



November 4, 2026

Dear Church Family,

We come to you again to offer sincere gratitude for the privilege to serve as the 2026 Stewardship Co-Chairs. We specifically want to offer thanks to those of you who have faithfully supported FUPC over the years, not only in your financial commitments, but also in giving of yourselves, often tirelessly. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (ESV) says: *“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required that they be found faithful.”* Your faith and stewardship continue to fulfill God’s wishes.

Our theme for this campaign, “Forever Church – Forever in Christ” seems to align with our church’s history. It is amazing that we have been a presence in our community for almost 200 years - Older than the city itself! This has been accomplished through the collective efforts of those here today and those that came before us. Self-less sharing of our blessings, time, and talent have sustained the test of time. Understanding where we are as a church, and our goals for the future, we ask that you prayerfully consider a 1.5% increase in your pledge. This is the smallest ask that has been made in recent memory. If you have not pledged in the past, we ask that you consider making a pledge to help meet the church’s financial needs for the coming year. This increase will serve to fund:

- An increase to the Outreach and Service Ministry budget to help support local organizations that serve those in need, the youth mission trip, and our hands-on mission project.
- A 3% cost of living increase for our valued church staff.
- All church ministries at their requested levels for 2026.

Sunday November 9th is Stewardship Luncheon Sunday. The meeting will be held after worship with lunch provided by Olive Garden. After the meal, our 2026 challenge budget will be presented, and you will have an opportunity to ask questions about the budget plans. During this time, childcare will be provided for children 4 and under in the church nursery. There will also be activities for kids kindergarten age and up.

The following Sunday, November 16, will be Dedication Sunday, when you can bring your pledge cards forward during worship. If you are unable to attend, please bring your pledge card by December 1. It is also possible to complete your pledge card online and instructions for that are included on the back of the enclosed pledge card.

In closing we share what a local pastor recently said: “This country needs the Presbyterian church now more than ever”. We wholeheartedly agree and will add, this community needs FUPC now more than ever. We ask that you be in thoughtful prayer about your pledge, which will continue to help us sail onward, to 2030 and beyond.

With many thanks and blessings,

Terry and Melinda Cameron