

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued support of the church. All the gifts made in 2023, gifts both pledged and unpledged, gifts of time, gifts of talent and gifts of treasure are appreciated. Those gifts made it possible for our church to remain vital and have an impact on our community, country and world.

### 2024 CAMPAIGN GOALS

**1 A total of \$630,000 in pledge income** to support increased fixed property expenses, a 3.25% cost-of-living increase for staff and small increases to the fellowship, spiritual growth and communications ministry budgets. A 5% increase in giving will make it possible for the church to reach this goal.

**2 10 new pledges.** Everyone is encouraged to pledge. If you did not pledge last year, please prayerfully consider pledging this year. A pledge can be made in any amount and given at any time during the year. Often, members begin by giving a small percentage of their income and grow their gift over time.

**3 Churchwide participation in a Spiritual Gifts Inventory.** Gifts of time and talent are key for the vitality of the church. The Spiritual Gifts Inventory can help you discern what your unique gifts are and how you can serve God and the church. If you have not previously participated, please complete the inventory. It is available online or you may fill out a paper version.

### Building & Maintenance Fund Pledges

The primary goal of this stewardship campaign is an increase in both the dollar amount of pledges and the number of pledges; however, there is also a need to replenish the Building and Maintenance Fund. The Building and Maintenance Fund is a restricted fund used for large properties expenses. The church has had a number of large HVAC system expenses recently which have depleted the fund. Due to the age of the campus, additional expenses are expected. If you are led to make a pledge to the Building and Maintenance fund in addition to your pledge to the Operating Budget, there is a place on your pledge card to do so.

**Cover Artwork:** The white ring in the design on the cover symbolizes the eternal life of the believer. It is intertwined with a dark blue Celtic knot, a series of loops with no beginning or end. Try tracing the loops with your finger. The loops represent God's faithfulness. The shape of the knot also reminds of us the cross, a symbol of God's love. For God so loved the world, he gave his only son (John 3:16)

### IMPORTANT DATES

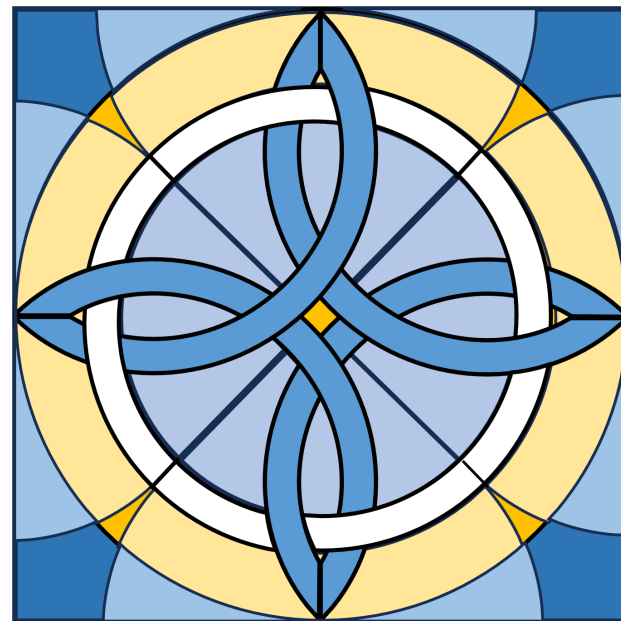
#### November 5—Muffin Mania

Between services, the congregation is invited to Fellowship Hall to enjoy muffins and learn about the 2024 Challenge Budget.

#### November 12—Dedication Sunday

Please bring your pledge card to worship.

## Relying on God's Faithfulness



## First United Presbyterian Church Annual Stewardship Campaign 2024

# YESTERDAY

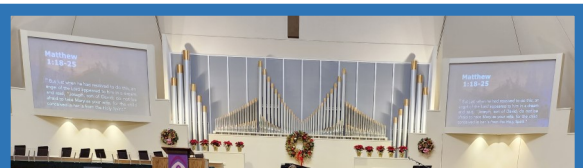
Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise that he spoke through his servant Moses.

1 Kings 8:56



This past summer, we learned about God's faithfulness to the Israelites during the time of Moses. We can learn of God's faithfulness from our own history as well. The history of our church

dates back to 1830. Over and over God has been faithful as churches merged together and new buildings were constructed. On the current campus, you can find stained glass windows and corner stones from several former buildings that were home for our church. Recently, we have been blessed to be able to modernize the technology in the sanctuary and expand the church's gathering spaces.



# TODAY



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3:22-23



# TOMORROW



As we look ahead to 2024 and beyond, we can be assured that God will be with us. Our church has exciting goals for 2030, which require progress each year. These goals are outlined in *Our Course to 2030\**. The goals are designed to increase the vitality of our church and the engagement of the congregation in discipleship. Every fall, we have an opportunity to support the continuing work towards these goals with our pledges of time, talent and treasure. Please prayerfully consider beginning to pledge, continuing your pledge or increasing your pledge. Gifts of any size make an impact and help our church continue to thrive.

## Sailing to 2030!



"... remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

\*See [www.fupcfay.org/sailing-toward-200-years](http://www.fupcfay.org/sailing-toward-200-years)