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Dear Members and Friends of Geneva Presbyterian Church,

God is doing amazing things at Geneva Presbyterian Church and you are an integral part of this holy work with your generous giving of time, talent, and treasure!

2020 has been a year unlike any other we've experienced. Our ministry together has grown and adapted to meet the challenges of COVID-19. We have continued with meaningful, beautiful, and faith-building worship through our Virtual Church platform. We have shared the Gospel online by posting worship each week on our website. We have begun a new weekly Pastor-led Bible study that meets Wednesdays via the Zoom platform. We have begun a new Geneva book study group focusing on racial justice and reconciliation so we have a place to grow, be challenged, and be called forth in new ways as Christians.

2020 has been a year where our Mission giving increased and diversified. Your generous giving has enabled us to be witnesses to Jesus' love through contributions to:

Casa Ruby in support of social services and programs for LGBTQ neighbors

Montgomery County Public Schools lunch debt relief for students and families

Manna Food Bank to feed hungry neighbors

Scotland AME Zion Church in Potomac, MD to help repair critical damage to their historic church

Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center as scholarships for youth faith formation

Interfaith Works to help their back to school supplies drive for local students

World Central Kitchen supporting relief efforts following the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon

2020 has been a year when our caring ministries and fellowship have "done a new thing". Though separated physically for now, we have continued our network of caring relationships person to person with phone calls, texts, letters, Zoom, and social media. Our Deacons hosted several "family group gatherings" via Zoom as a fun way to fellowship and share during these difficult times. The Deacons also shared "Geneva love" through hand-delivered goody bags.

This year Rev. Patrick McElwaine and Music Director Ben Shaver have continued their excellent work and leadership in our church family. We are also delighted to welcome Melissa Cutler as our new Office Administrator. We have a team of talented and engaged staff who are excited to serve "The Little Church With The Big Heart."

While 2020 has been a year unlike any other we've experienced, Geneva Presbyterian Church is thriving and moving into the future with ***Everyone Together***.

This is the theme of our stewardship campaign this year: **Everyone Together**. Because at Geneva Presbyterian, every person matters. Every relationship matters. And it's going to take **Everyone Together** to make the plans God has in store for us in 2021 become reality.

We are on the doorstep of beginning live streaming and recording worship from the church sanctuary (the equipment is being installed on October 31st!). When the time is right for us to resume in-person worship at church, simultaneously broadcasting and recording the service for people to join in from a distance will remain as a new part of our life together.

In 2021 we will hire a part-time Worship Production Assistant to facilitate Sunday streaming and recording worship. We will expand and deepen our Mission giving and relationships. We will continue our excellent faith formation opportunities and return our focus to hiring a director for education and family ministries that was delayed by COVID-19. We will strengthen our relationships with Jesus, each other, and our community – and you can support this work with your stewardship.

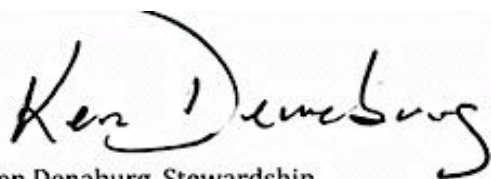
Sunday, November 22nd (Christ the King Sunday) is Stewardship Sunday and we will dedicate our pledges to God during worship that day. In the coming few weeks, we invite you to consider your financial contribution to God's ministry through Geneva Presbyterian Church this year. We will be collecting the enclosed physical pledge cards via mail to the church through Stewardship Sunday on November 22nd.

This year we also have a secure and confidential online form for making pledges electronically. This form gathers only the same information as the physical card (no banking information) and enables us to return our pledge intentions directly to the church office via computer, tablet, or smart phone. Allyson and I are returning our pledge information for the **Everyone Together** campaign with this form – check your This Week at Geneva email or church bulletins for the link!

Not everyone will choose to make a pledge this year: many faithful and consistent Genevans choose to make donations throughout the year. Whether through a pre-planned pledge or donations made in other ways, we celebrate and appreciate all gifts made to support our ministry through Geneva Presbyterian Church.

Your generous giving enables our Gospel witness at Geneva Presbyterian Church – thank you. Every gift of every size matters and we can do amazing things with **Everyone Together**.

Yours in Christ,



Ken Denaburg, Stewardship



Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Pastor