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Dear friends,

There is a classic story about a world-renowned musician who just finished playing a masterful concert at the famed Carnegie Hall. When asked: "How did you get to Carnegie Hall?" The musician responded: "Practice!"

Yes, of course, this is true of our experience in Christian faith as well! We do learn to love God and grow as Christians when we pray often, praise God in worship, offer hospitality to others, serve our neighbors through acts of love, and care for one another in a faith community.

During this year's Stewardship campaign, we are inviting our Allisonville community to explore one of the core practices of our faith – that of generosity. Generosity is a spiritual practice that reminds us that all that we have is a gift from God. It is a practice that helps us live with gratitude and see the world through the eyes of faith. And, yes, it is a practice that deepens our relationship with God.

The practice of generosity among Allisonville's members and friends is strong and growing. It is a practice that undergirds our congregation's many life-giving ministries. The generosity of the ACC community enables us to welcome others in weekly worship, engage in fellowship, offer care for each other, serve our neighbors around the world, and take steps toward the future.

We are very grateful for your generosity and participation in the ACC community. We invite you to consider prayerfully your own practices of generosity and to make a financial commitment to support Allisonville's ministries for the next year. Making a financial pledge is a spiritual practice that marks your commitment to our community and its ministries. It also will greatly assist our leaders in supporting our pastoral staff and planning for our ministries and vision for the future.

You can click these links to a [Pledge Card](#) and [Step-Up Chart](#) to support consideration of your expression of stewardship in the coming year or find physical versions of these documents on the welcome center in the Narthex at church. We ask that you bring the Card to worship on Commitment Sunday, October 29. If you cannot attend you may make a pledge online, mail the Card to the church, or send a message to one of the congregation's financial secretaries; Pam Rahn, Loveta Cain, or Carol Holzman.

We are excited about what is happening at Allisonville Christian Church and deeply appreciative of your generosity which supports its ministries as we move forward in the coming year.

With hope and peace,

Larry Rahn, Co-Chair

Chris Coble, Co-Chair