



September 30, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Stewardship Committee has chosen a verse from 1 Peter for our 2019 Stewardship theme:

*"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*

God has given each of us unique and special gifts. It is our choice how we use them. If we choose, we can use them to minister to others and, in that way, let the grace of God shine through us. Please accept this invitation to reflect on your gifts, your ministry, and the impact of CPC on your life.

The enclosed packet of information includes a narrative budget describing core areas of CPC and dividing our expenses among these five areas: Worship, Serving Students and the Campus, Serving the Community and the World, Caring for our Church Family, and Growing Through Spiritual Formation. Copies of the detailed financial budget are available in the church office.

Please consider increasing your estimate of giving this year. CPC is about to experience a new beginning as Rev. Brett Becker commences his ministry at CPC. The budget includes one-time expenses related to our transition in leadership as well as Session's recommendations for salary increases for pastoral, office, and music staff. Every estimate of giving will impact CPC's ability to meet the proposed budget. Please help us to be in a position to move forward freely under Rev. Becker's leadership as a beacon of God's grace in Ames.

We will celebrate our stewardship of CPC on **Celebration Sunday, October 21**, when you return your *Estimate of Giving Card* during the offering in our worship services. Between the services, we will gather for a **Celebration Brunch** to celebrate our congregation's support. You may also place your card in the offering plate any Sunday or deliver it to the church office in person or by mail.

Please join us on October 21! Thank you for your support of the ministry of CPC and its mission in our community and the world!

The Stewardship Committee

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