

First Congregational Church of Walla Walla

2027 Stewardship Campaign

"Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid"

- Frederick Buechner

Dear First Congregational Church Family,

There is much in life and the world that we cannot control or fully understand:

- as Ann-Marie has been reminding us in her Sunday sermons;
- as recent life events – death, ground-shifting transitions, joyous celebrations – have recently and profoundly reminded me;
- as the news headlines remind us every day (if we can bear to continue reading them).

Amid all that life gives and takes, our personal agency persists. We rise from bed, put on the kettle, sort the socks . . . and lean with all our being into what we know sustains our beautiful and weary souls and offers hope for the future.

Our First Congregational Church (FCC) community provides hope and sanctuary for so many souls, in so many realms. Stewardship season is our opportunity to lean in and reach out, with the financial support that sustains these ministries. Every service, every song. Every free lunch, every support meeting. The magical moments in Sunday School for the littles, and Youth Group for the not so littles. The greetings, the passings of peace, and the hearts and hands outstretched to the hungry and hurting.

All made possible by our collective efforts and contributions.

Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign goal is $170,000. It is ambitious. And, with shared effort, it is achievable. Please find enclosed a pledge card (also available online at fccwallawalla.org) where you can offer a commitment of one-time, or on-going, financial support to FCC for the coming year. Our contributions, taken together, are essential for maintaining and expanding the hope-building and heart-healing missions of our singular community.

In the midst of trials, we can sustain hope. Not the flimsy reassurance born of blind optimism, but the deeply justifiable faith, that through our shared labor and generosity, can help build a hopeful future for our innermost and our farthest-reaching communities.

Onward. Together and with gratitude,
Jen Rickard and the Stewardship Committee