

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." - 2nd Corinthians 9:7-8

Dear Friends,

I pray you are all healthy in Body, Mind, and Spirit!  
May God bless you abundantly and joyously this week!

Last week, I received a letter of thanks from Craig Smelser, Treasurer of our Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

On behalf of our Conference, Craig thanks all of us at Trinity for sending in 100% of our apportionments in 2023. Apportionments cover our share of operating and maintaining our Annual Conference and the worldwide denomination. As Craig writes:

"Lives are changed because of your stewardship. Children are fed at feeding programs around the world. Young men and women receive financial assistance towards their calling to become ordained clergy serving the church. Retreat and camp settings help grow and make disciples of Jesus by offering invitations to go further in understanding of being a Christian. New churches are planted. Existing churches are transformed to better meet the needs of the communities where they are planted."

In other words, our apportionments further our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! And this is all made possible through your faithful stewardship and generosity! That Trinity's members provide for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world even in these financially challenging times speaks to the depth of our faith and our love of God and neighbor.

Thank you and God bless you! Let's continue to bless the world in 2024 and beyond!

"May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance." - Jude  
Anil

