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We are truly blessed to be part of a congregation that embraces us as we are, cares for us when in stress/distress and undertakes missions to reflect our commitment to bettering our community. We are part of a community guided by the words of Micah, Chapter 6, Verse 8 that states:

“And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

We have so much for which to be thankful- for our sacred space for worship, preaching, music, voice choirs, and bells choirs; for our chapel supporting multiple and diverse community groups; for our significant missions such as the food pantry shelf, the school backpack program, the winter clothes drive for our local school age children; for our staff supporting the administration and operations of our church; and for our charismatic and loving pastor. Yes, we are blessed!

An ever-present reality is that all this requires support and commitment from every one of us. For some, it will be tapping into their talents and expertise. For others, it may be their time and commitment to serve as leaders. And, yes, it requires money.

Our buildings require heat and lights and insurance coverage and ongoing maintenance. Our staff deserve fair and just compensation for their accountabilities. Our future depends on having the necessary financial reserves to weather unforeseen events. Our missions, both local and as part of the Presbyterian Church USA, require support to grow and thrive.

Another reality is that these are volatile and uncertain times; yet we beseech everyone of us to examine closely what we are capable of doing to support this wonderful congregation- time, talent, financial contribution. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verse 8, “And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough, you may share abundantly in every good work.” We ask that the information on the following side be reviewed and that each gives as they are able.

Thank you!

The GROW Team

(PLEASE TURN OVER)

*Strengthening families; Sowing friendships;
Serving community; In the name of Jesus Christ.*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HACKETTSTOWN STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE FOR 2026 CHURCH YEAR

Here is what is being asked:

1. Never Filled Out a Pledge Card Before?

- Please consider filling out a pledge card even if you have never done so before. Consider this an opportunity to think about what this church community means to you and its role in your life. Please know that pledges are held in confidence and there is an understanding that sometimes we are either in a position to contribute less or contribute more as “life happens.

2. Filled Out Pledge Card Before, Now What?

- Again, consider this an opportunity to examine what this church and its mission means to you personally and spiritually. Perhaps circumstances have changed for you to a point where you are able to consider an increased pledge to continue to support the growth and development of the important and ongoing missions of this congregation.

3. What About Giving Beyond Dollars?

- And beyond just dollars, giving might include sharing your time and expertise and energy in some of the many ongoing missions of worship, music, Christian education, Bible study, community service, leadership, and governance of our church.
- Sharing your time and talents is an extraordinary, and very satisfying, way to give.

After your thought and reflection, response to this stewardship pledge initiative for church year 2026 will be truly appreciated. Thank you and God bless!



Please return right portion
by November 23, 2025



Name: _____

Keep this portion as a record
of your financial stewardship
commitment for the year 2026

My (our) financial stewardship commitment

\$ _____

- ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly ☐ Other _____
☐ No Specific Pledge

*But each of us was given grace
according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph.4:7)*

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Financial Stewardship Commitment for 2026

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment:

- \$ _____ ☐ Monthly ☐ Weekly ☐ Other _____ ☐ No specific pledge
☐ I give online, no envelopes needed ☐ Please order envelopes for me

- ☐ I (we) wish to receive information about giving through Estate Planning

I (we) are interested in participating in:

- | | | | |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver | <input type="checkbox"/> Offering Counter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/Bells | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher/Collection |

Annual Income	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate To Income						
	15%	10%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
100,000	288.00	192.00	135.00	115.00	96.00	77.00	58.00
75,000	216.00	144.00	100.00	87.00	72.00	58.00	43.00
60,000	173.00	115.00	80.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00
50,000	144.00	96.00	67.00	58.00	48.00	38.00	29.00
45,000	130.00	87.00	61.00	52.00	43.00	35.00	26.00
40,000	115.00	77.00	54.00	46.00	38.00	31.00	23.00
35,000	101.00	67.00	47.00	40.00	34.00	27.00	20.00
30,000	87.00	58.00	40.00	35.00	29.00	23.00	17.00
25,000	72.00	48.00	34.00	29.00	24.00	19.00	14.00
20,000	58.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	19.00	15.00	12.00
15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00

Personal Commitment Planner

Weekly amounts proportionate to income are shown in the chart, or use the Commitment Planner to determine amount of gift based on percentage of income. **For personal use only, keep this portion for your records.**

Proportionate giving decision: _____ %

Annual household income: \$ (A) _____
(B)

Amount of annual gift:

$$\frac{(A)}{(B)} \% \times \$ \frac{(B)}{(C)} = \$ \frac{(C)}{(C)}$$

Amount of bi-weekly gift: \$ _____ /26 = \$ _____
(C)

Amount of monthly gift: \$ _____ /12 = \$ _____
(C)

Amount of quarterly gift: \$ _____ /4 = \$ _____
(C)