

October 9, 2025

My friends,

You've been hearing from Session about stewardship and the 2026 Challenge budget for several weeks now at the beginning of worship so you can guess what this letter is about.

It's pledge time.

We once again find ourselves in a comfortable place financially, a testimony on one hand to your generosity and faithfulness and, on the other, to the diligent stewardship of the church staff and leadership. Thank you! But come January 1, we start over with the inevitably of increased expenses and the necessity of sufficient income.

Our income still comes primarily from three sources: rent from the two non-profits that share our space, non-pledged income (which is just what it sounds like—income we receive that isn't pledged), and pledged income. Pledged income—that would be *you*—is by far the biggest source. Without your financial support, our worship and ministry stops.

You know how this works. Your prayers and your energy and your spiritual gifts and your willingness to say "yes" to serving in large ways and small is hugely important but so, too, is your financial support.

So: on behalf of the Session, I urge you to prayerfully fill-out and return your pledge to the church by October 26<sup>th</sup>, which also happens to be Kirkin' Sunday. You can pledge online or by filling out and returning a pledge card. Online you can also find a copy of the 2026 Challenge Budget; hard copies are available in Fellowship Hall.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. David Barker

**Pastor** 

