ST. PAUL'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Resilient Faith, Resilient Church
membership and stewardship 2025

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Greetings,

I have been a United Methodist for my entire life. I celebrate that legacy each time I enter a church and know with confidence that in this holy place, God is found. St. Paul's United Methodist Church is no different. Our church has always been a place where God's love is experienced, lives are transformed, and the community is strengthened. This happens through worship, care, outreach, and the daily ministry we share together. None of it would be possible without your faithful support.

As we look toward a new year in ministry together, we are inviting every member of our church family to prayerfully consider stepping up in generosity. Whether that means beginning to give regularly, increasing your current giving, or exploring new ways to support ministry, every gift helps us strengthen our mission and extend Christ's love further.

Scripture reminds us that "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7) Giving is not only about meeting the church's needs—it is also an act of worship, a tangible way to put our trust in God and to participate in what God is doing through our church.

I believe this is a season of growth and renewal for St. Paul's UMC. Your generosity will help us:

Solidify the foundation of faith needed for our children, youth and families. One of my goals for 2026 is to build up a foundation of discipleship ministries for all of us so that we can add to the legacy that is our church. St. Paul's has a 50-year legacy with church camp. My life changed because of church camp. That journey of faith, though, began in my Sunday morning experiences.

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Be better stewards of all of our resources. One of my personal goals for our church is to grow on our financial foundation. I have set a goal of having 3 months' worth of operating expenses available in cash in the general fund. Personally, this is a shift in thinking from "scarcity" to "abundance." We may not have the abundance of cash at the moment, but we have an abundance of resources in people that can make this happen.

Please take time to pray about how God is calling you to respond. Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your willingness to partner with us in this vital work. We will have a celebration of stewardship on Sunday, October 26.

With gratitude and hope,



Rev. Cathy Christman