

## Important Message from Board to Members and Friends



The board has been working to properly manage our budget and finances. During COVID, as with many churches, our giving dropped but we were blessed with legacy and other gifts that assisted as we navigated COVID, were able to take advantage of the PPP program and forgiveness, began the process on our Generosity Campaign, and more recently applied for and received a homeland security grant to address needed security upgrades. During this time, we managed amounts the congregation had previously approved for use from the Far Reaching Faith Trust Fund (FRFTF) which, per the direction of the congregation, helped to pay for critical capital repairs and projects.

Unfortunately, our giving continues to remain not only below our budget but also below our actual expenses. ***This is unsustainable.*** *This means that decisions may need to be made with respect to staffing, 472 Ridge, and other cost-cutting actions.* This has been compounded by more recent capital repairs that became more urgent, including upgrading our fire alarm system to meet current code requirements and to protect life and safety in the church.

The board has and continues to take steps to identify solutions, including further discussions on generosity as well as preparing for a broader conversation with the congregation during the forum and meeting later this year; however, we ask each of you who are able to prayerfully consider increasing your financial donations in the near term to assist in addressing this shortfall we are experiencing.

We encourage your questions and ideas. Feel free email the Board at [board@mccdc.com](mailto:board@mccdc.com) or Pastor Dwayne at [revdwayne@mccdc.com](mailto:revdwayne@mccdc.com)

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