“Who is on the Fundraising Committee now?”

The Fundraising Team is not a Committee. It consists of everyone who is willing to help with our fundraising efforts, including sharing ideas and listening to music. This team has been poetry in motion since we started; we are following our enthusiasm and discerning our capacity. This Sunday the 25th will be the jazz concert which emerged from a conversation with a few people in the congregation who love listening to live jazz. We thought about friends like John Glasheen. We thought about music and authenticity and intelligence; we wished for a live Jazz concert, and it came to be.

As the saying goes, trust in God but tie up your camel. Chris Johnson, Betsy Dalton, and Nick Smith are musicians who have facilitated this concert’s existence, and any of you can still come along and help us make our wishes come true this week. Live Jazz is a likely antidote to the AI blues.

In recent years, a holiday fair has been planned for that Saturday, and although this year’s calendar looks different, we promise to help find channels for the good spirits which have made these a success. We have a chalice days dinner planned for the first Friday in December, and you are all invited to sign up to bring elements of this meal. This will be the time that ministers searching for a congregation to sign a contract with will begin to look for us, so let’s ring our jolly feelings into the universe and light a chalice together.

We are tallying up the results of the discernment exercise from last Sunday, a snapshot of enthusiasm. We gave each person three yellow stickers and three green ones. The green stickers were meant to represent events in which we are interested in participating, and the yellow to represent events we'd be willing to volunteer to help with. The options were all simple events: CONCERT, DANCE, MONTHLY DINNERS, ONLINE AUCTION, RESALE SALE, FREE MOVIE WITH REFRESHMENTS. One message that shone through- we love to get together, and we are ready to have fun. All the ideas had more support than “I WOULD RATHER JUST GIVE MONEY” (and the folks who chose that option- we love you and you’re off the hook). If you are interested in hosting a dinner or learning more about how to get some ‘fun for our cause” on the calendar, connect with Betsy Dalton or myself. Thank you to all the folks on the team.