



Hixson United Methodist Church

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Dear Church Friends and Members,

As we are swiftly approaching the close of 2018, I hope you can give thanks and celebrate the differences that being made in individual lives and the community through the ministries of Hixson United Methodist Church. God's has certainly blessed us so that we can be a blessing to others! Through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness we seek to Honor the Past, Serve the Present and Provide for the Future.

I invite you to take a few moments to look through the enclosed brochure that has to do with our 2019 financial stewardship. The Finance Team is recommending two areas of emphasis which is reflected on the pledge card. One of those areas is our annual general ministry budget. Various ministry areas supported by the general budget are listed in the brochure. One of our vision goals for this coming year is funding the possibility of preparing more food packets through the Rise Against Hunger ministry. Whereas this past year 13,000 packets were completed, with additional funding our goal will be to prepare 20,000 food packets. Another relative recent ministry that has emerged seeks to provide resources and support for individuals and families with issues of mental health. Other areas for support involve our children, youth and adult ministries seeking to offer help, hope and healing for the transformation of lives and the world in the name of Christ!

An additional focus is one that is continued from this past year that is a collaboration with the Trustees focusing on building preservation. Hopefully, you have noticed the work on the porch of the Sanctuary entrance and the soffit repairs at the Atrium entrance. Projects have been completed at the Scout Hut and the Highland Plaza campus. There are additional projects the Trustees have prioritized for future attention. The target amount for this fund for 2019 is \$100,000.

I ask that you join me in praying for our church and its ministry in Christ's name as we seek to be good stewards of all that God has placed in our hands. Likewise, I invite you to pray for God's guidance as to your participation in the financial stewardship for the coming year. God has blessed us, so that together, in partnership with God, we can continue to be an effective presence in the Hixson community!

In Christ,

Rev. Reed Shell, Senior Pastor