



October 28, 2021

Dear FUPC Members and Friends,

We are honored to introduce ourselves once again as your Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs for 2022. We have been members of FUPC since 1975. This church family helped us nurture our three children and 14 foster children, and for this we are truly grateful. We continue to be thankful for our life blessed by a congregation committed to a vision that reads: *Reaching out as a visible expression of God's grace, we will meet people where they are, inviting all into Christ's family through engaging worship, fellowship, learning, and service.*



You are invited to

- attend Stewardship Brunch on Nov. 7th or join in via Zoom;
- bring blessings to church on Nov. 7th;
- prayerfully consider pledge for 2022;
- dedicate your pledge as you return your pledge card and Time & Talent form on Nov. 14th.

"Living in Gratitude" is the theme of this year's stewardship season. This is a season of renewal as we pray for a new year that will bring some sense of normality and the opportunity to celebrate being with each other again as a church family. This has been a challenging year for several of our church families, but still a time to stop and reflect on those blessings in our lives for which we are truly grateful. Please take some time to list those blessings on the included brochure and bring them with you to church on November 7th. They will be included in the

Prayers of the People during worship that Sunday.

Our Session has made a commitment to Presbyterian Mission to be a Matthew 25 church. This is a denomination-wide program to follow Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25:31-46. One of our goals is building congregational vitality. One measure of vitality is the number of households that are willing to make a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to the church in the coming year.

Goals of a Matthew 25 church:

- Building congregational vitality
- Dismantling structural racism
- Eradicating systemic poverty

Challenge Budget Highlights

Pledge Income	↑2%
Staff Salaries	↑4%
Properties	↑5%
Outreach	↑3%

Please consider making a pledge to the mission of the church in 2022. A pledge in any amount will return a blessing and be an encouragement to our dedicated staff. An overall increase of just two percent in our pledge income will provide an overdue cost-of-living adjustment for staff salaries,

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matt. 25:40

provide for anticipated inflation of utilities and maintenance costs, and further increase our commitments to worldwide mission and local nonprofit organizations serving those most in need in our community.

How are you living in gratitude? What are some ways you express your gratitude for all God's gifts of grace in your life? What commitments to your church and community are you able to make for the coming year? Please consider prayerfully the gifts you can offer to support the mission of our church in 2022, knowing that any commitment is valued and significant. May we each be in thoughtful prayer as we move into our stewardship season and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

With peace and blessings,

Dennis and Lorraine

Dennis and Lorraine Brewer