

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35, NRSV

Dear Friends,

Jesus promises us, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2). We believe this means that God's love is wide enough to hold us all, and that we are bound together in holy community.

This year's theme, *Plenty Good Room*, reminds us that stewardship is not only about financial and in-kind gifts. It is also about relationships – the ways we are connected to God, to one another, and to our neighbors.

Our parish budget is one way we tell the story of those relationships. Each pledge and gift sustains our common life: children growing in faith, neighbors receiving meals and care, worshippers being welcomed, and friends finding hope. Our budget is more than numbers; it is a reflection of our values and our mission.

For now, I invite you to consider the relationships that have sustained you in this church, and how your generosity can help extend that welcome to others.

There is, indeed, *plenty good room* in God's house. Together, let us make room for one another.

In Christ's service,

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