

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.

HEBREWS 10:23-24

WHY PLEDGE TO THE CHURCH?

+ We hope that you will prayerfully consider your pledge amount as a faithful way to honor God. That amount is different for everyone. We encourage you to reflect on the gifts and abundance that God has given you and share some of that abundance cheerfully.

+ We prepare our budget after we know our resources—so sharing your expected level of financial support for HUMC for next year with a pledge impacts our staffing and program plans for 2024. Pledges constitute about 75% of our current annual resources.

CONSIDER GIVING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

+ Serving is a great way to make a difference as well as to make HUMC feel like your church! What are your skills, experiences, and areas of giftedness? Opportunities to serve include: congregational care, mission & outreach, worship & music ministry, children & youth ministry, adult education & fellowship, buildings & grounds.

UPCOMING

In the coming weeks, Pastor Young-Mee and various members will share how they live their stewardship in its many forms. Hopefully, their passion, vision and experiences will allow you to reflect on your own personal journey of doing “All the Good We Can.”

SERMON MESSAGES & SCRIPTURE READINGS

- + Oct 29 Matthew 22:34-40 “With All Your Heart, Soul, and Mind”
- + Nov 5 Matthew 5:1-12 “Blessed Are Those”
- + Nov 12 Matthew 25:14-30 “All the Good You Can”
- + Nov 19 Colossians 2:6-7, Luke 17:11-19 “Abounding in Thanksgiving”

ADULT EDUCATION “STEWARDSHIP – OUR CALLING”

- + Oct 29 Stewardship of Time and Talents, Vicki Greene
- + Nov 5, Stewardship of God’s Creation, Paul Eident
- + Nov 12, Stewardship of Financial Resources, Jim Chadwick

NOVEMBER 19 / PLEDGE SUNDAY

On this Sunday, everyone is asked to bring their Pledge Cards to the church so they can be dedicated as faithful gifts.

Let us prayerfully seek God’s purpose and seek to do “All the Good We Can” as a church family!



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PLEDGE FORM

I/We desire to live life with a greater purpose and generously support the programs, ministries, and mission of HUMC. I/We have prayerfully considered my/our pledge and gratefully share a gift or tithe for 2024:

My/Our Annual Pledge Amount (please enter amount):

\$ _____

Automatic Giving

Yes

I (we) would like to become a sustaining donor to HUMC and have our pledge payments automatically deducted from our bank account on a weekly, monthly or quarterly basis. This service is free of charge and allows my (our) donations to be received by the church without any delays or interruptions. If this box is checked, the church will contact me to arrange this important and recommended giving method.

Timing of Payments

I (we) expect to pay our pledge weekly/monthly/annually/other (please select one).

Weekly Monthly Annually Other

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Bring this completed form to worship on Pledge Sunday, Nov. 19 or you can mail to the Church Office.

All the Good We Can

Our congregation has served the community locally and around the world for nearly 65 years. As we look ahead to 2024 and the ministry and mission of Hinsdale UMC, it is our hope that we will unite to do “All the Good We Can” by loving, caring, and serving more people with the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

We will be prayerfully considering our financial support of the church as we face our own transition. Our beloved Pastor Young-Mee will be retiring at the end of June 2024 after serving the people of the Northern Illinois Conference for over 21 dedicated years! And we continue to make progress on our plans to lease the west portion of our building to an established Montessori Gifted preschool to serve the needs of families in our community (and reestablish the 52-year history of a preschool in our church). With your loyal support, our church can manage these critical transitions and renew our commitment to increasing our outreach in the community. The need for us to share our welcoming message and tailor programs to help families develop spiritual and moral growth is now more critical than ever in this fractured world.

Please come join us on this exciting journey and prayerfully consider making a financial gift through a pledge to support the programs, ministries, and mission of HUMC for the coming year.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FACING HINSDALE UMC?

+ Like many churches, our attendance has been decreasing over the past several years. The pandemic created new habits for many families and accelerated this trend, especially among younger families.

+ We have lost some key donors over the past five years due to death and relocation—representing about \$150,000 in annual support.

+ Our building is too large for our current and projected needs and requires an increasing proportion of our budget resources to maintain.

HOW DO WE PLAN TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES?

+ Our building recalibration task force is finalizing a lease with an established Montessori Gifted preschool to begin operations on the west side of our building by the second quarter of 2024. This should increase our visibility in the community with young families and when fully operational, it should contribute more than \$125,000 annually in rental income and expense contributions from our shared services to maintain the property.

+ We have been increasing our investment in family ministries (to reach and support families within the church and in the community) under Pastor Park’s leadership with Leah Ostwald. This investment needs to increase to accelerate our connections in the community beyond our walls and the increased resources from the preschool lease help us achieve this objective. As we embark on the process for Pastor Park’s successor following her retirement, we will be seeking a pastor with proven outreach skills to lead this critical (and difficult) outreach objective.

+ With generous support from our current members (both longstanding pledge families and newer members and friends looking to support the church), we expect to have the resources to work through these challenges to be able to successfully serve our community. But it will take the support of everyone!

