



October 9, 2022

Dear Chapel Hill UMC's Community of Faith,

How exciting to be experiencing our first Stewardship Season together in this new clergy configuration! We cannot wait to see how God will show off through our combined our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness!

Sunday, October 23 is the day this year we are asking you to return your 2023 Faith Promise Card and related forms, as well as your Service and Growth Form, as we make plans for our ministry for the coming year. The following week will be Consecration Sunday, where we will lift them up to God and ask for God's blessing over the commitments we are making as individuals and as a community of faith!

We ask those in our community of faith to complete Faith Promise Cards and Service and Growth Forms for a couple of reasons. On a practical level, the Leadership Board receives them to set a more accurate ministry budget and envision service opportunities for the coming year, making the most of every gift. On a personal level, completing this card and form invites you to spend time in prayer and reflection, considering what your prayer, presences, gift, service and witness offerings will be for the coming year. We as clergy take time to pray and discern as well.

We are grateful for your financial and service support of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church and its ministries. Your giving so far in 2022 has made a difference in the lives of children, youth, adults, and families in our church and community, as well as in the lives of people all over the world. Over the last several months, we have experienced an increase in activity at the Trinity Neighborhood Center, responded to relief efforts globally and domestically, and have continued to offer worship in-person and via livestream. We are in the process of rebooting children, family and youth ministries and are currently in a prayer and discernment phase. With everyone's faithful generosity, we look forward to how God will continue working through our community of faith! As we know, God is always up to something - good!

Enclosed you will find a Faith Promise Card and related forms, as well as a Service and Growth Form. Please take a moment to pray about how you will give to Chapel Hill UMC and its ministries in 2023 through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Then bring the card and form with you to worship on Sunday, October 23. If you are unable to be in worship that Sunday, please bring or mail them to the church office by Friday, October 28. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will then celebrate and consecrate our cards and forms in both worship services on Sunday, October 30.

Again, thank you for your support of God's work through Chapel Hill UMC.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Julie Elmore".

Rev. Julie Elmore  
Lead Pastor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Janet Wilson".

Pastor Janet Wilson  
Associate Pastor