1828

ANNOUNCING THE
**REV. FREDERICA
MITCHELL
LEGACY FUND**



GOAL

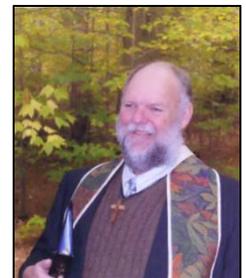
TO ADD \$1 MILLION TO THE ENDOWMENT
AND KEEP OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
VIBRANT AND ALIVE,
OPEN AND DIVERSE,
ACTIVE AND RELEVANT
THROUGH THE 21ST CENTURY !



Frederica Mitchell was the beloved and revered minister at Keene Valley Congregational Church from 1935 - 1964. She was a pioneer in women's ministry both in the Congregational Church and as a student at Union Theological Seminary. "Miss Mitchell" had a profound impact on the lives of children and adults alike, and served this community with grace and wisdom.



Milton Dudley has been our minister since 1999 and is committed to staying at KVCC until retirement. During his tenure, church membership has grown, yearly stewardship giving doubled, a Capital Campaign raised funds to remodel and upgrade our buildings, the endowment increased five-fold and the church now attracts members from ten communities.

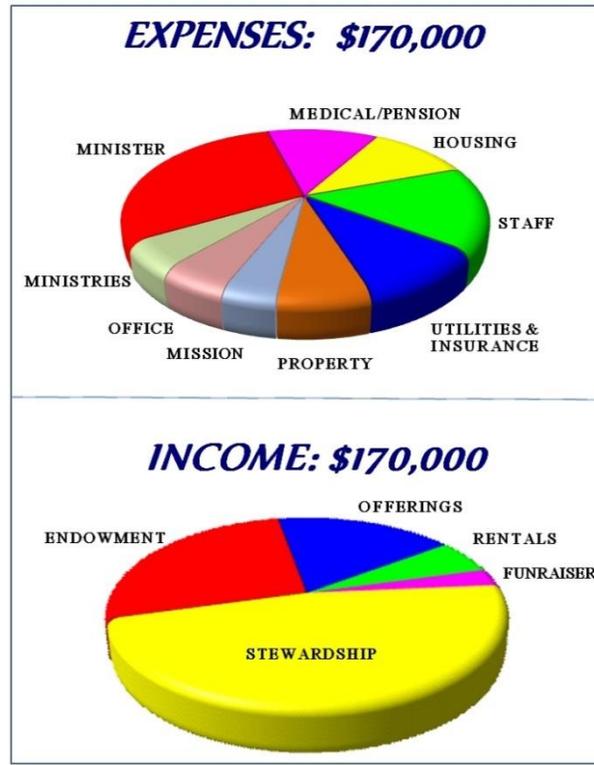


*As of
June 15, 2015
we have over
\$270,000
in gifts and
pledges
to the Fund.*

HOW ARE WE DOING?

We are an anomaly as a faith community in the North Country; active, financially stable, happy and hopeful. We are blessed to have:

- ❖ An excellent music ministry; choir master, organist, chancel choir, bell choir and talented regional artists.
- ❖ A small, yet vibrant, Sunday School teaching the stories of the Christian faith, while respecting the diversity of God's human palette.
- ❖ A vigorous and responsive Mission and Outreach ministry that uses a model of support, education and hands-on opportunities to serve God's creatures locally, nationally and globally.
- ❖ A lively fellowship ministry that hosts our very popular coffee hour and oversees our Bazaar and Quilt Show.
- ❖ A dedicated Finance Committee and Treasurer managing our endowment, stewardship and operating budget.
- ❖ A full time minister, a rarity in the North Country, who serves as our minister and as chaplain to the greater community.
- ❖ Nearly 20 non-profits meeting in our building including: ADK Mountain Club, KCS Community Education, East Branch Friends of the Arts, Quilters, AA, Keene Community Trust, Four Winds, KCS, ADK Garden Club, Essex UCC, NY UCC, Nature Conservancy, and Keene Valley Library.



FAST FACTS ABOUT KVCC AND THE ADIRONDACKS

- The Adirondack Park hosts the second oldest population in the U. S.
- During the decade of 2000-2009 Essex County lost 9% of its population under the age of 21.
- Members of the “Greatest Generation”, who nurtured this church for many, many years, are coming to the end of their earthly life and financial support of the church.
- The next generations are not as financially able to give, nor do they participate as much in organized religion.

A FINANCIAL PLAN TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE !

As blessed and fortunate as we are, we project that the next twenty years will see a pattern of diminishing contributions and fewer year around residents and members of the church. To financially address this trend we are announcing the:

Rev. Frederica Mitchell Legacy Fund

The goal of this fund is to double the present endowment to \$2 million. When completed, income from the endowment will enable and enhance our commitment to investing in worship, education, mission and fellowship ministries to serve our community and beyond for years to come.

WE ARE ASKING...

Members and friends of KVCC to make a pledge to the Legacy Fund in their estate planning. All pledges will be designated for the endowment and provide funding for the ministries of our church in perpetuity.

Here are several categories of giving that you may consider when making an estate gift:

- Wills and Bequests*
- Life Income Gifts*
- Life Insurance*
- Retirement Assets*
- Real Estate and Property*
- Cash, Securities and Stocks*

If you have any questions or need assistance in making a pledge to the **Rev. Frederica Mitchell Legacy Fund** please contact us at 518.576.4711, or kvcc12943@gmail.com