

Dear Church Family,

The faithfulness of our church family is a source of joy and inspiration. Our mission is to, 'make disciples of Jesus by reaching, teaching, and serving Peoria.' Your commitment this year has enabled the mission of Jesus Christ to bear fruit!

2020 has been a challenging year to do ministry. Ministries have had to adapt to the realities of the pandemic. Despite the challenges, here are some ministries that you have supported through your prayers, presence, gifts, and service. As a church we could have paused. We could have given up. Instead, we chose to thrive and see the pandemic as an opportunity. As the new Pastor, I am so proud of where you have been, where you are, and where you are going.

It's time to pray and be courageous as we fill out our pledges for the ministry of this church in 2021. Our 2021 budget is set for: \$422,000 (rounded). Like everyone, University Church experienced financial loss in 2020. Yet, your faithfulness continues to change that. Thank you!

All of us are called to consider whether our pledges reflect the blessings God has allowed us to have. Some of us will be called to increase our giving over the amounts we pledged for 2020. The purpose of a pledge is for you to hold yourself accountable to what you feel God is calling. In addition, pledges help us to budget responsibility. Nothing happens if someone makes a bold pledge and is unable to fulfill it. We understand that sometimes unforeseen events intrude upon our lives. You are invited to prayerfully fill out the enclosed card for 2021. Due to the current pandemic restrictions, we ask that you mail your pledge by Dec. 8. As you discern your extravagant pledge, let this prayer guide you.

"Giver of salvation, nothing I give comes close to your eternal promise. I know that my gifts will go toward changing lives and bring people into a relationship with you. Guide me to be extravagant in my generosity and to be faithful to your call. Thank you for giving me the ability to give. What am I called to give, Lord?"

Grace and Peace

Jim Dooley, Treasurer Bill Meyersick, Finance Committee Chair Ethan Carnes, Directing Pastor







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