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Dear Sunrise Congregant:

We are now at that time of year when we are taking stock of the many blessings that God has given us, both as individual Christians and as a Sunrise family. As October comes to a close, we are asking you to make a commitment of your financial stewardship for the coming year.

Emerging from the pandemic has been difficult. And large issues loom for the United Methodist Church. For these reasons and others, the theme for the 2022 Financial Stewardship Campaign is Sunrise 2.0.

Sunrise needs to upgrade and reboot, and the financial implications are significant. I urge you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Sunrise and increase your pledge giving. For some, that means to start giving regularly. For others, it means to begin learning about the gift of the tithe (10% of our income is the Biblical foundation of generosity). For others, it will be the push to offer a sacrificial gift to the Lord in thanksgiving and praise.

This year we have set a goal of \$1,100,000, representing our anticipated expenses for 2022. We expect to have roughly 200 pledging units and that works out to \$5,500 per year per unit. Given our demographics, that seems like an attainable average and higher seems possible. Each giving unit will give as they are able, but hopefully all will increase their giving in 2022. A primary goal for 2022 is to provide a small salary increase to the staff, as they have not received an increase in the past 7 years.

Christian giving is both sacramental and sacrificial. Sacrificial, because our giving is meant to make a difference in our life and lifestyle. Sacramental, because our giving is an outward and visible sign of our inward and spiritual disposition. As Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

We do not know what lies ahead, but we remain confident in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love. Because of your generous and faithful gifts, our church is able to keep doing what we are called to do.

Sunday, October 31, we will begin collecting the financial commitment cards for the year 2022. You can bring them to worship services or you can mail them to us. Let's overwhelm the Lord with our generosity this year.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Kathleen Achenbach in black ink.

Kathleen Achenbach  
Director of Finance

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