

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

If you haven't done something yet for Pastor Appreciation Month—or if you have but one of these ideas inspires you anew—here are some ideas about ways you can encourage and show gratitude to your pastor(s).

- Volunteer for something new at church. There are always places you are needed.
- How has your faith impacted your life? Share with your pastor.
- Simply say “thank you”. Find something your pastor is doing well and say “thank you”
- Show up! To online or in-person events, show your gratitude with your presence.
- What have you learned from your pastor? Have you grown because of their leadership? Tell them!
- What was your take away from the sermon this week? Share with your pastor what you'll be thinking about all week long.
- Gift cards, flowers, small tokens of appreciation are always welcome.
- Support their time away, whether it's their regular sabbath or some extra vacation. Everybody needs to recharge.

Remember that you don't have to only show appreciation in October. These are great Thanksgiving and Christmas ideas as well. Any month of the year is a great month to show your pastor you appreciate all they do!

Calling all Church Musicians! We are putting together a pre-recorded worship service for November 22 which is Reign of Christ Sunday. We would love to feature a hymn or anthem that your congregation has recorded this year to share within the service. Hymns such as “A Mighty Fortress is our God” or “O God Our Help in Ages Past” would be wonderful. If you have a hymn or anthem that might work well, please contact Heidi Bolt (bolt.heidi@gmail.com).

