We are called to
LOVE GOD.
DO GOOD.
GROW IN GRACE.

Stewardship is the prayerful work of offering one’s time, talent and treasure to bring God’s love into the world. Your pledge enables the ministries of Grace Church to grow, as you respond to God’s call by putting your faith into action. Congregational giving represents 60% of the annual Operating Budget income. Pledges are the single most important source of funding for our ministries of worship, music, Christian growth and mercy.

Many ask “How much should I give?” We believe our standard of giving should reflect our standard of living. Please prayerfully consider a pledge that is responsive to your financial situation. The biblical standard for giving remains a tithe, or 10% of one’s household income. For many, a tithe is a goal reached over many years of incremental giving. The following chart may be helpful as you consider your pledge. Every pledge, no matter the size, is gratefully received as a valued contribution to our ministries.

GIVING CHART

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Dear Friends,

After hearing a radio station appeal asking listeners to imagine what their city would be like without their programs, Amy and I reflected on what would be lost in our world without Grace’s ministries. Our answer came in several images: a sanctuary where people from across the city come to pray, praise, and lean on God, a body of Christ where friendships develop, conversations around the Parlor’s glass coffee table where unity is forged across differences, a community concert series where excellent music is offered for anyone, and a series of feeding ministries through which children receive nourishment year-round. Grace is a profound and enduring vehicle for sharing God’s love. Without Grace, these acts of mercy, reconciliation, and justice would not be.

The 2020 Stewardship Campaign centers upon 1 John 3:18, which reads, “Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth.” We, who are beloved sons and daughters of God, are asked to enact love in our lives. Building upon this scripture, our theme for our stewardship campaign is: LOVE GOD, DO GOOD, AND GROW IN GRACE. Those who love God seek to imitate God’s loving deeds in their lives and thereby experience the ever-growing presence of God’s grace. We need your pledge to help all of us at Grace continue to follow Christ’s example and do God’s work.

We are delighted to share the stewardship booklet for 2020 with you. Grace is making a difference in the lives of those living in our city, nation and world. You are a part of God’s healing, inspiring work. We hope you will join us loving God, doing good, and growing in grace in the year ahead.

In Christ,

Rev. Amy McCullough
Amy Coates Madsen
Lead Pastor
Finance Committee Chair

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I/We pledge to God’s ministries at Grace Church through:
- ☐ 52 weekly payments
- ☐ 24 bi-monthly payments
- ☐ 12 monthly payments
- ☐ 4 quarterly payments
- ☐ 1 annual payment

Name ____________________________
Envelope # ________________________
I/We do not wish to be listed in Grace Notes newsletter
Address __________________________
Email ____________________________
I/We use Grace’s Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for giving.
I/We request information about Grace’s Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for giving.

Pledge online at graceunitedmethodist.org.

You may return this card to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Questions? George Kahl, Financial Secretary, 410-433-6650, george@graceunitedmethodist.org.

2020 OPERATING BUDGET
The Operating Budget supports the day-to-day needs of the church. Grace’s facility is also supported by the Trustees Budget and our ministries of mercy are also supported by the Mission-Outreach Budget. A detailed budget is available in the church office. The Operating Budget totals $774,924.

PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS: $25,100
APPORTIIONS TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: $99,319
WORSHIP AND PASTORAL LEADERSHIP: $207,027
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND SUPPORT: $66,239
BUILDING UTILITIES, SUPPLIES AND DAILY MAINTENANCE: $144,416
MINISTRIES OF MERCY AND JUSTICE: $62,400
MINISTRIES OF MUSIC: $127,423
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE: $41,000
BUILDING UTILITIES, SUPPLIES AND DAILY MAINTENANCE: $144,416

WE ASK FOR YOUR PLEDGE BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10.