



Williamsburg
Presbyterian
Church

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Fellow WPC Member,

As we begin a new church year, the Stewardship Committee would like to share an update on our financial situation. Last year, we noted that while the church's overall finances were sound, our operational budget had not met our needs for four consecutive years, requiring us to draw heavily from savings. This budget—funded almost entirely by pledges—covers essential expenses such as salaries, utilities, repairs, and the many programs for worship, education, outreach, music, family, and youth that make WPC such a blessing to its members and the wider community.

We ended that letter by saying the upcoming pledge campaign was our chance to address this challenge. *And did we ever!* Thanks to your generous response:

- **Pledge Goal:** \$1,400,000 **Total Pledged:** \$1,458,000 (Previous Year: \$1,263,000)
- **Number of Pledges:** 353 (Previous Year: 339)

Your pledges made all the difference. Together, we were able to:

- Balance the budget for the first time in four years without using savings
- Provide 5–10% budget increases for each Ministry
- Support critical personnel enhancements:
 - Reverend Hrcir became a full-time called Pastor
 - Melody Dillon's role expanded to include Children, Family, and Youth Ministries
 - Sherry Volk became our full-time Director of Communications and Media
 - Caroline Johnston filled our Campus and UKirk Ministries position
- Begin replenishing our savings

So, what's next?

- **First**, sustain the success we've achieved by encouraging those who pledge to continue doing so generously.
- **Second**, invite those who have not yet pledged to make that commitment. Pledging strengthens not only WPC, but also one's relationship with the Church and with God.

From your Stewardship Committee—and especially from those touched by your generosity—*please accept our heartfelt thanks.*

Pete Osman

Chair, Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Committee Members: John Morgan, Jaynelle Oehler, Gerry Ward, Sherry Volk