

Dear FUPC Family,

After living in temporary housing for nearly 14 months, Laura and I have finally purchased a home. As we planned for this step, we carefully estimated our retirement income to be sure we could afford it. In those calculations, we began with our fixed expenses—and the first one was our contribution to the work of Christ's church.

My faith in Jesus Christ is the foundation of my life, and giving to His church is an important expression of that faith. It's not something that gets reduced when tightening the budget. This is the 6th church I've financially supported, and each year, the church is my largest charitable contribution.

This year's Stewardship theme, "*Forever Church, Forever in Christ*," reminds us that as Christians, our lives are built upon the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. The familiar hymn says it so well: "*On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.*"

Each time we come up the hill to this beautiful campus, I'm reminded that we stand on the foundation laid by those who came before us—people whose faith moved them to share their gifts because they, too, believed in "Forever Church, Forever in Christ." Their generosity continues to bless us today.

I pray that you will join me in expressing your convictions as a disciple of Christ by making a pledge to First United Presbyterian Church. As part of living out my faith, I plan to contribute to Christ's church until the day I die—*Forever Church, Forever in Christ*.

Blessings,

Stewart

Stewart Smith, Interim Pastor



Scan the code with your phone and click on the "Pledge Now" button or go to fupcfay.org/pledge

IMPORTANT DATES



Please plan to attend worship **November 9** and stay for lunch. The Stewardship Lunch is your opportunity to learn about the 2026 Challenge budget and ask

questions about stewardship. It is also a time to get caught up with friends or meet new people! The lunch will be in Fellowship Hall and will be catered by Olive Garden.



November 16 is Dedication Sunday. Please bring your completed pledge card to worship with you.



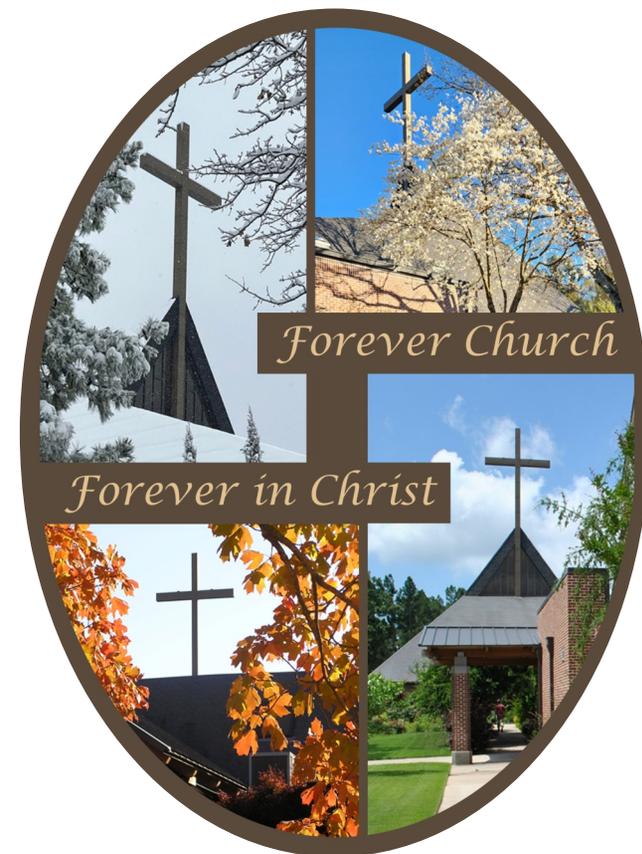
If you are unable to attend on the 16th, please mail your completed pledge card or pledge online on or before **December 1**.



Thank you for your continued support of the church. All the gifts made in 2025, 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.

First United Presbyterian Church 2006 Stewardship Campaign



Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock.

Isaiah 26:4

With your help and generous stewardship in 2026, we will be able to build upon the following ministries and support FUPC's many other ongoing activities.

Worship for All Seasons

Each Sunday, we gather to worship God together—grateful for all who make our services welcoming, meaningful, and accessible. Throughout the year, additional services enrich our congregations journey of faith.



New Members of All Ages

This year we've celebrated baptisms, welcomed new members, and look forward to confirming ten young people. Our Belonging Ministry hosts events like progressive dinners to help newcomers connect and grow in faith.



Spiritual Growth for All Ages

Faith formation happens at every stage of life. Our children and youth learn and serve together through outreach projects and Sunday School classes tailored to their ages. Adults grow through three discussion groups that nurture faith and fellowship.



All-Church Outreach

From our annual Hygiene Kit Packing Party to our mission giving, outreach is part of who we are. 12.5% of our budget supports ministries and organizations locally, nationally, and worldwide—extending Christ's love beyond our walls.



Welcoming Caring Community

We are a church family that takes joy in being together—whether sharing meals, serving side by side, or caring for God's creation. Our fellowship events bring all ages together in laughter and friendship.

