



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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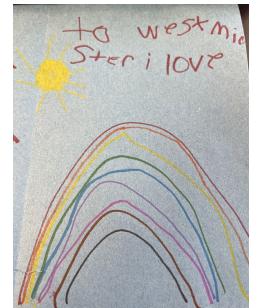
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Dear saints,

Shortly before Christmas, WPC received a Christmas goodie basket from Swift Elementary. In addition to a number of yummy treats, the basket overflowed with handmade thank you cards from the students: "We love to read with you, thank you for reading with us." "I am thankful for all that you do. You really help our school." "Thank you for all you do. We love to read with Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Owens." The cards were decorated with Christmas drawings and holiday wishes. Bonnie Garcia and Sharon Owens read with students there every week. Our Mission Committee and other volunteers support the PTA and school events. They often seem like small opportunities to love our neighbor: hosting breakfast for the teachers, buying pencils for Math-o-ween, serving hot chocolate as they read with Santa, and buying fruit for their first Fun Run in December (along with the bigger gift of weekly NEW DAY bags!). If we measured these efforts by money or hours spent, it would be simply a drop in the bucket in terms of what that school needs. Yet those Christmas thank you cards reflect a measurement that matters: students' lives being touched by the love of Jesus Christ.



We are constantly being invited to see how we "measure up" in the world in which we live. Each time that happens, it is an opportunity to see what really matters to us. What is our yard-stick? How do our values determine what is most important and what doesn't matter? Every day, we show at WPC what matters to us. It's Carol Raburn welcoming college students from Canada staying at the church - and going above and beyond to take them to lunch and the grocery store. It's Jim and Susan Johnson spending half a Saturday to help Koen bake pretzels. It's Harry Staley organizing our greeters and reaching out to visitors week in, week out. It's our elders bringing home communion to those who can't be with us. It's teams of faithful volunteers in the office, Sunday School, Bible studies, NEW DAY, Quilters, Living Waters for the World, and behind the scenes.

When we measure what matters, we discover God has different standards than the world around us. We may not be the biggest church, or the richest church. We may not have the fanciest technology or the largest staff. But we are faithful with what we have. We are good stewards of the many blessings God has given us. We do many small acts - and the occasional large act - with great love: the love we know in Jesus Christ.

As you hold this card in your hand, we ask that you prayerfully consider what God is asking you to do. How does God want you to use your resources to further God's work through WPC? How can your gift be a reflection of what matters to God? Can you make a first-time pledge or increase your already-faithful giving in 2026? How can your generosity sustain and expand our ministries at WPC?

Through the giving of your time, talents, treasure, and legacy gifts, we show God and the world what matters to us at WPC. Your commitment is essential to sharing the Living Water with all who thirst. **Please bring your pledge card with you to worship on Stewardship Commitment Sunday, January 25.** You can also mail your pledge card or pledge online at [wpcarlington.org/stewardship](http://wpcarlington.org/stewardship).

We are grateful for your commitment to the life of WPC through the use of your time, talents, treasures, and legacy gifts. There is no gift that is too great or too small. All gifts are an act of worship. God has done, and continues to do remarkable things through us – things that matter to Swift students and Guatemalan communities and so many more! God continues to do remarkable things in us as well: changing our hearts to see what really matters.

Grace and peace,

*Kate McGee*

Rev. Kate McGee & Finance/Stewardship Committee

Use this chart to help determine your level of generosity as you pray about your 2026 pledge.  
Can you take the first step? Can you take a step up?

Weekly Giving Guide			4%	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%
ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME	WEEKLY INCOME						
18,000	1,500	346	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	52.00
25,000	2,083	481	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	58.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	69.00	87.00
40,000	3,333	769	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	92.00	115.00
45,000	3,750	65	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	104.00	130.00
50,000	4,167	962	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	115.00	144.00
60,000	5,000	1,154	46.00	69.00	92.00	115.00	138.00	173.00
75,000	6,250	1,442	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00	173.00	216.00
100,000	8,333	1,923	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00	231.00	288.00
125,000	10,417	2,404	96.00	144.00	192.00	240.00	288.00	361.00
150,000	12,500	2,885	115.00	173.00	231.00	289.00	346.00	433.00
175,000	14,583	3,365	135.00	202.00	269.00	337.00	404.00	505.00
200,000	16,667	3,846	154.00	231.00	308.00	385.00	462.00	577.00
225,000	18,750	4,327	173.00	260.00	346.00	433.00	519.00	649.00

“Fear closes the hand and hoards. Faith opens the hand and shares.”

-Rev. Bruce A. Barkhauer

