



Take hold of the life that really is life. -1 Timothy 6:17-19

As we begin our new church year I want to personally offer thanks for your continued support of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. As pledging members, you provide the financial foundation that allows our church to touch the lives of so many-those within our congregation, and our neighbors in greater Williamsburg and around the world. WPC has so much to offer-meaningful worship, inspirational music, thoughtful Christian education, wonderful family and youth programs, and impactful outreach programs. All this is possible because you support our operating budget, which is funded almost entirely by our congregation's pledges.

Hopefully, you received and have had an opportunity to review the Stewardship Committee's recent letter regarding WPC's financial status. Its focus was on the shortfalls in our operating budget that covers essential expenses: salaries; utilities; minor facility repairs, and programs for worship, education, outreach, music, family, and youth. In short, these are all the things that enable WPC to touch so many lives. Unfortunately, our operating budget shortfalls over the past 4 years have begun to affect our ministries and present personnel budget challenges.

One of the strengths of WPC is the large percentage of members who make a pledge commitment, enabling the church to plan its ministries for the coming year with confidence. I sincerely hope we can continue to count on your annual pledge, which continues to be critical as we look ahead. As you contemplate your pledge for this next year, perhaps your current financial situation is such that you might be able to consider a sizeable pledge increase for 2025. If not, we sincerely hope you will be able to maintain your current level of support.

Again, thank you for being pledging members of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. **You make the difference.** October 27 is Dedication Sunday. Enclosed is a pledge card you can bring on the 27<sup>th</sup>, return by mail, or drop off at the church office. You can also pledge online at mywpc.org/pledge. Your continued financial support is critical as we embrace the future – **It's time to flourish!** 

Sincerely,

Pete Osman, Chair Stewardship Committee-Pastor John Morgan, Jaynelle Oehler, Gerry Ward, Sherry Volk