Stewardship 2026

FaithWestwood UMC church family members & friends:

Happy Autumn! By now, many of you may have learned about our *potential* capital campaign, **Creating a Lasting Legacy**. Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in an all-church feasibility study in mid to late-October, anticipating a spring launch for the potential capital campaign. Until then it is **"business as usual"** in terms of the preparations for next year's support of our **Ministry Fund** which covers our day-to-day operations including administrative costs, utilities, program expenses, and more.

FaithWestwood's presence within the Millard mission field makes a difference in many ways:

- **FaithWorks Food Pantry and Garden**. In August, the pantry served 407 individuals representing 117 households. Our patrons also received produce from our record growing season. With rising costs for groceries and fuel, our patrons rely on the resources our pantry and garden provide.
- **5Ms** completed the gym and many other projects this year, and they started **5Ms Home** to help with church members' home projects. With the financial support of the United Women in Faith, the **5Ms** are currently updating the fellowship hall kitchen.
- **Outside the Walls** celebrated **152 participants** for mission projects offered on three September dates this year: September 12, 26, and 27.
- **Family & Student Ministry.** Ms. Leah and team are preparing for a big **Fall Family Night** on **Wednesday, October 14** from **6 to 8 pm** and **Trunk or Treat** on **Sunday, October 25** from **2 to 4 pm** (don't forget to sign up to decorate a trunk and/or bring candy).
- **Always Blessing** sermon series will conclude on **October 25** with a celebration of new member partners and an opportunity for all to reaffirm your faith commitment to Christ.

Stewardship / FaithCommitment Sunday will be on **Sunday, October 18** where we will begin the process of receiving and dedicating our **FaithCommitments for 2027**, as well as developing a budget with the Finance & Stewardship Committee and the Church Council. Each year, our staff and committees work hard to keep budgets and expenses down while still providing the best resources for our mission and ministry.

In lieu of a stewardship campaign brochure, please review the back of this page for quotes about the continued impact of FaithWestwood's mission & ministry. We have included a **Stepping Up in Faith** chart for you as you prayerfully consider your gifts to the **Ministry Fund** for 2027.

Thank you for your commitment to FaithWestwood UMC through your prayers, service, presence, witness, and gifts!

Grace & Peace, Administrative Staff
Rev. Cindi Stewart, Rich Anderson, Dan Boten

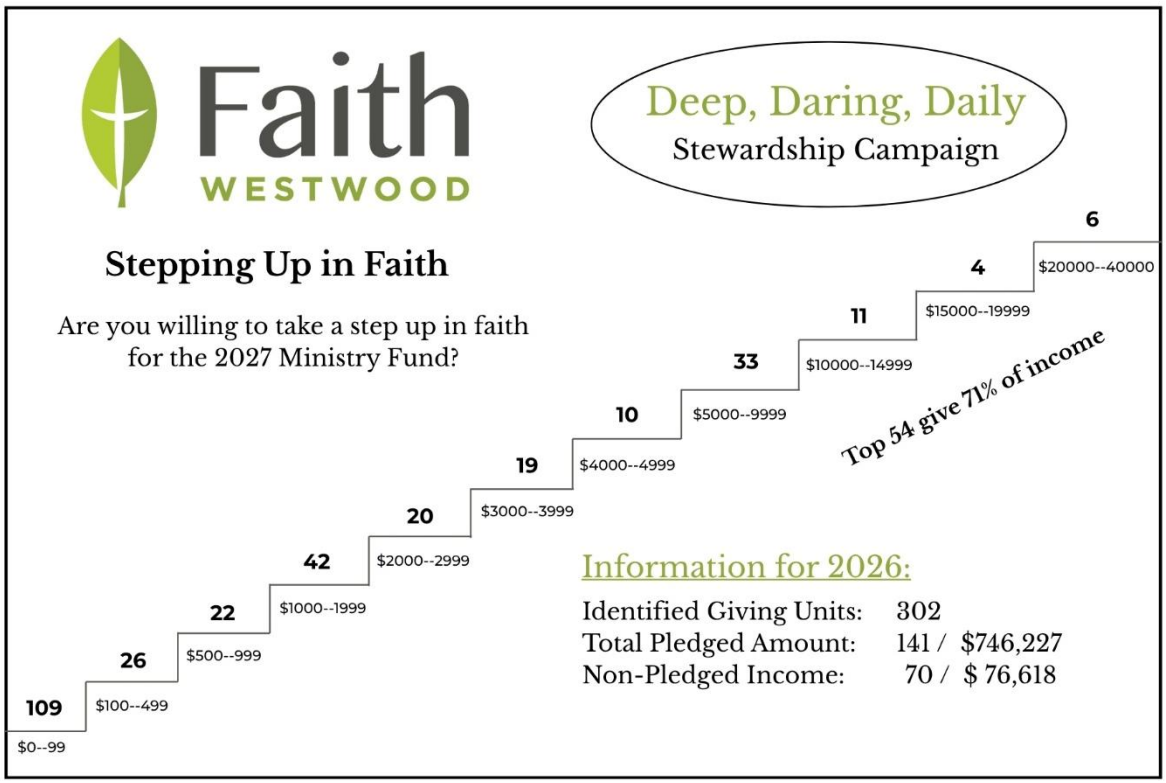
As we prepare to make our Faith Commitments for 2027:

*When you think about your giving to the church, this is all about **your relationship with God**.*
As you put your faith & trust in God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, this also includes monetary gifts.
Be inspired by the quotes below and prayerfully consider stepping up in faith for 2027.

For me FaithWestwood grounds me in my faith by being involved in Small Groups, Missions, and being the hands and feet of Jesus. I can't imagine where I would be if I did not have FaithWestwood in my life.

Sundays fill me up for the rest of the week, and I am really disappointed the few weeks a year I can't be here. The fellowship with other believers is sustaining.

FaithWestwood UMC is important to me because it is a place where I can serve while continuing to grow in my relationship with God. Through worship, Bible study, and small groups, I am constantly learning, asking questions, and deepening my faith. It is a place where I feel welcomed, accepted, and truly at home—a church family where I can serve, learn, grow, and continue discovering God's presence in my life.

I support the Church to maintain and grow the church's capacity to serve and engage with the community by allocating time, effort, and resources. I support the church to give back to the Lord because of everything God has done for me!

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