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"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

First Presbyterian Family,

As we enter the 2024 stewardship season, we give thanks for God's continued guidance and presence in our Church family. We continue our mission work to support local food insecurity through our mission garden and food pantry dinners. We continue to support our friends in El Salvador. Two of our Capital Campaign projects (signage and HVAC) have been completed with the technology project looking to be completed yet this year and the stained-glass window project scheduled for 2024

With these accomplishments, we are still in the midst of a lot of change and uncertainty within the church. It can weigh heavily with all the "what ifs?." Change can be very difficult and a fear we don't want to face, however it can also be a time of excitement and even life changing! If God didn't allow us to go through challenging times, how would we know God is able to bring us through it?

Through this evolving time at Corning First Presbyterian, alongside our 2024 Stewardship season, we challenge you to have prayerful time to search within your heart as to how you can provide change within your Church involvement. Each member of this congregation was entrusted with different resources by a giving God who, in turn, calls us to manage them wisely by serving and loving others. When we open our hearts to God, we can follow his calling through our time, talents, and treasures.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does it mean to make a pledge?

The church asks each year for estimates of giving to assist with budgeting for expenditures in the coming year. Making a pledge is an informal commitment to contribute financially in the coming year. Making a financial pledge is also a spiritual commitment to share in the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

How do I pay my pledge?

You can request offering envelopes, place a check in the offering plate on Sunday, or set up and manage a recurring contribution online or by ACH.

I take my commitments seriously. I'm thinking about pledging, but I'm concerned about my financial status. If I have a change in my status, can I adjust my pledge?

Yes, your estimate of giving can be changed (up or down) at any time for any reason in a confidential way. Just contact the church office at 641-322-4917.

I don't have a lot of financial resources to give right now. Will my pledge of a small amount make a difference?

Yes! If everyone in the congregation committed to give even a small amount, the church could surpass our current level of giving. Your gift makes a great deal of difference – not only to the church, but in your own life, as well. Making and keeping a financial pledge to the church helps keep all our financial activity in a spiritual perspective, recognizing that all we have is a gift from God.

What does it mean to be a good steward?

In modern terms, a steward is a 'manager,' given responsibility to administer faithfully all that God has entrusted to us – making a difference in the world as a follower of Jesus Christ.

I have given faithfully in the past, but I have never made a formal pledge. Why should I?

We appreciate all the gifts made to the church, but formal pledges help us plan financially and program ministries and outreach accordingly.

When does my estimate of giving amount go into effect?

January 1, 2024.

Will the church send me statements?

Yes, if you give, you will receive a quarterly statement of your contributions for your tax records and to confirm the accuracy of our records. If you have any questions about giving or pledging, please contact the church office at 641-322-4917.

So, whether it be stepping out of your comfort zone to teach a class, offering to provide input by serving on a committee or Session, becoming more involved in a small group or circle, providing an extra set of hands for mission work, or simply increasing your monthly financial pledge, we task you to CHANGE! With change, whether big or small, we are forced to face new experiences, make new memories, and grow in our faith. In every aspect of this church, there is so much more to be done, but it takes each member of this congregation, "for the body is not one member, but many." (1 Corinthians 12:14)

Stewardship season will kick off mid-September with estimated expenses being \$137,000 and our hope is that our income will equal that number for the year 2024. This will ensure that Corning First Presbyterian can continue experiencing joy and providing generosity as faithful disciples, not only to our church, but also to the greater community. We ask that you prayerfully take time to ask for God's guidance and find where your heart is when it comes to Corning First Presbyterian's mission to worship joyfully, serve the community, grow together in faith, and share the blessings of comfort and grace with all.

Please join us as we challenge ourselves to change and grow the foundation on which our church life is built by completing the enclosed 2024 pledge card. We are asking that all estimates of giving be returned to the church by October 8th to assist with the budgeting process. Together, let's watch and celebrate as we exceed the overall participation level of our time, talents, and treasures!

In Grace,

Nancy Turner, Betsy Akin, Doug Leonard, Ken Pangburn, Alec Turner

Ex-Officio – Pastor Jessica



Corning First Presbyterian Church 2024 Pledge Form

Name(s):

Your pledge in 2023 is _____

I/We pledge the following for 2024: (select one)

\$ _____ weekly (x 52 weeks)

\$ _____ monthly (x 12 months)

\$ _____ quarterly (X 4 quarters)

\$ _____ one-time gift (contribute now towards our 2024 Budget)

\$ _____ TOTAL pledge for 2024

Pledges are the main source of funds for everything we do at Corning First Presbyterian Church. They sustain our staff, operations, missions, and other programs. Pledges also allow us to effectively budget for the upcoming year.

I/We will contribute to life at Corning First in other ways but am/are unable to make a monetary pledge at this time.

Contact Info

Mailing address:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

One-time or recurring contributions can be set up from a bank account with an ACH or through the Corning First Presbyterian website. Select "Giving" at www.1stprescorning.org.

If you already have an ACH set up with the church, your signature below authorizes the church to continue or increase your ACH withdrawal to match your 2024 pledge.

Should your circumstances change, your pledge may be increased or decreased. A note or phone call to the church office is all that is required.

Signature _____

Date _____

Thank you for being a part of the First Presbyterian Church of Corning community!