

SEASONED CELEBRATE

DRUID HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear Friends,

Each year at this time we ask each other to consider how and to what degree we can contribute our time, talents and treasure in support of the mission of our church. It's a hard question whether you are confident or fearful, affluent or scraping by, crazy busy or with time to spare. It's also an important question for the life and mission of the church which needs answering if we are to plan, help, love, inspire and nurture our community and our church family - in short, to grow into God's vision for us.

Obviously, more money would help. Obviously, more and broader participation would help. As important as "more" is, a timely commitment from each family, no matter how small or large, is important as it allows our church leaders to plan.

If I was focused on "more" and this were only a non-profit charity, I'd share last year's statistics:

- Our members contribute 60% of the money needed to fund the mission of our church.
- 40% comes from facility rentals and our campus partners.
- 78% of member families contribute money of at least \$5 per week.

I might outline the impact of 100% participation, easy ways to give online or through automatic bank drafts, and compare the impact of the cost of a cup of coffee finding its way into our mission rather than Starbuck's cash drawer.

But, dear friends, this isn't just a non-profit charity, it is our church, our heart, our soul and our spiritual home. This isn't just about "more". With this year's theme, **Seasoned to Celebrate**, we are asked to consider that we have been seasoned by God through gifts and experiences so that we can praise God, celebrate God's impact on our lives and share the Good News with the world.

In the past few weeks we've been exploring Ecclesiastes 3:1-14. We've looked at a time to be born, a time to embrace and a time to hate evil through love. I'd like to encourage you to think about the first verse as you consider your pledge commitment this year,

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

To me, this means that **every thing has its time as long as it has its purpose in God**. Whatever the season for our church and our world and whatever the commitment we make as individuals this season and every season, our purpose is to praise God in heaven with our lives. And **when we put God first, every thing else falls into place**.

Please prayerfully consider your commitment of time, talents and treasure this season and remember to share your thoughts in a timely way so we can continue to further the life and work of the church.

Thank you and I thank God for you,

Teresa Edmisten



PLEDGE CARD

Step 1: 2016 Stewardship Campaign Pledge

Total amount you wish to pledge for the 2016 Operating Budget \$ _____

Please indicate how you plan to make your payments:

- One Payment Quarterly Monthly Weekly (52 weeks)
 Payment/Gift is enclosed. Please make checks payable to Druid Hills Presbyterian Church.

Step 2: Capital Campaign Pledge

Total Pledge \$ _____ to be paid in payments of \$ _____

beginning (D/M/Y) _____ / _____ / _____ Pledges should be paid in full by December 31, 2018.

- Annually Quarterly Monthly Other (Specify) _____

Payment/Gift is enclosed. Please make checks payable to Druid Hills Presbyterian Church.

My gift of _____ # shares of _____ stock
will be transferred on _____ / _____ / _____ from _____

Gift will be matched by: _____

(Please enclose your company's matching gift form.)

I would like to speak with someone about including DHPC in my/our will.

Please contact me regarding naming gift opportunities and memorial/honorary gifts.

Step 3: Personal Information

Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____