

Letter #1 – Top Givers

Dear (*first names of each person in household*):

We want to begin by saying “thank you.” The church is not very good at expressing our gratitude to those who make this ministry possible. You consistently and generously support this church with your time and talents, as well as treasure. (*Personalized sentence that shows you actually know them, i.e. “With two children in college, we realize you have many calls on your funds...” Or “With the recent death of your husband ...” or “Your busy law practice....”*). Your generous contributions make it possible to carry out our ministry for Christ. Thank you for your faithful support for the mission and ministry of Arvada Presbyterian Church.

Ironically, those who give the most are the ones we count on the most to help us fund our future ministry. The cost of serving this congregation and its community continues to grow. We are presently estimating a ten (*or whatever it is*) percent increase in budget needs for next year. It would be nice to simply ask each member to increase their giving by ten (*or whatever*) percent, but we know that for some this would be difficult if not impossible. Therefore we are hoping for a few of our most generous supporters to help with this necessary increase.

The theme for this year’s stewardship campaign is ***“So That All Might Know and Live the Love of Christ.”*** Our campaign this year will use the route system in which a pledge packet is passed from member to member on a particular route. The routes will start on October 24th and finish on Nov. 14th.

Here are two items we want to emphasize in this year’s campaign as we seek to carry out God’s ministry in our midst.

- ❖ **Staff** – Despite their excellent service to our congregation, we were unable to reward the staff last year with salary increases. We are blessed at APC with our Pastors, Director of Education Ministries, Director of Youth Ministries, Director of Music Ministries and all the part time staff of dedicated people. We wish to compensate these people for all they do. Increased pledges will make this possible.
- ❖ **Per Capita** - We pay per capita each year to the Presbyterian Church (USA) for each member we carry on the active rolls. We are asking individual members to pay this \$20 fee over and above their pledge. Because of the generous amount you give, please feel free to simply fill in the appropriate figures for your family size to designate a portion of your gift for this purpose.

Thank you again for prayerfully considering your pledge when the packet comes to you, ***“So That All Might Know and Live the Love of Christ.”***

Your Stewardship Committee

(Let each committee member personally sign each letter—blue ink is preferable.)

Emma Curtis	Tom Stroud	Merle Weedlun
Jim Haggard	Bob Weaver	Stan Jewell, Pastor

Letter # 2 – Regular Pledgers and Givers

Dear *(first names of each person in household)*:

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We are asking for you to consider an increase in your support this year so that we may continue to carry out the ministries of the Church. The cost of serving this congregation and its community continues to grow. We are presently estimating a ten *(or whatever it is)* percent increase in budget needs for next year. Therefore we are hoping generous supporters like you will help with this necessary increase.

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We thank you in advance for prayerfully considering your pledge when the packet comes to you. Identify your current level of giving in the step-up chart in the brochure. Then we challenge you to step-up one or more levels in your giving for 2005 ***“So That All Might Know and Live the Love of Christ.”***

Thank you for your support,

Your Stewardship Committee

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Letter # 3 – Regular Givers but Not Pledgers

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Our records show that you did not pledge last year, so we would like to encourage you to consider doing so this year. Some have compared giving without the commitment of a pledge to “living together without being married.” It is a matter of commitment. We strongly believe that pledging strengthens ones commitment to church and our Lord, plus allows the church to plan a budget more effectively. One way some people move toward pledging is to estimate next year’s gifts and to **pledge half of it**. This is a good first step.

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We ask that you prayerfully consider pledging when the packet comes to you. Identify your current level of giving in the step-up chart in the brochure. Then we challenge you to step-up one or more levels in your giving for 2005 “***So That All Might Know and Live the Love of Christ.***”

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Letter # 4 – No Pledge and no record of giving.

Dear (*names of each person in household*):

Our annual Stewardship campaign is fast approaching and we need your help. Pledging and giving allows us to carry on the ministry of Christ at Arvada Presbyterian Church. You may have given in the past, but it does not show in last year's records. We hope that this year will be different, that it will be a time of renewed financial commitment.

This year, we want to encourage you to try pledging. We firmly believe that the spiritual discipline of pledging and giving strengthens ones relationship with the church and the Lord. We want to challenge you to begin this spiritual discipline by taking a first step. If you have never pledged before, please consider pledging and giving your per capita and a minimum of \$5 per week. If this is more than you can afford, consider \$1 per week. The point is not the amount. It is a matter of commitment. Pledging strengthens ones commitment to church and our Lord, plus allows the church to plan a budget more effectively. Would you try it this year?

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- ❖ **Per Capita -** We pay per capita each year to the Presbyterian Church (USA) for each member we carry on the active rolls. We are asking individual members to pay this \$20 fee as a minimum commitment to the church.

We ask that you prayerfully consider pledging and giving when the packet comes to you. Such a commitment will enable us to minister in Arvada and beyond ***“So That All Might Know and Live the Love of Christ.”***

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