

October 15, 2021

Dear

In the Spring of 2020, our lives changed drastically- how and where we could work, eat, gather, serve, and worship. Buildings closed, education went online, and programs and outreach adjusted, but many at CUMC stepped forward to assure that ministry continued. Through online Kids Club, Youth Group Zoom meetings, outdoor worship, and partnerships with the schools and other ministries, we responded, in both word and in action!

This year and a half has reminded us that YOU are vital to carrying out our work as the Church! We could not be who we are and do what we do without you. Thank you! Whether we gather for worship inside our building, in our parking lot, or online, we continue to be the Church through our ministries, our witness, and our care for one another.

We cannot know what lies ahead of us, but we remain confident in the assurance of God's steadfast love. Because of your generous and faithful gifts, our church can keep doing what God call us to do, by creating and supporting life-giving, hope-filled ministries both inside and outside our church walls.

Each year, we ask church members to prayerfully make an annual financial pledge. This is an estimate of what you hope and expect to give to the church in the next year. Some members tithe, committing 10% of their income to the work and mission of the church. Others give a different percentage. Still, others give as they are able.

What is important is that those who support us financially make a financial pledge. These pledges are not a bill, but they do help us plan for the coming year by getting an idea of how much will be given so we can create a budget and be faithful stewards of the resources God provides.

You'll notice two fund options for pledging to: CUMC's General Fund and Building Fund. Pledges and giving made to our Building Fund goes directly to covering the monthly mortgage for our Church building and parsonage (the pastor's home). General Fund pledging and giving supports all our budgetary expenses: staff, facilities expenses and utilities, office expenses, Church programs (ministry funding and programs, education), activities and operations of local Church congregation. We look to Live, Love, and Serve both local and worldwide through our ministry and outreach activities.

As we spend a few weeks looking at The Power of Thanks, our sermon series, we want you to know that we give praise to God for YOU! We thank you for giving in the past, and we ask that you prayerfully consider how you might give in the next year. Included with this mailing is a pledge card for 2022. Please join others in our church by making and returning this pledge by November 6.

If you have any questions, or would like to further discuss making a pledge, setting up online or electronic giving, or anything else, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Faithfully yours,

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