

Members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Omaha

I was spending a few hours this past week cleaning out our planting beds and final lawn clean up dreading about writing another letter for the Stewardship campaign for 2022. We cleaned up all of the dead and dying flowers and was thinking about what we could plant differently this fall for a more vibrant yard in the spring. We got a couple of hydrangeas and viburnum that will be very showy. We also planted a few bulbs of tulips and daffodils hoping for some early color in the spring.

And then it struck me, this would be a good metaphor for the stewardship letter! We are in the midst of preparing the budget for 2022 and planning for next year and so we need to “plant” and prepare our “garden” for a bountiful harvest next year. We need your help in returning your pledge (seed) cards to the office so we can plan for the “harvest” in the following year. If you are not a member or do not regularly attend in person, we will also have a spot on our website and a QR code during our online service presentation that will allow you to pledge online.

Our garden at First Presbyterian is vast. Our Mission team has helped support Refugee resettlement in Omaha, National Presbyterian Relief, Youth Emergency Services in Omaha, the Open Door Mission, Lydia House and Wanless Mission Hospital as well as our Service Sunday events.

We also have a very vibrant Pantry that serves over 100 families per month. Our garden also includes this wonderful building that hosts numerous events for local groups. It includes our staff that presents our weekly worship in person and online. The garden includes our weekly M@M meetings as well as the Sunday school before service each week.

We have been very fortunate this year that the returns from our investments have kept pace with our current budgeted spending. We cannot rely on that to continue each year. We are asking that you prayerfully consider your pledge (seed) for 2022 and return the enclosed pledge card or submit your pledge online. You can also contact Sue Lincoln in the church office to let her know. If your situation changes, you can always adjust your giving and letting us know.

Sincerely

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