



Christ Church United Methodist

"People Caring For People"

Dear friends,

Peace and grace be with you. I want to begin by saying Thank You! Your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness are the reason Christ Church United Methodist exists as the church, congregation, and community it is today. Each week, hundreds of people are blessed by the ministries of this church and its members thanks to you. You make ALL the difference.

As I have gotten to know this church many people have shared their memories of this community, from the personal experiences of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and memorial services to the community celebrations of Christmas, baptisms, concerts, fundraisers, and worship. This is a place of remembering who we are as children of God, called to be a blessing to all the world. I have heard stories of connection. Whether it is serving in the food bank or clothing boutique, singing in the choir, or attending silver sneakers, Christ Church has been a place where people connect to one another. Many have shared stories of finding family here, friends willing to accompany one another through the hardest moments of our lives. This is a place where we reconnect who we are to the story of salvation and good news in Jesus Christ as we connect in community. You have shared dreams of renewal, when families fill our sanctuary, our choir overflows with singers, and our church is bursting with life. Though church does not look or feel the same during this time of physical distancing, we are in the midst of renewal as a community.

This year, during our 2021 Stewardship Campaign of Remembering, Reconnecting, and Renewing, we need your help. We ask that you prayerfully consider your 2021 pledge, and also assist us in rebuilding our membership records and renewing our covenant to be people caring for people during COVID-19. Included is the information we need to update our membership records to help keep you connected and our COVID-19 Covenant waiver that will allow us, as it is prudent and possible, to gather on campus in person once again.

All that we do is possible because of the financial gifts you so generously and graciously give. Just as you are careful and faithful stewards of your own finances, Christ Church pledges to be a careful and faithful steward of the gifts you pledge. We will build our budget for the ministry year of 2021 after we receive your pledges. **To assist us with this we ask that you please mail this pledge card (along with your updated membership form and the COVID-19 covenant) back to the church by November 16th.**

On a personal note, I want to say that serving with you as your pastor has been a tremendous privilege. I am inspired by your courage, faith, care for one another, and hope. Thank you for being Christ's church in the world.

Peace,

Beth Rambikur

Rev. Beth Rambikur, Senior Pastor