



Hinsdale United Methodist Church

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Giving Thanks for our Service and Strengths over Generations Dedication of our Pledges of Financial Support for 2019 on December 9

Dear HUMC Member and Friend:

I am writing this letter to ask you to consider supporting HUMC by making an annual pledge for 2019. This is a critical time for our church as we enter our 60th year!

As outlined in the enclosed materials, we ask for pledges of support so that we know the resources that we have in order to plan our staffing and programs for next year. As some of our longstanding members aren't able to provide their historical levels of support, we are looking for all our members and friends to prayerfully consider making a pledge. Frankly, we cannot accomplish our program and service objectives without an increase in support from our current levels.

Please remember that a pledge gives us an indication of your planned level of financial support for 2019. It can be changed as your circumstances change. So, please don't allow any "discomfort" to stop you from making a pledge this year.

As we look toward 2019, we will require increased support to continue serving our current members to the best of our abilities through worship, pastoral care and ongoing programs while building new and stronger connections with the next generation. A large priority for 2019 is to staff our youth program with a dedicated director—and hopefully have the funding to enable the position to be full-time.

Each of us has our own personal method to decide the appropriate level of giving—to the church and other charitable endeavors. Cheryl and I support many charitable causes. However, we always start by making our annual support to HUMC as our first and largest ongoing gift. I'm hopeful your situation will allow you to keep our church strong and vibrant through your financial support by "Giving Thanks for our Service and Strengths over Generations".

To help you consider this request, enclosed is a chart outlining our current congregational weekly giving amounts along with a matrix to help you consider your giving amount as a percentage of your income. Please prayerfully reflect on supporting HUMC with a pledge for 2019 at a level that feels right to you and join in our dedication service on December 9th. If you are unable to attend on the 9th, please simply return the pledge card once completed via email or to the church office.

Thank you for your consideration and for all your support of HUMC through your gifts, service, presence and prayers. In Christ, Zed

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