

Friends in Christ,

When I was preparing to come to Christ UMC earlier this year to become your new lead pastor, there is one thing I began hearing over and over again: "We are about relationships!" It wasn't long before I could see with my own eyes the countless ways that our church family truly does live out our most important relationships with Christ, with one another, and with God's hurting world. Four months in, I'm convinced that our relationships are life-giving and grace-filled. We are living out our mission!

We recognize that the last few years have been difficult. The global pandemic led us to curtail many of our activities for a season. Some of our relationships have been disrupted, and we are working to restore them. We're finally at the point where we are planning to move full speed ahead into our future, with the renewal of previous activities and the inauguration of new ones. As always, we need your help. Many of you are stepping up to accept leadership positions and to volunteer for our many fellowship, learning, and outreach activities. Financially, we've met the challenges of the last two years as our activity levels have been lessened. We're ready to expand again, and that will mean an increased need for funding.

On the brochure we're including, please take a look at where we've been in recent years and where we hope to go to fund our church's mission in 2023. We hope that this will be the year we can move from our baseline to a new period of growth for our ministries. We ask that you prayerfully consider how your family might financially support the work of our church in 2023. Whether you'd be giving for the first time, continuing your level of support from the past, or participating in the growth of our work, we thank you.

We invite you to make your commitment to our work by bringing your pledge card to our worship service on November 20, or by scanning the QR code below to fill out our electronic form. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Blessings to you,

Chris Haynes

Lead Pastor, Christ UMC

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