



May, 2022

Dear Alcoa First United Methodist Church Family;

I am praying today finds you at peace and receiving great joy from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who blesses us beyond compare.

Most of you are receiving this via e-mail. Generally, an important document would be mailed to you; however, we are trying to be good stewards with every dollar donated to the ministry, so we hope you will understand that by sending this e-mail (to most of you) we have no printing cost or postage expenses.

It is customary to share with the church family every year an opportunity to pledge to the New Year operating budget of the church. We all know the church can only operate if funding is provided by the church family. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

God calls us to tithe, that is to give 10% of our income back to the work of God's Kingdom. Tithing is the goal of every Christian pressing toward perfection and growing in stewardship. Enclosed with this letter, you will find a step-chart. This chart shows how funds were received at AFUMC for the fiscal year of 2021. Please find your place on the chart and pray about "stepping up" as we press on in our journeys and worship God with our generosity.

If everyone takes a leap of faith and moves up the chart, we will have all that is needed to carry-out the mission and ministry needs of the congregation as we move toward July 2022 through June 2023. It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider sharing with us your estimated giving for July 2022 through June 2023. As always, your donation information is held in strict confidence and is not shared. Your estimate of giving is between you and God. By filling out the pledge card, you will greatly help our finance committee as they plan for future ministry. Your pledge can be changed at any time (up or down) by simply notifying the chairperson of the finance committee, Mr. Ron Scott.

There is much good happening at Alcoa First United Methodist Church. We want to be good stewards as we fulfill the call to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Please prayerfully consider helping us plan into the future. If making a commitment on the enclosed pledge card is difficult, you are welcome to fill it out and leave your name vacant, God knows your heart and he will honor your pledge.

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I am honored to be the pastor of this great ministry. My door is always open. If you would like to have a conversation about stewardship, pledging, donations, expenses, or any other related issues, please give me a call. I would enjoy sharing with you. My cell number is 423-290-3999.

On Sundays, June 5th and June 12th copies of the pledge cards will be placed in the church bulletins. They will be received on June 12 during the morning worship service, there will be time for everyone who wishes to pledge to bring their cards to the altar as a way to honor God and his faithfulness to us.

Again, thank you all for your generosity and together we can hear God's call for future ministry and meet the mission and ministry needs at Alcoa First United Methodist Church from July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023.

Peace and joy,

*Rev. J. Todd Chancey*

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