



# OUR GREAT THANKSGIVING

## 2021 Stewardship Campaign

Dear Members and Friends of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church:

Thank you for your ongoing support! In these unprecedented times, your unwavering commitment to GPMC continues to power our “Light by the Lakeshore”. Generous and faithful giving by members and friends comprise the majority of our budgeted income each year and are integral to our work.

2020 has been a difficult, uncertain year for all of us. While we worship from home and strive to keep ourselves and our families healthy and safe, far too many are still at risk; far too many are concerned about making ends meet; far too many still go to bed hungry each night. Through God’s grace, your weekly giving and special gifts have kept GPMC relatively close to our required pace; however, with 3 months left in the year, we need your continued financial support to meet budget and most effectively maintain our ministries and outreach. Please keep current on your giving throughout this critical time of the year!

With the expectation of today’s challenges likely extending into next year, it will be more critical than ever to know what resources we have available for 2021. Our annual Stewardship Campaign, **“Our Great Thanksgiving”**, is now kicking off and will seek your 2021 financial commitment, so we can ensure the continuation of all the wondrous things that GPMC provides us and those we touch. This means supporting faith-based organizations so they can maintain their vital work; providing meaningful programs and outreach; nurturing Christian Education efforts to educate both young and old alike; fostering ministries that bring us together as a community of faith; creating Music programs that provide beautifully poignant and emotional statements of what we believe and hold dear.

For 2021, we are asking for you to prayerfully consider an increase to your prior year's pledge commitment. Your attached pledge envelope indicates what your commitment was in 2020, and what a suggested increase of last year's amount would look like. This level of increased funding would ensure we strengthen our outreach and programming, and importantly, reduce reliance on our endowment. While we recognize not everyone can consider increasing their gift, **we would ask that you prayerfully consider how you can increase your 2021 pledge level vs. 2020 and support this stretch target.**

***Please return the attached Pledge Commitment Card by November 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can know how best to serve one another and those in need. You can also submit your pledge online at: <https://gpmcblogs.org/pledgeform/>.***

The 2021 campaign will officially culminate during worship services on December 6<sup>th</sup> with our *Stewardship Dedication Sunday*, when we will symbolically dedicate our pledges as a congregation. No matter what amount you choose, or however you worship with us, please plan to join and be part of this celebration of our financial gifts to God.

Thank you for making a commitment to support our ministries in 2021.

Faithfully,

**Your GPMC Stewardship Council:** Barbara Bierbusse, Scott Cauvel (Chair), Cynthia Ford, Michael Hartmann, Ted Huebner, Carol Koeplin, Mary Lloyd, Sally Owen and Charlie Tompkins