

## **Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church**

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Dear Grace Covenant Community,

There are signs of life abundant all around us at GCPC! And through God's grace and generosity we have experienced another year of vibrant ministries.

Font and Table welcome us and nourish us. Life abundant compels, encourages, and comforts us. Life abundant finds expression through us as we worship and study, learn and grow, give and serve, share and sing, dream and pray, cry and laugh. Life abundant equips us for ministry in Christ's name.

We could fill this letter with amazing things God is doing in our midst, like 50+ volunteers work our community garden and expect a total yield of 15,000 pounds of produce after fall harvest; 41 ministry partners will receive \$75,000 in grants and projects; our Power and Race Team extends its exploration into opportunities to learn about our neighbors, the Cherokee; new members with new gifts and insights continue to join GCPC; our Youth Group had over 40 kids involved in their mission trip. Life abundant finds new and unique expression in our congregation every day! Thank you for all you do to make this church a healthy, impactful, and growing community.

2020 promises to be another remarkable year at Grace Covenant. Through faithful stewardship we can build on what has been done and continue responding to the important challenges and possibilities around us. It takes a dedicated commitment to support the energetic ministries of our congregation. Life abundant finds expression through the time we give, the talents we share, and the financial offerings we provide.

Continued support of all the ministries of our congregation will require budget of \$1,200,000 in stewardship income. Our goal is to fund 100% of our stewardship budget with pledges this year. Last year, we broke records with 242 pledges. This year, we're going for 255 pledges! You can help make that happen!

For those of you who pledged last year, please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge to help fully fund the ministries of our congregation in the coming year. If you have not pledged in the past, please consider making this a part of your church giving. The biblical witness teaches us about trusting God's abundance. We are invited to give generously, even to tithe 10% of our income. Your pledge helps our community plan for the coming year. The vision and priorities of our congregation are determined by the pledges we receive. Every penny you give directly funds ministry. Just think what God could do if we truly believe in life abundant!

To pledge for 2020, please complete the enclosed pledge card and return it to the church.

God keeps nourishing us with life abundant. And God continues to call us to do ministry out of that abundance. We look forward to another life-giving year ahead!

Thanks be to God,

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