



ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church



Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

October 17, 2021

Dear St. John's Family and Friends,

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
-Jeremiah 29:11

This has been another unique year of ministry for us at St. John's United Methodist Church as we continue to learn how to adapt to new and ever-changing circumstances. With each step of the way, our church has remained committed. We have demonstrated unwavering faithfulness and creativity in the face of numerous obstacles and difficulties.

Because of the generosity of our congregation, we have been able to continue making a difference in the lives of so many people, reaching out and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in our community. This is why we have such hope for our 2022 stewardship campaign, "A Future with Hope."

We invite you to help us build "A Future with Hope" for St. John's by making a pledge for 2022. Our yearly stewardship campaign enables us to plan and set a realistic budget for the ministries of our church, maintain our facilities, and estimate amounts available for new programs and activities. We greatly appreciate your generosity as we know you have many choices in where and why you give.

Enclosed you will find a Stewardship Giving Guide and 2022 pledge card. We encourage you to prayerfully read the guide and place your pledge card somewhere prominent in your home. Each time you see your card, ask God to help you discern your pledge for 2022. On October 31, Commitment Sunday, bring your pledge card with you to worship. We will collect and pray over all pledges for next year. If you prefer, you can also submit your pledge online: stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2022.

We hope to see you on Commitment Sunday, October 31, 2021. We will have one worship service that morning at 10 a.m. We will enjoy a potluck outside (weather permitting, or in the FLC if need be) following the service. During our combined worship service, we will celebrate our 60th Anniversary with video vignettes from members of the St. John's family, share in Holy Communion, and our Handbell Choir will make its worship debut for 2021. You are invited to the potluck even if resuming in-person worship isn't safe for you yet.

For all that we've already accomplished together during this challenging season, for all that we will accomplish together in the future, thank God and thank YOU. See you soon - and until then, let us dream of a future with hope!

With hopeful hearts,

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"I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

+ Jeremiah 29:10-11