



"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11

November 6, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of Plymouth Presbyterian Church,

Stewardship campaigns happen in churches every fall; we talk about the need to support the church budget and our mission. It's that time again, right in the middle of an exciting period at Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Our theme for this year's stewardship season is **The Plans I Have for You**, based on Jeremiah 29:11. God told his people that he had plans to "give you a future with hope."

After diligent and thoughtful work from our pastor nominating committee, we voted to select a new pastor, Rev. Joanna Hipp. She will start in early December. We look forward to her leadership, energy, and inspiration as we consider God's plans for us.

Within the life of the church, we continue to serve others by supporting Bloom Early Learning & Child Care and organizing regular service activities. Our monthly education "Deep Dives" have touched on numerous faith topics, and we are expanding youth education time. Regarding environmental impact, we started a project to install solar panels on the church (assisted by a \$20,000 grant from the Presbytery). We continue to do God's work and are thankful for all those in the PPC family whose stewardship includes their time and talents.

Included with this letter is a pledge card. Please prayerfully consider how you would be able to support PPC in the year ahead. We continue to operate with a small deficit each year, which is drawing down our reserves. (Note that the proceeds from the land sale are kept separate and not used for general expenses.)

November 17 is Celebration Sunday, when we will dedicate our pledges. Pledge cards can be returned to the church that day or earlier. Receiving pledges sooner rather than later helps us make the most realistic budget for 2025, particularly important as we prepare for a new pastor's arrival. Pledging can also be done by contacting our Financial Secretary, Mike Hawley, directly by email (finsec@plymouthpc.org) or by phone (612-760-8066). In all cases, individual pledging information is confidential to the Financial Secretary.

Thank you for all you do to support the ministry of Jesus Christ at Plymouth Presbyterian Church! You may contact any of us with questions.

Yours in Christ,

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