



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. - 1 PETER 4:10 (NIV)

September 22, 2020

Dear sisters and brothers,

This year has reminded us in so many ways of the importance of community, and the significance of our Grace Church family specifically. Even in these months in which we have been unable to gather in person, the Spirit has kept us together, connecting us.

In this, then, Grace Church has not been "closed", because we continue following the Gospel call to live in love with our neighbors, seeking new ways to serve Jesus in all people.

We know this to be true in the way that we worship together virtually on Sundays, as we pray with one another on Wednesdays, as the youth and mentors 'zoom' in youth group, and the children's ministry continues through parades and activities. We see this as we minister to each other through Grace Cares and continue to fellowship in virtual parish meetings and coffee hours. We witness this as Martha's Pantry and the Community Breakfast creatively adapt while serving those who need it most and Laundry Love continues to support our wider community through donating supplies to these feeding ministries.

All of this speaks to the love we bear for each other and the world around us.

As we look to the year to come, we are as committed as ever to the ministry we share with one another and our neighbors. Our ministry together is only possible through you - your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure given in grace and love. As one part of this, we ask that each one of us takes part in our pledge campaign by filling out the enclosed pledge card.

Through this year's pledge season and beyond, we will be hearing messages of faith-filled generosity. I invite you to pray and listen, taking time to consider how your generous response to God's call has been shaped by this community and those who gather with you, and then return your pledge card to Grace Church by October 25th.

Thank you for being a part of Grace Church and for your faithful, faith-filled gift to *your* annual campaign!

Gratefully,

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