

October 17, 2018



Dear Hope Family,

Last spring, the people of Hope voted to embark upon a financial campaign in order to increase giving for the purpose of calling an additional full-time pastor as well as to begin to address the many maintenance issues that our facility is experiencing after years of use for the purposes of God. As we approach Hope's season of budgeting and ministry planning, it has been decided to launch a Stewardship Appeal in order to fund all of the ministry Hope has been doing, as well as the additions already mentioned, through the General Operating Budget.

*All Together - All the Time* is the theme of our fall Stewardship Appeal. This theme points to the commitment we have made as a congregation to continue to increase our care and service, as well as our commitment to begin caring for our facility through our regular operations.

Our grateful response to the Good News of Jesus is to give our best to extend God's grace beyond our walls and out into the world.

In the weeks ahead, you will be hearing more about exciting ministry plans for 2019. Newsletter articles, bulletin inserts, mission updates, letters and a brochure will inform you of our congregation's mission plans for the coming year. Our two key initiatives include adding a second full-time pastor and caring for our facility through our normal operations.

Together we are here for good. Together we are on a mission we can fulfill, as we all do our part and give generously in support of this vital work.

As part of the Stewardship program this year, you will be invited by letter to consider increasing your offering for the coming year. Please pray about this request and do your best to respond generously as the Lord leads you.

Then, on Sunday, November 18th, and again on Sunday, December 2nd the day of the congregation meeting, we will observe Stewardship Sunday by presenting our Statements of Intent during the worship services. You are also welcome to mail your Statement of Intent to the church office if you are not present on these Sundays.

People from whom a response has not been received by November 18th you will receive a reminder call to ensure everyone has the opportunity to present their offering plan for the coming year.

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to reach with the love and grace of Jesus.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob A.", written in a cursive style.

Pastor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kei Haffner", written in a cursive style.

Council President