



Woodland Presbyterian Church

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Dear Friends,

Psalm 116 says, "How can I repay the Lord for all the Lord's goodness to me?" With tears welling up in his eyes and a big smile on his face, Art Frueh, a ninety-seven year old, shares his heartfelt gratitude for "our church family." Art says, "There are helping hands to greet me when I climb out of the Community Care Car each Sunday and more hands share Jesus' peace with hugs at the end of the service. God is good. Helping hands are everywhere!" We also recently received words of thanksgiving from the Muchena and Kailemia family saying, "Thank you most sincerely for being part and parcel of our family."

Thank you, WPC, for loving one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. As you know well, it takes every one of us to be the Church. No matter if we are five or ninety-five years of age, we are all able to serve as disciples and give of our time, talent and treasure. With this in mind, I invite you to consider making a pledge if you have not done so before or to increase your pledge for 2018.¹

Here are some examples of how each generation in our congregation might consider increasing our pledges to Christ's Church:

- A family--or even a young child, with a portion of his/her allowance--gives out of gratitude for our children's chorus. When parents encourage children to give it teaches an essential faith component to each child: *we give because God has given so generously to us*. Consider raising your family pledge by \$50 per month, keeping in mind that the cost of one year of children's chorus is \$560.00.
- A youth devotes a portion of his/her allowance or part-time job money to the church, or a youth's family may consider an increased pledge out of gratitude for the Yolo Youth Collective. \$120 covers one week and \$520 covers one month of our youth group gatherings.
- A young adult is inspired to give because of the Interfaith Winter Shelter that WPC helps to lead to care for the unhoused of Woodland. This and other community ministries are supported by our Outreach and Mission budgets of \$3,700.00.
- An adult or family unit increases their giving because of how meaningful they find worship to be week in and week out. \$65,000 per year or \$5,417 a month covers worship services (this total includes a percentage of the pastor and office manager salaries, utilities, printing/copier, janitor, as well as the worship/music/choral budget).

Our general budget serves well beyond the church walls. We support mission partners at the Yolo County Food Bank, Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network, and PCUSA Mission Partners at Frontera de Cristo. We also tithe--which means giving 10%--of our annual budget to support the mission programs of the Presbyterian Church (over \$23,000 in 2017!) Your giving enables ministries to make a difference in our personal lives, and your gifts also make an impact on our city of Woodland and our mission partners around the world.

¹ Pledges are the promises we make to give a certain amount of money. Our session relies on these promises to prayerfully construct the yearly church budget. The budget covers a multitude of ministries and your increased giving allows us to keep finding new ways to share the gospel in the city and around the world.

On **Sunday, November 12**, we will bring forward our pledges during worship, signifying our commitment to join in Jesus' ministry. If you are unable to be with us on the 12th, please send or bring your pledge to church before Thanksgiving.²

May we receive God's gift of joy in knowing that our financial commitment to the Church helps to share Jesus' love by caring for the sick and lonely, feeding the hungry, sheltering the unhoused, teaching the children, and bringing hope to the hopeless. Woodland Presbyterian, thank you for your generosity!

The Peace of Christ be with You,

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Pastor Christin

Yes! Here is my/our 2018 pledge to Woodland Presbyterian Church:

\$ _____ per week [52 weeks]

\$ _____ per month [12 months]

\$ _____ per quarter [four quarters]

\$ _____ for the year 2018



Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ email _____