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# First Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

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Dear Friends,

*Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away.  
Now it looks as though they're here to stay.  
Oh I believe in yesterday.  
--The Beatles, 1965*

Trust the Beatles to capture what we've all been feeling lately, even though that song was written over 55 years ago. Sometimes it seems our troubles really **are** "here to stay."

But don't be too downhearted. I have a "Fab Four-cast" for you! (You can thank Rick for the Fab forecast pun – it was his idea.)

With a lot of work and help from a lot of people, I am very happy to tell you that it looks like we will have a flat budget for 2022. What does this mean?

1. It means there will be no increase in the budget.
2. It means that I don't have to beg you to please, please increase your pledges.
3. It means that if **everyone** who pledged or gave money this year does the same for 2022, we will cover our budget.

Don't get me wrong – we actively encourage you to increase your pledges!! But we know costs are going up while incomes might not be, so we would be very grateful for your repeat pledges. Together, we can do this.

*I'll get by with a little help from my friends. Gonna try with a little help from my friends.  
--The Beatles, 1967*

Enclosed is a pledge card. Please consider your pledge prayerfully, then fill the card out right away and either mail it back to the church office or drop it in the offering plate.

I opened this stewardship campaign with acknowledgment that we're not out of the COVID woods yet, but with the good news about our 2022 budget, things are looking up for us.

*Here comes the sun, do do do do  
Here comes the sun.  
And I say it's all right!  
--The Beatles, 1969*

Blessings,  
Leslie Clark  
Stewardship Chair

*(A printable pledge form is attached for your convenience.)*





Please return this section to the church office.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Stewardship Commitment for 2022

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church through our congregation.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per  week  month  other: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances.)*

I (we) wish to receive information about giving through Estate Planning.



### 2022 Stewardship Commitment

Keep this portion as a record of your financial stewardship commitment for the year of 2022.

**My (Our) financial stewardship commitment**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
per  week  month  other: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances.)*

*But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Ephesians 4:7)*

### Personal Commitment Planner

Weekly amounts proportionate to income are shown in the adjacent chart, or you can use the Commitment Planner below to determine the amount of your gift based on a percentage of your income. Keep this portion for your records.

Proportionate giving decision: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
(A)

Annual household income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(B)

Amount of annual gift: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ % X \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (C)

Amount of bi-weekly gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (C) ÷ 26 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of monthly gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (C) ÷ 12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of quarterly gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (C) ÷ 4 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Income	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate To Income						
	15%	10%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
\$100,000	288.00	192.00	135.00	115.00	96.00	77.00	58.00
\$75,000	216.00	144.00	100.00	87.00	72.00	58.00	43.00
\$60,000	173.00	115.00	80.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00
\$50,000	144.00	96.00	67.00	58.00	48.00	38.00	29.00
\$45,000	130.00	87.00	61.00	52.00	43.00	35.00	26.00
\$40,000	115.00	77.00	54.00	46.00	38.00	31.00	23.00
\$35,000	101.00	67.00	47.00	40.00	34.00	27.00	20.00
\$30,000	87.00	58.00	40.00	35.00	29.00	23.00	17.00
\$25,000	72.00	48.00	34.00	29.00	24.00	19.00	14.00
\$20,000	58.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	19.00	15.00	12.00
\$15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00