

November 15, 2017

In the Interim . . .

Following our Consecration Sunday service, an individual said, “I did not turn in a pledge because I was not sure if the church needs my money. I plan to give, but I want to give my tithe to ministries where I know it is really needed.” I appreciated the comment. We had shared funding needs for ministries, particularly ones identified through the Mission Study, but we had not shared specifics about the needs. In response to the comment, information is listed on the following page. The needs listed are in addition to increases in monthly operating expenses over which the church has no control.

Brief Financial Report, as of the printing of this newsletter:

Number of active members: 500

Number of potential giving units: 264

- Revenue and Expense Report for 2017: Our working budget for 2017 is \$680,575. 85% of the budget is funded by donations; 15% of the budget is funded by endowments and other bequests. Thanks to the diligent work of staff and committees, program spending has been held down this year. However, special expenses have come with some significant repairs and maintenance issues, such as replacement of the HVAC unit on the children’s wing. Giving for 2017 is currently around \$40,000 behind expenses. Our hope is that gifts will come in to catch up the shortfall by the year’s end.

- Pledging for 2018: As of this printing, 79 pledges have been received, totaling \$345,836.

So yes, the missions and ministries of First Presbyterian definitely need financial gifts to continue the Lord’s work in this place. If you have pledged for next year, thank you. It is certainly not too late to submit your pledge nor too late to increase your pledge. I look forward to seeing what the Lord does here in the coming months. I expect to be amazed.

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Pledge cards are available at the church office, sanctuary, or on our website at <http://www.fpcmorganton.org/docs/Pledge%20card%202018%20single.pdf>.