

Our church is 190 years old! First United Presbyterian Church began as a tiny Cumberland Presbyterian church in 1830 and its first meetings were held in a blacksmith's shop. Here are just some of the ways, we continue to serve Christ in the midst of a pandemic.

Outdoor fellowship

Beautiful grounds for outdoor worship

Distribution of communion elements by Session & Deacons

Children's Ministry CAR-nival!

Outdoor UPY

Individually packaged Community Meals

Online gatherings

With God's strength, love and grace and your participation and generosity we can make it through the pandemic!

## Giving Guide

Everyone is encouraged to pledge as they are able. Each pledge represents a commitment to the mission of the church and helps us as a congregation carry out that mission together. The Session is proposing a small increase in the total operating budget for 2021. The budget increase will allow for a small cost of living increase for the staff and will increase the deacons and the outreach ministry budgets to enable the church to better respond when there are critical unforeseen needs in our community.

Annual Pledge	Monthly Pledge	1.5% ↑	New Monthly Pledge	New Annual Pledge
\$600	\$50	\$1	\$51	\$612
\$1,200	\$100	\$2	\$102	\$1,224
\$2,400	\$200	\$3	\$203	\$2,436
\$4,800	\$400	\$6	\$406	\$4,872
\$7,200	\$600	\$9	\$609	\$7,308
\$9,600	\$800	\$12	\$812	\$9,744
\$12,000	\$1,000	\$15	\$1,015	\$12,180

Many people begin by giving a small percentage of their income and grow their gift over time. The table below shows some examples.

Annual Income	Monthly Pledge			
	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$30,000	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250
\$45,000	\$150	\$225	\$300	\$375
\$60,000	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500
\$75,000	\$250	\$375	\$500	\$625
\$90,000	\$300	\$450	\$600	\$750
\$120,000	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1,000
\$150,000	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250

## First United Presbyterian Church

*Called to be a light  
on the hill, we  
boldly proclaim and  
serve...*

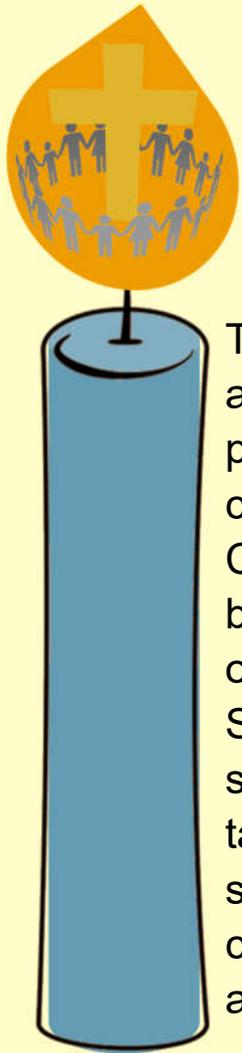


*...Christ, the  
HOPE of our  
changing world!*

*Annual Stewardship  
Campaign 2021*

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

John 1:5 NLT



The church is above all else people, people connected by Christ, to be His body, to be a light on the hill.

Stewardship, the sharing of our time, talent and treasure, strengthens our connections to fuel a light of hope!

## Stewardship is

**Gratitude**—Presbyterians believe that stewardship is the offering of ourselves in **gratitude** to God for the costly grace he has extended to us. We believe that our gratitude to and for Jesus Christ naturally results in stewardship—an outpouring of our time, our talents and treasures for Christ's service.



**Prayer**—A steward manages someone else's resources for the owner's goals and purposes. Presbyterians believe that everything is God's gift, and ultimately belongs to God. As good stewards, we spend time in **prayer** asking God for guidance. When you pray, ask "How should I share my time, talent and treasure?"



**Generosity**—In the Gospels, Jesus challenges us to give as it has been given to us. The ways we use God's gifts should reflect a faithful response to God's self-giving in Jesus Christ and Christ's call to **generosity**. Gospel Generosity is giving that fulfills the two great commandments from the gospels: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Please prayerfully consider beginning to pledge or increasing your current pledge by the suggested amount. (See back of brochure.)



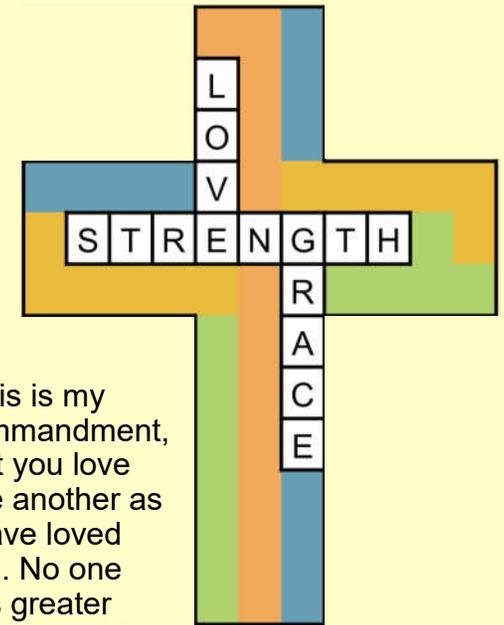
**Participation**—Presbyterians believe that stewardship has to do with how we live—our **participation** in carrying out Christ's mission. God has given each individual unique skills and talents so that together we are the Body of Christ. We are called to share our own talents and to encourage others to also use their talents. Please fill out a 2021 Time & Talent form!



This stewardship season, we are focusing on gratitude for the strength, love and grace we receive as followers of **Christ—the hope of our changing world!**

May you be made strong with all the **strength** that comes from his glorious power and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience.

Colossians 1:11-12



"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater **love** than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John 15:12-13

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through **grace** gave us eternal comfort and good **hope**, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17