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Dear Friend in Christ,

When you hear the term “all in,” what comes to mind? Maybe you think of taking a risk, or not holding anything back, making a bold decision, or dedicating everything to one cause or purpose. God showed us what being “all in” looks like when God gave Jesus to the world so that you and I could have new life. God didn’t hold anything back when God gave us the fullness of his love. As disciples of Jesus and as a church community, we, too, are called have an all in commitment to God – to live boldly into that new life we have been given and to share this treasure of amazing love with the world.

Over the past year, I have witnessed the people of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church (FUMC) go all in for God and for each other, even during the challenges of the pandemic. We at FUMC became the only functioning food pantry in our City for many months, teaming with other churches and volunteers to simply feed the hungry. We moved our ministries to stream and Zoom platforms to stay in touch and reach out in the name of Jesus, all while adjusting to continue witnessing to the goodness of Jesus Christ around us. We got back into our schedules and activities with safety and with love of neighbor in mind, whether with our homeless neighbors or others that God simply sent our way looking for hope. Many times, we did not know exactly how our bold decisions would unfold or if the risk would pay off, but God was and will continue to be at work when, acting in faith, we offer our best efforts and try to strive to make God’s way a priority regardless of the struggle.

Your faithful support of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church through the giving of time, wisdom, experience, passion, and financial resources demonstrates dedication to the ministry and mission of God through our church. During this year’s Annual Generosity campaign, we are exploring together what it means to go all in. Together, we look forward to seeing what going all in will look like for all of us this year. Challenges remain for the church of the present age, but we believe in an amazing, powerful God that seeks after the hearts of the world in need and the call of God’s church is to rise to that challenge.

In giving financially, some members tithe, committing 10 percent of their income to the ministry and missions of our church. Others give proportionally by committing a certain percentage. Still, others give as they are able. What matters is that each person spiritually discerns in thought and prayer how they can be a part of our church going all in!

The 2022 Pledge Card is included with this mailing, and as Pastor Josh recently reminded us, “it is one tool” for helping decide how you will give and for sharing your decision with the church. Please consider filling it out and bringing it to church on November 14, 2021 as a sign of your commitment to the mission and ministry of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church.

We also ask you join in community with us in worship and activities whether by stream or in-person as we respond to God’s amazing gifts by boldly dedicating what we have and who we are to God.

If you have any questions, or would like to further discuss making a financial commitment, we’d love to hear from you. Please reach out to me or another one of the pastors. Also, Michelle Cooper, our church financial secretary, can assist you in recording your pledge or helping you set up on-line giving for the future.

Thank you for your commitment.

Faithfully,

Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud
Lead Pastor

Enc. – 2022 Pledge Card