



October 22, 2024

Dear FUPC Members and Friends,

We want to begin by thanking you for reading this letter and not simply recycling it. Your time is precious, and we appreciate that you are reading this.

We are writing to you today to introduce ourselves as the Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs for 2025. We have been members of the church for over 20 years and have served on various committees and in a variety of ways over the years. We live in Fayetteville with our four children: Hayden (17), Harper (13) Hadley (2), and Hannah (born September 13, 2024).

Now we have a confession to make: we have never completed or submitted a pledge before. In the past, we have read the stewardship letters, but didn't feel that it really mattered whether we participated in the pledging process. We now realize we were wrong. It did and does matter.

It is admittedly hypocritical for us to request others to submit pledges when we have never done it before; however, we've come to understand how important the pledging process is (and we will definitely be participating this year!).

Pledging helps the church more accurately plan for the year and be better stewards of our funds. The single most important source of funding for our church comes from the pledges made during our annual stewardship campaign, which provides nearly 65% of the church's income. Pledges are the backbone of our ministry.

The theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign is "Keeping the Faith: Continuing to Sail Together." As we sail on our course to 2030 – the bicentennial of FUPC – we hope to continue building on the grateful generosity of our congregation. The journey is a process, full of challenges and opportunities. We hope you will join us in this journey and participate in the process with a giving, servant's heart.

Below you will see a schedule of events for the upcoming Stewardship Campaign. We ask you to be in thoughtful prayer with your family to the commitment you might make of your time and resources to the vision and mission of our church in 2025.

With many blessings,

Melissa & Randy Werner

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2025 Stewardship Campaign Schedule of Events

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| November 3, 2024 | Stewardship Campaign Kickoff |
| November 10, 2024 | Stewardship Campaign Luncheon (immediately following the one/combined 10:30 Worship Service) |
| November 17, 2024 | Dedication Sunday – Presentation of pledge cards for 2025 |