

May 1, 2019

Dear WPC family and friends,



Best-selling author and world-renowned tidying expert Marie Kondo has made famous the phrase **Spark Joy!** As she consults people on putting their house in order, she employs a simple but effective technique—take the items you own (starting with clothes and books) and spread them all out in front of you, physically picking up each item one by one. Then ask yourself, “Does it inspire me? Does it speak to my heart? Does it **Spark Joy!**?” If not, you thank it and give it away. But if it does, you keep it because you know it is truly valuable to you.

Each spring, we as a church family take part in a similar process. We are asked to stop and examine what we have here at WPC. We take time from our busy lives to think about our church’s life-changing work with our mission partners, our programs for children and youth, our weekly transcendent worship services, the connections we make in adult education classes and small groups, and all the wonderful moments of fellowship and spiritual growth we enjoy.

Do these relationships, experiences, and ministries that make up WPC speak to your heart? Do they inspire you? Do they **Spark Joy!** in you and someone else? If so, you are invited to renew and deepen your financial giving to WPC as part of your commitment to promote all that we have here as a church family.

Our giving connects us to one another and our world. Giving—regardless of the amount—speaks to our commitment to join together in doing the work God calls us to do. The invitation to **Spark Joy!** is an invitation to be responsible, faithful stewards of what God has first given us.

As your Stewardship Committee, we thank you for your financial gifts to date. By God’s grace, they have enabled our church to thrive and allowed us to fulfill our mission. As we look toward the future, we ask that all who are able will move a percentage point or two toward the tithe (*10% of income*), if you are not tithing already. As your household costs inch up each year, so do the church’s expenses. A gift that holds flat year-to-year simply means the church loses ground as costs increase 2-3% every year. A growing, thriving church is not an inexpensive endeavor.

Enclosed you will find information about giving at WPC, along with a 2019-2020 pledge card. It is an invitation to join your pastors, Stewardship Committee, and Session in committing to the ongoing mission of our church. Please join us in making a generous commitment, so that WPC may continue to **Spark Joy!** in our community and beyond.

Faithfully,

**Your WPC Stewardship Committee**

Jan Doak, Chair  
Sali Fomukong

John Langfitt  
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Jenny Farrell  
Robyn Paris

**P.S.** –If you did not make a pledge for 2018-19, we hope you will join in supporting our shared ministry in 2019-20. We strive for 100% participation – it takes all of us! **Please bring your completed pledge card to church on Sunday, May 19, at which time we will dedicate our pledges as an act of our worship.** If you cannot be present at church on May 19, you may mail your completed pledge card to the church office.