

A LETTER FROM PASTOR EMILY...



Dear Friends,

The story of our church this past year is a story of flexibility, resiliency, and faith.

We have found creative solutions to COVID-19 restrictions in the form of outdoor parking lot services and live streaming opportunities. In the past year, the majority of our mission collections were held outdoors while many of our Bible Studies and committee meetings were held on-line.

When our church building was closed, we took on the messy building projects—replacing the roof, the HVAC system, the sprinkler system, security system, and camera system. We've renovated our Sanctuary, Chapel, Upper Room, the Nursery, and Tower Room.

We have tried to be good stewards of the time and resources given to us, but now is the time for us to write the next chapter in our church's story.

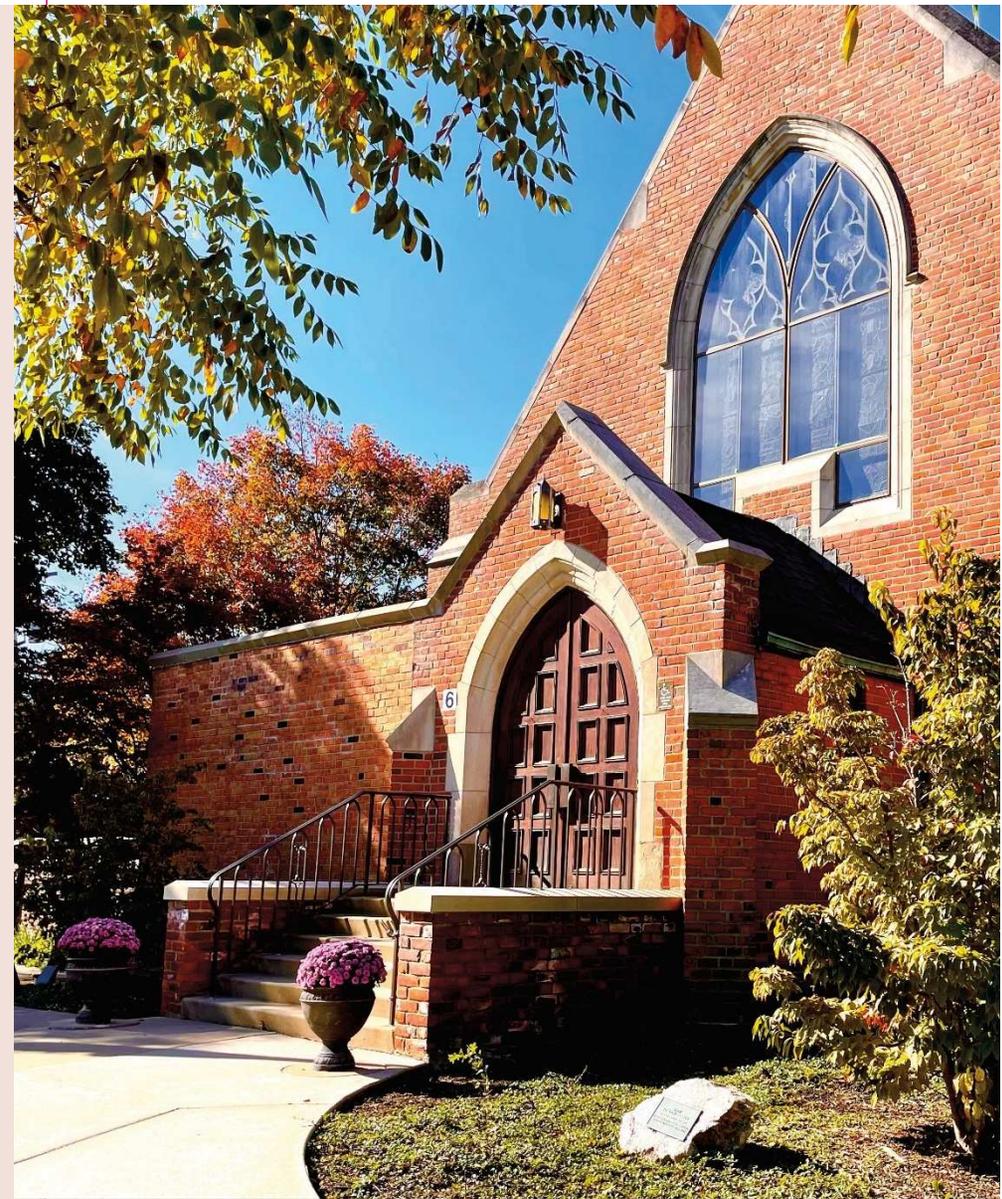
Moving forward, as a church we are committed to remaining ***Christ centered*** and ***mission minded*** under every circumstance. Further, our vision is to ***cultivate community both in and out of the church***. We work to provide ***opportunities for every person of every age to grow in faith***, while also providing opportunities to ***use our talents and strengths to the glory of God in service***.

It's an exciting time to be part of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

In order for our church to live into our vision for the future, we will need your prayers, as well as resources of time, talent, and treasure. God invites us to know the joy of giving, which is why I invite you to take time to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give in the year ahead. Please know every gift of any amount is a blessing. By letting us know your plan for giving (which always can be adjusted at any time if needed), we are better able to plan ministry opportunities for the future.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with our family of faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily".



First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
Living Our Faith Story

2022 Annual Giving Campaign



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is a spiritual way of saying “thank you” to God while supporting the many ministries of the church. This form of discipleship enables us to meet the needs of our church family and those visitors and friends that enter our doors every week. We believe it is important to discern how the Spirit is calling you to live out your discipleship and identify what excites you about FPCP through giving. We invite you to set aside time as an individual or family to reflect on the following questions thoughtfully and prayerfully.

- **What does FPCP mean to you and your faith journey?**
- **What excites you about FPCP and its current ministry?**
- **How do you wish for this church to make an impact on the surrounding community and world?**
- **How is God calling you to be involved? What time, talent, and treasure can I offer back to God?**
- **What percentage of my income is God calling me to give to the ministry of the church?**

As you ponder these questions, consider the three levels of impact listed below which you may choose. The suggested commitment levels and giving percentages may not fit for all members but can be used as a guide. On November 14th, we will be holding our Stewardship Sunday and ask that all members and visitors of the church come prepared on that day to partner with God in our response.

SUSTAINING CHURCH

FPCP regularly feeds your spiritual life, and you are committed to supporting the ongoing ministry. *The guideline to achieve this is 2-3% of annual income.*

VISIONARY CHURCH

FPCP consistently feeds your spiritual life, and you are committed to expanding the programs and ministries of FPCP. *The guideline to achieve this is 4-7% of annual income.*

TRANSFORMATIVE CHURCH

FPCP has made a significant impact on your life. Your contribution is intended to provide a level of support that fuels the transformation of FPCP as it adjusts to the evolving future needs of the church within the community. *The guideline to achieve this is 8-10% of annual income, or more if able.*

If you are not currently giving to FPCP or if you are a regular visitor to our fellowship, then please consider becoming a **Foundational Giver** by giving even a small amount each month (50-100 dollars). Of course, a gift of any amount is appreciated.



OUR FAITH GROWS STRONG IN SERVICE

The FPCP family extends far beyond the walls of our church into the community and world. As a family of faith our mission is to share God's love and grace with those in need living in our neighboring communities and around the world. We are called to be Christ's hands and feet today.

Below you can find the many ways we have engaged with our community and world continuing to share our faith story.

- The Presbyterian Thrift Shop – All profits go to support the many missions of the church
- Calvin East Presbyterian Church (community dinners)
- Cass Community Service (homeless ministry)
- Colina de Luz Orphanage (Mexico)
- Crossroads Soup Kitchen (Detroit)
- Detroit Presbytery
- Faith Communities Coalition (foster care)
- Fitness in Christ
- First Step Domestic Violence Shelter
- First Step ARK (animals receiving kindness)
- Fort Street Church Open Door (homeless ministry)
- FPCP Benevolence Fund

- Hope Medical Clinic, Ypsilanti, MI.
- Malawi Hunger relief
- Malawi Matters (AIDS prevention & Women's healthcare)
- Marion Medical Mission (clean water in Africa)
- Mtenthera CCAP (our sister church in Africa)
- Northville Civic Concern
- Plymouth Salvation Army
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Presbyterian Women Faith Goal
- Samaritan's Purse
- Second Mile Center, Detroit (youth program)
- Threads to Heal the Heart
- Veritas College (Bible & farmer training for lay leaders)
- Vista Maria (foster care)
- Youth Mission Trip

