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Dear saints,

Les Brooks was facing a diagnosis of prostate cancer. In the midst of frustration with his doctor and worry about the treatment, God became present to him in the person of Rollin Phipps. In Rollin, Les found a listening ear from someone who had been down that road already. In Rollin, Les found really good advice and a reminder that he wasn't in this alone. Other WPC members continued to check on him and pray for him through his radiation treatments. He covered a wall with cards of encouragement he had received - a wall that kept him going when days were feeling really tough. This experience left him feeling closer to God than ever before.

God has woven us together in a family of faith, where we can be the presence of Christ to one another and to the world. "Woven Together" is not just our stewardship theme; it is the way of life at WPC. Together, with all our different gifts, we become a tapestry of faithful discipleship, an intricate and vibrant pattern of God's love in Jesus Christ. Because we are woven together, we have wept with one another at funerals and rejoiced together at baby showers. Because we are woven together, we have supported each other through knee replacements, job losses, and divorces; we have celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, confirmations, and retirements. Being woven together at WPC shows that we are better together.

Ecclesiastes 4:12b reads, "A threefold cord is not quickly broken." This phrase that the Teacher wrote thousands of years ago still rings true today: that we are better together. We are better together with God, and we are better together with each other. The threefold cord of you, me, and the Spirit multiplies the blessings among us and equips us to withstand the hardships of life. When we are woven together, we catch a glimpse of the kingdom of God. We catch a glimpse of the generosity, compassion, and love that God invites us into.

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 the threefold cord that is woven together in Jesus' name? Can you make a first-time pledge or increase your already-faithful giving in 2025?

Through the giving of your time, talents, treasure, and legacy gifts, we are woven together as God's family, with room for all of those who need Christ's grace and love. 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 26.** You can also mail your pledge card or pledge online at wpcarlington.org/stewardship.

With long term programming like Sunday School classes and newer events like Crucial Conversations, God is weaving faithfulness and belonging through WPC. Being woven together means recognizing the generosity of God - to celebrate all that God has given us. But more than that, God has woven us together so that we will emulate that generosity. 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.

Come, find your place in our tapestry of faith. Like Les and Rollin, come be woven together anew with new friends and old friends, with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Come be woven together through generosity and sharing all that God has given us. Come be woven together like a threefold cord; we are better together.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Kate McGee & Finance/Stewardship Committee

