

Fox Valley Presbyterian Church
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Dear friends in Christ,



What is enough? Do you have enough? A story that has been posted on Facebook gives us pause to think about whether we have enough in our lives, and what we might do with any "more than enough." Please read that story (on the back of this page) before you continue reading this letter.

We have spent the last week looking at God's blessings in our lives and in the life of the church. Having recognized the abundance of God's grace, we ask you this week to explore what is "enough" for you and how you might share your "more than enough."

Sometimes it is difficult for us to feel like we have enough, and sometimes we wonder how we will make it through a difficult time in our lives. That is true for all of us personally as well as for the church. But, over the summer we heard guest pastors who assured us that in the Kin-dom of God, there is enough for everyone. We were challenged by those sermons to believe in where God is leading us, even if we don't always understand fully; to obey God's commands, even if we don't always know exactly where that will take us; and to give thanks and praise to God before we ask for God's help – because God has always been with us and blessed us abundantly.

This year, we have set a challenging goal for all of us at FVPC – a challenge to set us on a steady path to financial stability while fully continuing and growing our ministries and missions. As we discussed in the recent Town Hall meeting, giving patterns have changed over the past 3 years – some due to the pandemic which changed people's lives and their habits regarding church participation. Like many churches, FVPC has been impacted by membership loss and reductions in giving; however, now new faces are responding to our warm welcome to join our church family. We have also firmly committed to continue to love others unconditionally, grow in God's wisdom, and serve our community and the world as Christ commands.

Your consideration of an increased pledge will assure that we can continue to be God's servants to all and will move us along our path to a sound fiscal future. As we consider our pledges for the year ahead, give thanks for God's faithfulness in your life and the life of this church, your generosity can help us move forward in the Kin-dom of God where there is enough for everyone!

We look forward to celebrating Commitment Sunday with you on November 5. Come celebrate the blessings we have received, and the blessings Fox Valley Presbyterian Church can give to all of God's people!

For the Stewardship Committee and with joy in abundance,


Michael Jahoda

Joanne Dempsey




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

Enough (edited from original Facebook posting)

Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the father said, 'I love you, and I wish you enough.' The daughter replied, 'Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Dad.' They kissed and the daughter left. The father, obviously emotional, walked over to the window where I was seated.

'When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?' He began to smile. 'That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone...'

'When we said, 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.' Then turning toward me, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

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For your reflection this week::

- What to you is enough (or more than enough)?
- What should or could we do, individually and collectively, with our "more than enough"?
- Can we readjust our thinking about enough so that we always have some to share?
- What would our world look like if we tried to make sure we all had enough?
- Is enough just about material things? What about kindness, compassion, and/or time?

This week, relate the concept of "Enough" to stories from the Bible – such as the feeding of the 5000 with just a few loaves and fishes. Or the water into wine at the wedding. Or in the Old Testament when the people came out of Egypt and wandered in the desert.

What is "enough" for you? How might you share your "more than enough" to more fully do God's will?