



# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Salutations to you from Faith's Stewardship Committee,

What a year it has been. First, and foremost, our thanks to all of you who have continued to support the church during this past year with your time, energies, and finances. We could not do our mission without your support. We have come through a most unusual year during which we've learned to conduct services via the internet and learned to maintain contact and encourage each other remotely via online chat sessions, bible studies, book discussions, and internet coffee hours. Zoom has been a word and tool we've all learned about this past year.

During this time of challenges, we've kept our faith and nurtured each other by conducting special services with music outdoors while attending in our cars and have reached out to provide support to those in need, never giving up on the church's mission. While we all are looking for this pandemic to end and are happy to see cherished routines including in-person attendance on Sundays and our music program and study groups start to revive. We've come together to honor our departed saints, providing compassion to those dealing with loss and closure to the congregation who could not express it together during the pandemic. While we know we have a long way to go, we also know that the spirit of Faith that binds this congregation together will continue to help us on this path, as we prepare to enter into the year ahead of us and start to rebuild the life and activities of our church and its outreach.

As Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you who have continued to be stewards of Christ both in your support of the church and of your neighbors during this past year as this is what we are called to do. Once again October marks the start of our Stewardship drive, as we seek to reach out to our members and ask you to commit to your support of Faith, both monetarily and through your services, for this coming year.

One way you can make a commitment to Faith is show up for a church work party on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, as we seek to improve our grounds and conduct needed repairs followed by a cook-out/pot luck. Another way to support is that we would request that you prayerfully consider and submit your financial pledges to allow us to make plans for our activities, services, and support of missions in this coming year.

Opportunities abound to be a good steward at Faith, through teaching, participating in committees and outreach, volunteering at the church with the newsletter or elsewhere. People are always needed, and if you have a talent or time to provide, contact me or Pastor Sam and we will help you find an outlet for it at Faith.

Our Stewardship Drive will continue through the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, but we would ask you to mail your financial pledge commitments to the church as soon as you can. It is only through your continued support that we can continue to make Faith an active part of our lives and the lives of those in our community, as we find new ways to serve Christ, our congregation, and our community. Again, I would like to thank you for your continued and dedicated support of Faith and our missions.

Sincerely,

Rich Volkert, Chair of Stewardship Committee