



**Church of the Good Shepherd  
United Methodist**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of your entire Church of the Good Shepherd family, thank you for your continued financial support during this most difficult year, 2020. Your contributions to the General Fund are the source of income that funds our Pastoral and entire support staff payrolls, all operating and maintenance costs of our historic church building, and all administrative expenses. Additionally, these funds support our music ministry, youth ministry, many other church programs and missions, and our commitment to the United Methodist Church. Funds available in the General Fund allow your church community many opportunities to praise and serve the Lord. We practice our faith through worship, education, fellowship, youth ministry, and service to our community and world.

Although in person worship and larger group activities remain restricted at present, we still want our Church to continue to be the center of our religious life. Weekly online worship and devotionals continue to be available and currently, various activities have resumed in one form or another. As time moves along in 2021, we pray that Church life and other activities will become more normalized once again. As this happens, we must insure that our valuable staff remains in place, our building is properly maintained, and money is available to support missions and other activities.

We urge each of you to think about the gifts God has given you and your opportunity to give your offerings for the work of Christ through the Church. We ask that you to prayerfully consider what portion of your income you can contribute to the Church's General Fund in 2021 to continue the Lord's work here at Good Shepherd and support our mission to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Please consider increasing your gifts that you give back to God through your Church, if possible. To this end, we ask you to complete the enclosed "Estimate of Giving" Card and return it to the church on, or before Stewardship Sunday, on November 22, 2020.

Again, thank you for your continued financial support though 2020 and in years past, and thank you as well for your commitment to continue the support of your Church in 2021.



May God bless you always,

*Ed Bradley*

Church of the Good Shepherd  
Finance Committee Chairman

*Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds*

*"Earn all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can." John Wesley*