



**Church of the Good Shepherd  
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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 year. The financial stability of your Church continued to be challenging this year. Your contributions to the General Fund provide the 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, missions, and activities, as well as our financial 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 the world.

In person Worship and Sunday School has resumed on a restricted basis and some group activities have also resumed with restrictions. Weekly Worship Services continue to be available online as well. Even with the restrictions currently in place, we still want our Church to continue to be the center of our religious life. As time moves along in 2022, we pray that Church life and other activities will continue to become more normalized once again. As this happens, we must ensure that our valuable staff remains in place, our building is properly maintained, and money is available to support other church programs, missions, and activities.

We urge each of you to think about the gifts God has given you and your opportunity to provide a portion of those gifts to the Church for the work of Christ. We ask that you to prayerfully consider what portion of your income you can contribute in 2023 to the Church's General Fund 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 20, 2022.

Again, thank you for your continued financial support through 2022 and in years past, and thank you as well for your commitment to continue the support of your church in 2023.

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*