



July 21, 2021

Steve Hart, Pastor

Dear Church Family and Friends:


As we gradually adjust to a new normal after the craziness of the past year, we are planning for life at Grace in the remainder of 2021 and all of 2022. I am enclosing your 2022 pledge card with this letter. Please take the time to pray about what God is leading you to pledge for the coming year and turn in your card to the church office, put it in the offering plate, or mail it in by August 30, 2021.

The reason for requesting them by August 30 is to help our leaders prepare a realistic budget for the coming year, based upon the commitments of the congregation. While our pledges do not fully underwrite the yearly budget, they do help to give our leaders some basis upon which to plan for the coming year. It is my prayer that our 2022 budget will adequately provide for the ongoing needs of our beautiful facility and the ministries that God allows us to offer the community.

When we offer God the first 10% of our income, not knowing what the future holds, we give action to our faith. We are trusting in God for our future more than we trust in our money. I believe that it is also critical to our growth in discipleship. It is exciting and liberating to watch God at work in growing His kingdom! As clergy, each year we fill out self-assessment forms. We have to answer the question "do you tithe." The idea is that if we as leaders are not tithing, we cannot ask our congregations to tithe with integrity. I am continually amazed at how God provides for all of my needs and most of my "wants," and the more I give, the more I trust God's provision

For many reasons, our current funds are below where we need them to be. I am asking everyone to prayerfully consider increasing your 2022 pledge over your last pledge. If you are tithing 10%, thank you. If you are not there yet, I encourage you to keep trying. Regularly increasing your pledge is another powerful action, and every increase will help the church do amazing things.

Please turn in your pledge card by August 30. Then, God willing, we can plan and finalize our 2022 church budget in time for our charge conference in the fall. Thank you for your faithfulness.


Steve Hart

Grace United Methodist Church

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This is exclusively for Current Expenses.

"You can't take it with you, but you can send it ahead."

Name:(Please Print)

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email:

Home Phone:



**Yes!!! I/We will support our church
in the coming Year 2022.**

Choose One:

\$ _____ Weekly for 52 weeks

\$ _____ Monthly for 12
months

\$ _____ One time

\$ _____ Other, as follows:

Signature

Date



Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization

Please indicate the frequency of the automatic draft.

Weekly – Day of the Week _____

Monthly – Monthly Date _____

Attach a voided check for the account from
which withdrawals will be made. Withdrawals
will begin in January unless otherwise specified

OR

Simply navigate the web to
www.gracemethodistmi.com and select "online
giving" and follow the instructions to sign up.

*Note: All withdrawals will be on the indicated day
unless it is a non-banking business day in which
case the withdrawal will take place on the next
banking business day.*