



December 1, 2019

People of Faith,

If you've been to church lately, receive *Faith This Week* emails, or the recent *Voice of Faith* newsletter, you know that Faith Church is working hard to *be the church*. Worship attendance is increasing and we've enjoyed new music, lay leaders and preaching by Pastor Karen, Lay Leader Barb Truitt-Petersen and several guests this year. People are joining our community in new ways every month! Lives are being changed and God's love is being shared! We are Growing in Faith Together!

We're wrapping up our 2019 fiscal year and as a church we pledged to support the growth of Faith ministries by drawing on our savings/investments if needed. By fulfilling your 2019 pledge, or making an *extra* year-end gift to Faith, it will help us leave as *much* as possible in our investment funds so they will be there to secure our future.

**Now is the time to make your final 2019 gifts. Bring them to worship, or send to: Faith Church at 710 8th Street Farmington, MN 55024 (by 12/31/2019).**

*Your giving is making a difference!* You're helping the building to be open and warm for worship and community events, meals and Clothed in Faith, and providing *transformational* ministries and opportunities for all who come.

As we plan for an amazing 2020, together we've passed a carefully planned budget with modest increases—to care for continued growth in use of the building, and for increased ministries like Sunday School—Faith for Kids—Family and Youth Ministries!

There will be a *capital* campaign in 2020 to raise funds for building renovations—info about this will come in January/February 2020 as priorities and costs are set. It's time to grow, and its time to invest in that growth and in the future of Faith Church!

*If you have questions, please contact Beckie Duff, Faith Financial Secretary at [finance.faithumc@gmail.com](mailto:finance.faithumc@gmail.com) or 651-460-6110.*

Your **2020 Pledge Slip** can be sent back to the church, dropped off in a specially marked (sealed) box in the office, or you can bring it to church to put in the offering plate between now and **Sunday, January 5th** (which is Epiphany—the Sunday when we celebrate the Wise Ones presenting their gifts to Jesus). On the back is a giving chart and some information regarding how to make a pledge for 2020.

In **2 Corinthians 9:7**, Paul writes, “*7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give; and don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure, for God loves a person who gives cheerfully.*” This is why when deciding upon our giving priorities, we each need to go quietly to God in prayer, taking time to consider carefully what and how to give.

As you plan for your regular (and capital) giving in 2020, consider stepping out in faith with an increase. Each little bit above your current giving will make a BIG difference! The Faith Finance committee did some figuring, and you should know that if each person currently giving were to increase their monthly giving by **\$10 a week**, that would equal an additional \$30,000-40,000 next year! As we continue to grow in membership and attendance, that number will go up even more. Maybe you can step up your Faith pledge by more than \$10 per week or month, and perhaps not quite yet, but whatever you’re able to do—know that your gifts are transforming lives and help to share faith with the world! You’re the only one who knows your financial situation, and you get to decide in *your heart* how much and when to give. Faith Church is providing an invitation to you, and it’s up to you to respond as you’re able.

Scott and I are grateful to serve you, and to give with you. We’ll be making our pledge for 2020 and bringing it with us to worship on January 5th to place in the offering plate.

In God’s grace and love, Pastor Karen

WEEKLY INCOME	BEYOND A TITHE		TITHE	UPPER RANGE GIVING			MIDDLE RANGE GIVING			LOWER RANGE GIVING		
	15%	12%		9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 200	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$ 300	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$ 400	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$ 500	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$ 600	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$ 700	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$ 800	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$ 900	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$1,000	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$1,100	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$2,000	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$3,000	450.00	360.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00

*The chart above provides an income “range.” You’ll need to do some figuring if your income is below or above these amounts. Know that every single pledge and gift is a valued one, and that we are **Growing In Faith Together!!***



## My/Our 2020 Faith Pledge to Give

Send your pledge to the church, dropped off in a specially marked (sealed) box in the office, or bring to put in the offering plate in worship between now and **Sun, Jan 5th** (which is Epiphany, when we celebrate the Wise Ones presenting their gifts to Jesus).

*If you are pledging on your own, pray, ask and listen for God's leading.  
If you are pledging as a couple or as a family, pray and talk together.*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

(Email) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

I am/we are making a **pledge** to support Faith Church for the 2020 fiscal year, in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ week \_\_\_\_\_ month = Total for the year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*Signature(s)*

**Bring your pledge slip to worship on or before January 5, 2020, or send to:  
Faith Church, at 710 8th Street Farmington, MN 55024**

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**TEAR/CUT and KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**  
**My pledge to support Faith Church for the 2020 fiscal year, is**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ week \_\_\_\_\_ month = Total for the year \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

