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Greetings from the FVPC Giving Campaign Team!

Abundant Life! How often have we taken time to look carefully at the blessings in our lives? And, as we look at our church, while these past few years have been tough in many ways, have you asked yourself: *What blessings has this church received from God?* As we enter into our Stewardship Campaign for 2024, this is the time to take measure of God's abundance in our lives, both personally and in the church community.

We are a community on a mission! Following Jesus, we're called to thrive and to help our neighbors thrive, creating abundant life **for all**. Over the past year, your faithful support through both financial and time/talent pledges has enabled us share God's abundance with others. Through our monthly Community Dinners, we provided 3,120 meals this year. You joyfully supported the World's Largest Baby Shower in Chicago by both giving needed items and volunteering your time to serve. Our Sewing Circle and other volunteers have made 52 pillowcase dresses and 52 school supply bags to send to our partners in Guatemala. And within our own church family, your support enabled 8 youth and their adult chaperones to serve and learn on the 2023 Go 'N Serve trip. Use the QR code below to see a list of all that YOUR gifts helped provide in 2023 — you have been a blessing to many!

On the back of this letter, you will find information shared at a Town Hall meeting on September 5th regarding our five-year plan toward a solid financial (and programmatic) future. Also enclosed is information on the goals of our campaign – and guides as to how all of us together can work to meet those goals. Please take time to read through this information and prayerfully consider how you will give back to God what you have received.

Over the next three weeks you will be receiving more information by email about the power of seeing our blessings, seeing the abundance of God in our personal lives and in our church life. We hope you'll read these thoughts on the abundant life we're building together through our work with our own congregation, with our community and with the broader world. As you go through the next week, look carefully each day for the blessings you have received. And look carefully for the blessings FVPC has received over our time together.

On Sunday, November 5th, we will celebrate our gifts – those we have so abundantly received from God and those we joyfully give back in gratitude. This is an opportunity for each one of us to examine our commitment to the ministries and missions of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church. Thanks be to God for his abundant gifts! Let us return our gifts with equal faithfulness and great joy! We look forward to having you celebrate with us November 5th!

With joy in abundance,

Mike Jahoda and Joanne Dempsey for the Stewardship Team



List of gifts

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.
+ John 10:10



Your Pledge for 2024

Please consider an increase in your financial pledge and/or a Foundation Gift. Our goal for this year's Giving Campaign is to increase the total pledge amount by 10% and to also raise \$56,000 in Foundation Gifts. If we can achieve these goals, we will be able to stay fully staffed and continue to support and grow the ministries and missions of our church.

Please prayerfully consider making a commitment to our church in the form of a pledge. We invite you to return your pledge card at one of the church services between October 15th and November 5th. You may also provide your pledge information directly to Jill Riley, our Financial Administrator. All pledge materials can also be found on our website using the QR code provided on the first page of this letter.

Budget/Income Goals: 5 Year Plan

10% annual increase for all pledges, annually						
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Total Income	633,417	707,662	782,957	864,103	951,672	1,046,298
Personnel Expenses	(525,406)	(543,795)	(562,828)	(579,713)	(597,104)	(615,017)
Other Expenses	(299,872)	(314,865)	(330,609)	(347,139)	(364,496)	(382,721)
Initial Surplus/(Deficit)	(191,860)	(150,998)	(110,479)	(62,749)	(9,928)	48,560
Restricted/Endowment Funds	143,231	95,000	-	-	-	-
Foundation Gifts (Above Pledge)	-	55,998	110,479	62,749	9,928	-
Final Surplus/(Deficit)	(48,630)	0	0	0	0	48,560

A Guide for Pledge Increases for 2024

2023 Pledge	5%		10%		15%		20%		25%	
	Increase	2024 Pledge	Increase	2024 Pledge	Increase	2024 Pledge	Increase	2024 Pledge	Increase	2024 Pledge
200	10	210	20	220	30	230	40	240	50	250
500	25	525	50	550	75	575	100	600	125	625
700	35	735	70	770	105	805	140	840	175	875
1,000	50	1,050	100	1,100	150	1,150	200	1,200	250	1,250
1,500	75	1,575	150	1,650	225	1,725	300	1,800	375	1,875
2,000	100	2,100	200	2,200	300	2,300	400	2,400	500	2,500
3,000	150	3,150	300	3,300	450	3,450	600	3,600	750	3,750
5,000	250	5,250	500	5,500	750	5,750	1,000	6,000	1,250	6,250
7,500	375	7,875	750	8,250	1,125	8,625	1,500	9,000	1,875	9,375
10,000	500	10,500	1,000	11,000	1,500	11,500	2,000	12,000	2,500	12,500

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