



Dear Friends,

Thank you for being part of this vibrant and growing church, and for supporting God's work through First Church by your prayers, your presence, your service – and your generous gifts! This church community continually inspires me as I see members and friends engaged in ministries that make a difference. Gifts of time, talent, and treasure from so many make our church a welcoming place. Whether you are involved in worship, music ministries, adult or children's/youth education, Hope's Home outreach services, or if you've simply found fellowship with a good community in this place, your contributions and your presence matter. Thanks again!

This letter brings an opportunity to “Strengthen our Present and Create a Future” as you consider making a commitment to support First Church with your gifts in 2020. Whether you are a long-time giver with a record of annual financial commitments, or if you give occasionally as you feel able, I hope you will seriously consider filling in the enclosed form and making a specific commitment for your giving in 2020. Susan and I find personally that making this commitment both stretches our faith and makes it easier to make giving a priority.

This mailing includes a brochure describing the ways our church already offers exciting ministries. We anticipate growing all of them in the coming year. **We hope you will choose to be part of this ministry and growth by prayerfully considering your gift, then filling in the enclosed Financial Commitment form, and bringing it to our Stewardship Celebration Sunday worship on November 24 in both services.**

Wondering what gift level is right for you? The chart on the back of the brochure can offer a way to plan to give to God a regular portion of your resources. We hope you will find your current level of giving, and commit to a gift for 2020 that moves you toward the next proportionate level.

In helping “Strengthen our Present and Create a Future,” we have the opportunity once again to join with those who have faithfully planted and nurtured the ministry here before us, and to develop new ways to be good for downtown as a constantly growing congregation. None of this just happens. First Church ministries are the fruit of a generous congregation that commits itself to following Jesus.

If you are able, please make every effort to be in worship for Stewardship Celebration Sunday, November 24th. We'll dedicate ourselves and our commitments to increasing God's work in our lives and in this church. And if you can't be with us in person that day, please return your commitment soon using the enclosed envelope.

Let us make our commitment for the coming year with joyous expanding generosity.

Blessings,



Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler

STRENGTHENING OUR PRESENT, CREATING A FUTURE

Please fill this sheet out and bring to our Stewardship Celebrations in worship in November 24 or mail back to the church in the enclosed envelope by November 21.

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

My/Our Intention to Give in 2020: *(please circle appropriate timing)*

Total Annual Gift: \$ _____

Annual Ministries: \$ _____ per week / per month / per year

Mortgage Principal Reduction: \$ _____ per week / per month / per year

Other _____ \$ _____ per week / per month / per year

Method of Giving

- ☐ I will set up a new gift online (please visit www.fumc.org/give)
- ☐ I will continue/adjust my existing gift to the amount listed above ("My/Our Intention to Give in 2020")
- ☐ I will pay by check: payable to FUMC
- ☐ I authorize First United Methodist Church of Madison to initiate credit card withdrawals to honor my gift.

Name on Card: _____

Card # _____ Exp _____ CSV _____

- ☐ My/Our contribution for 2019 will be sent directly to First UMC from my/our IRA's RMD
- ☐ I'd like giving envelopes: _____ **weekly** _____ **monthly**

Signature: _____