



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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September 11th, 2024

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for being a partner in the ministry and mission of First Christian Church, Chico. Your on-going financial contributions are making a difference in the lives of many people. You know what matters in life and through your giving, you are sharing that with others and reaching them with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are committed to being a reaching congregation whose goal is to discover the ministry needs of our community and meet them with the gifts God has given us. We provide for basic human needs by collaborating with Chico Housing Action Team, Shalom Free Clinic, Crisis Care Advocacy and Triage, and Safe Space Winter Shelter. We provide worship resources and leadership support for our sister Disciples church in Corning. We provide book, film, and Bible studies as well as other faith formation opportunities throughout the week. We support Journeys of the Heart, a grief support ministry led by Chaplain Mary Kearns. We support scouting and provide space for meetings and activities for Scout Troop 2. Throughout the year, we host fellowship activities such as Bunco, game days, potlucks, crafting groups, the holiday bazaar, and our *Upbeats* music ministry to bring our church family closer together and welcome others into fellowship. Several years ago, we recognized that our building was one of our greatest assets in ministry so we provide space for Chico Ballet, Chico Creek Dance, Inspire School of Arts and Sciences, and several peer-led groups for recovery and mental health support.

We are transforming lives and being transformed by the love of God at the same time. For the next several weeks, you will be hearing more about how we as a congregation are seeking to grow and answer God's call. As you know, that will require our investment with both our spiritual and financial gifts. Because you already contribute, you know the difference your gift makes. We are asking that you pray about how you want to answer the challenge to grow and we invite you to consider joining us in making an increase in your financial gift for the coming year. The practice of generosity is a faith discipline. It is the mark of a growing faith and deeper walk with Christ. People who have joined our congregation have indicated that they want to be involved with something that really matters to them and the community in which we live. We are seeking to be fed spiritually and to actively engage the world where its deepest needs meet our abilities, and with God's help, to create positive change. Our campaign theme this year, "Measuring What Matters," gets to the heart of the issue. God is working through us to do something positive in the world. Please keep our congregation in prayer as we move together toward discerning what gifts we will make in the coming year. Also be sure to make plans now to join us on Sunday, November 17 for our Commitment Sunday where we will offer our intentions and elect our church leaders for 2025. Again, thank you for your part in the life-changing work of this congregation.

Generously yours,

Pastor Jesse Kearns

Moderator Max Erwin

Treasurer Nancy Thompson

## Measuring What Matters

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Pledge cards are due on Stewardship Sunday, November 17th, 2024



I/we covenant my/our intent to give for God's work in the 2025 year through First Christian Church, Chico.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  weekly  monthly  annually, and will support in prayer the leadership, ongoing ministry and outreach of First Christian Church, Chico.

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### For Your Records Estimate of Giving 2025

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