



# Christ Church United Methodist

*"People Caring For People"*

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Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Dear Christ Church Congregation,

In a recent Channel 2.0 Pastor Beth described how greatly we value our church staff and volunteers. As she also mentioned, giving has fallen off. You, our congregation, are the most important element in our ability to function as a church. Without your giving we cannot maintain our debt free house of worship. We cannot meet the payroll of our staff. We cannot provide the necessary funds for the operations of our many missions: to be ***people caring for people, as a courageous church, loving like Jesus, acting for justice, and united in hope.***

Our revenue, your pledges and unpledged giving, makes up the majority of our almost \$500,000 budget. The balance coming from other sources such as Open Plate giving and building use by users of the campus, including the Day Care operation, represent 9% of the budget. These other sources have been non-existent due to COVID. That results in a greater reliance on your giving than we have ever experienced in our 60+ years. Expenses go on every month for our staff salaries, utilities, ongoing maintenance and the functioning of missions. The majority of your pledges are on a monthly basis, without them we must rely on our available cash to meet our expenses. Now it is essential to maintain those monthly contributions. You care for people, you are courageous, you act for justice and are united in hope.

As we near 2021, we must prepare the yearly budget. The current stewardship campaign is now underway. To continue to be the church we desire it to be, please consider increasing your pledge. Your dollars make up approximately 79% of the budget. Our staff, our missions, and our campus upkeep rely on you. Thank you for all that you do.

As your Treasurer, I invite any questions relating to this urgent matter. Contact me at 520-790-9675 or at [gjtucson@AOL.com](mailto:gjtucson@AOL.com).

Respectfully,

Gary Jay, Treasurer

*Rev. Beth Rambikur, Senior Pastor*