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Dear Fellow Church Members,

As we begin the fall season, we are also beginning our stewardship emphasis. Our theme this year is **“Walk Forth in Grace”**. We chose this theme, drawing on **2 Corinthians 12:9**,

“My grace is sufficient for you for power is made perfect in weakness. So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weakness, so that the power of Jesus may dwell in me.”

We are hoping that this message will emphasize the importance of moving on from our COVID disengagement, and struggle through pastoral transitions, to a more connected participation in Christ’s call to First Presbyterian at the corner of Park and Adams.

The strength of First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee has long been built on serving the needs of our friends and neighbors, particularly those among us who have experienced injustices. We can best respond to God’s call from a position of strength, both in physical actions and financial support.

I recognize, as a long serving church member, the need to be open to change. The pandemic created habits, such as the preference to attend worship and spiritual formation programs online. Who wouldn’t rather attend church in jammies or from the sofa with a glass of wine? We intend to continue an online worship service. However, we will be encouraging more in-person participation to foster sacred encounters with Christ and one another across generations.

It costs between \$45,000-\$60,000 per month to operate this church with a minimum staff. Our largest expenses are personnel and insurance. This year, without the support of PPP funds (Paycheck Protection Program created by US federal government during the pandemic) and even without the expense of a full-time DCE our pledged income has not been adequate to support the current staff and program expenses.

Sunday, August 27th, at 9:30 in the Westminster Room, the Session will host a state of the church address and over the next five weeks we will continue to bring messages from our ministry teams regarding their plans for the coming year, culminating with Pledge Sunday on September 24. Between now and then you will be contacted by a member of the Session or the stewardship team.

We, as stewards, faithfully and joyfully respond to God’s abundant grace at work in our lives. If you have never given before, I am asking you to pray and to make a financial gift to support the work of our church. If you have always given, I am asking you to pray and to consider making at least a 5% increase.

This church has been my family for more than 40 years. I have been the recipient of much needed love and support in grief and have benefitted both in having your assistance in raising my children and in experiencing the joy of watching your children grow. This church has also given me a voice in responding to the injustices that we see in our community. I pray that you will join me in supporting the work of this church as we walk forth in God’s grace.

God’s grace, God’s Peace,
Norma Meier
