



November 5, 2024

Dear FUPC Members and Friends,

Hello again. Thank you for reading this follow-up letter that will provide some general information about FUPC's 2025 budget, details related to the new initiatives the budget will support, and a heartfelt request encouraging generous pledging and the return of pledge cards by November 17th.

For 2025, we are requesting a modest 2% increase in pledges. This is significantly less than previous years' requests. This small increase will allow FUPC to fund ongoing church activities as well as support:

- The Pastor Nominating Committee's work in seeking a new Senior Pastor (primarily through additional funds to the Personnel Ministry)
- Additional funds for the Properties Ministry to begin the replacement of the church's aging HVAC units
- Additional funds for the Communications, Worship, and Personnel Ministries to promote and support the new 9:00 worship service. It's important to note that the new service requires a larger music library (Worship Ministry), more musicians and choir interns (Personnel Ministry), and promotion (Communications Ministry). These funds will hopefully help this service flourish and attract new members

As a reminder, Sunday, November 10, we will be having one worship service at 10:30am followed by the Stewardship Campaign Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall catered by Olive Garden. In addition to being a wonderful time to get caught up with friends or meet new people, after the meal, there will be a presentation of the 2025 Challenge Budget and an opportunity to ask questions about the budget plans for 2025 and stewardship. During the presentation, childcare will be available for babies through age 4 in the Church Nursery and Kristi Button will provide an activity for kids Kindergarten age and up. RSVPs are encouraged, but not required.

The following Sunday, November 17, is Dedication Sunday when you can bring your pledge cards to either service. If you are unable to attend church that Sunday, please return your pledge card by December 1. If you would prefer to complete the pledge form online, please see the back of the enclosed pledge card for instructions.

In conclusion, over the next couple of weeks, we ask you to thoughtfully consider how your pledge might allow us to continue to sail together on our course to 2030 – the bicentennial of FUPC. As you feel inclined, we encourage you to consider a 2% increase in your pledge, knowing that any commitment is valued, appreciated, and significant.

With many thanks and blessings,

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