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In the Interim . . .

Over the years during times of Stewardship emphasis, I have been asked questions about pledging.

Why should I make a pledge to the church? Pledging makes faith a priority in our lives. If we believe that God's greatest gift to us is our Savior Jesus Christ, then we should put that first in our lives, not last. By making a commitment in the form of a pledge, we challenge ourselves to be systematic in our giving. A pledge says I believe in my church and its mission to serve and honor God. A pledge lets our congregation know it can count on our financial support. Our commitment becomes planned and not just what is left over after other pledges are met, car payments, house payments, cell phone bills, etc.

How much should I pledge? The scripture gives the guideline for this. Persons should give in proportion to the way in which they have been blessed by God. For some this is 10% of their income. For others 10% is not possible at the present time. For others 10% would be much too little. If we each step up and give in accordance with the way we have been blessed, then our church will have the financial resources to do what God is calling us to do.

What if my life situation changes during the year? One of the facts of life is that nothing stays the same. Some may receive an unexpected bonus during the year, from which they will want to tithe. Others may experience a cut in income and need to adjust their pledges in accordance. Our commitment cards acknowledge the freedom of the giver to change his or her pledge at any time.

Pledge cards for 2018 will be available in November by mail, on the church website and in worship. For your own growth and for the growth of the mission and ministry of the church, pledge. It is an expression of faith.

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