



January 10, 2024

Dear Valued Clients:

As we embark on the promising journey of a new year, we are filled with enthusiasm and optimism. Despite the many challenges we face, the dawn of 2024 brings boundless opportunities for growth and collaboration. At United Church Funds, we are not just your financial stewards; we are partners in your success, dedicated to navigating the ever-evolving landscape of the markets alongside you. We look forward to continuing our partnership and helping you further your missions by responsibly growing your endowment.

Our Investment Team has prepared the following summary of market performance for the fourth quarter of 2023:

“Global equity markets had a strong quarter, resulting in markets ending the year close to prior peaks. Although the top 10 companies led the U.S. market through most of the year, the fourth quarter saw a broadening of beneficiaries in the market. All sectors were positive in the quarter except energy, which showed a reversal from the third quarter.

Large cap stocks (S&P 500 index) were up 11.69%, and small cap stocks (Russell 2000 index) were up 14.03%. International developed stocks were up 10.42% for the quarter, and emerging market equities were up 7.86%. Fixed income returns were also positive during the quarter. The Barclays Government Credit Index, a proxy for the U.S. fixed income market, was up 6.63%, and emerging market debt was up 9.26%.”

Please be informed that the end-of-year account statements, including December 2023, Fourth Quarter 2023 and 2023 annual statements, are now available on the [UCF Client Portal](#). You can access all available reports under **Statements and Documents**.

We also want to encourage you to watch some helpful new video tutorials we’ve created and read some FAQs that will guide you through all of the client portal’s capabilities. You can access those resources by [clicking here](#).

Our next quarterly Town Hall meeting, where UCF staff will review performance and provide updates, will take place via Zoom on Thursday, February 15, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Please keep an eye out for additional information and a registration link via email in the next few days.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 1-877-806-4989 or info@ucfunds.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Buck".

Charles Buck
President and CEO



PRELIMINARY PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR THE 4th QUARTER OF 2023

The following performance numbers are preliminary and have not been audited. However, they will give you an idea of how our investment funds, net of fees, have performed in the 4th Quarter of 2023.

	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Fixed Income Fund	6.47%	5.70%
Bloomberg U.S. Government/Credit Index	6.63%	5.72%
Fixed Income Policy Index	6.63%	6.74%
Domestic Core Equity Fund	11.64%	26.94%
S&P 500 Total Return Index	11.69%	26.29%
Beyond Fossil Fuels Fund	10.93%	24.08%
MSCI ACWI IMI net	11.14%	21.58%
Small Cap Equity Fund	13.13%	18.34%
Russell 2000 Index	14.03%	16.93%
International Equity Fund	9.71%	14.22%
MSCI ACWI ex US net	9.75%	15.62%
Total Equity Fund	11.02%	20.44%
MSCI ACWI IMI net	11.14%	21.58%
UCF Balanced Fund	9.19%	14.53%
Policy Index (60% MSCI ACWI IMI net/ 40% Fixed Income Policy Index)	9.35%	15.55%
Beyond Fossil Fuels Balanced Fund	8.85%	16.52%
Policy Index (60% MSCI ACWI IMI net/ 40% Fixed Income Policy Index)	9.35%	15.55%