



Fairhill Manor Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

*“Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.”
Psalm 98*



January 18, 2021

Dear Beloved FMCC Member,

Grace and peace to you!

If going to church has taught us anything, it's this: you really need to be okay with metaphors to get very far with the Bible. Floods clapping hands? Hills singing together for joy? These are impossible. Of course, that doesn't mean they aren't true, or they can't happen.

That's why we have such much hope for this year's stewardship campaign. So much is different now that has been in past years; so much has gone wrong as a result of the pandemic that has resulted in lives lost and members of all walks of life being taken away from their families, friends and loved ones. Some among us spend much of the year furloughed; some of us lost our jobs altogether. Some of us didn't have jobs in the first place, and now despair of ever finding one. Some of us were lucky enough to keep our jobs, but are fearful for the future, and working to save money in new ways. A successful stewardship campaign may seem impossible.

And yet, we are people who believe in beautiful impossibilities, who shape out our lives around the happening of things that simply cannot happen. So, we want you to know this: that the God for whom floods clap and hills sing will make this come out alright. If circumstance dictates that you must decrease your pledge, it will be alright. If you keep your pledge the same as last year, it will be alright. If you are able to increase your pledge, it will be alright. Because no matter what you and God decide you should give, we'll all be praying this prayer together:

Great One, for you the floods clap, for you the hills sing. You know my situation better than anyone. Take my credits and debits, ins and outs, my pluses and minuses, surpluses and lacks, and show me how to use them to join the great chorus of Creation. Amen

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Please know you are invited to make your pledge on or before **Commitment Sunday, January 31, 2021**. On that day, we will pray the prayer above together as we participate in God's generosity. Because no matter what, our prayers have always been the way we make like fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains.

Our prayers are the way we are together for joy.

In faith,
Your Stewardship/Finance Ministry

Jerry Puskarich

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Brian Shaw



To make your pledge, fill out the pledge card mailed earlier this month and send it to:

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ATTN Brian Shaw
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Pledge online at www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/together-for-joy.
Your information will be emailed directly and only to Brian Shaw.



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