

The Importance of a Budget and Strong Financial Policies and Procedures

THIS FREE WORKSHOP
WILL BE HELD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019
10:00 AM—2:00 PM
Unity Christian Church
5255 Linden Road, Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473



Bruce Barkhauer returns to the Michigan Region to share insights on how proper budget building and implementation of sound fiscal policy can become powerful tools in helping your church reach its potential for ministry and mission. In the past Bruce has shared with us biblical and theological insights of stewardship as well as conditions necessary in congregational culture to raise our generosity and increase the resources that fund our vision. In this visit he will take us deeper into the technical elements of crafting our story and assuring an environment of trust. Participants will come away with the skills to ensure long term growth in giving and financial competency among our church leadership.



Bruce A. Barkhauer was called as the first “Minister for Faith and Giving for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)” in 2010, after 25 years of parish ministry. Since that time, he has engaged the whole church in conversations about generosity and offered transformative ways for congregations to think about stewardship. His energy, vision, and entrepreneurial spirit enhance gifts in both business and ministry. He brings a biblically based understanding about stewardship combined with theological integrity and weds them to the current trends and best practices related to spirituality and money. He is the author of numerous articles, and books including the recently published *America’s Holy Ground: 61 Faithful Reflections On Our National Parks* (published by Chalice Press, 2019), and *Community of Prayer: A Stewardship Devotional*. He is a graduate of Ohio University (Athens), Christian Theological Seminary (Indianapolis), and did Doctor of Ministry studies at Ashland Theological Seminary (Ashland, OH). He is married to Laura and they share three grown children and three grandchildren.

