



THE
**GRATITUDE
PATH**
2023 Stewardship Campaign

October 25, 2022

Dear Members and Friends of First United Methodist Church,

I want to thank you all for your faithful support and service to Brookings First United Methodist.

It is the time of year when we are asked to make a pledge of financial support to the church for next year. Beginning October 30th, we will launch our Gratitude Path campaign. With this campaign, we want to think about our gratitude in life, what we are grateful for that is provided by our church and church family, and how we can respond with Gratitude as we pledge to financially support our church for the coming year. Pledge cards will be available throughout the entire campaign and can be filled out on our website at brookingsmethodist.org/pledge.

We will be given opportunities to share our experiences of Gratitude. There will be messages during worship in November speaking of Gratitude from our congregation members and from Pastor Pete.

Our stewardship campaign will culminate on November 20th, which will be our Gratitude Sunday, with a celebration brunch following the service. At this service, you will be given a pledge card to complete and turn in to support our church functions and programs for 2023 if you have not filled one out yet. You can also send your pledge to the church or complete your pledge online at brookingsmethodist.org/pledge.

Remember that our pledges support Sunday School, Wednesday activities, Harvest Table, worship services, salaries for the pastor and staff who keep the many programs of our church running smoothly, mission opportunities and other activities that attend to our members, friends and community members, as well as the operations of the church building. We are grateful for your past support and are reminded that with continued support for these programs and activities, we can reach many people in our church, in our community, and beyond with our open hearts.

I am grateful for all we have accomplished as we worship together, pray for and with each other, and work together. Let us continue to show our Gratitude as we prayerfully consider our pledges for 2023 to the Brookings First United Methodist Church.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Niemeyer".

Beth Niemeyer
Finance Committee Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Pete" with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Pete Grassow
Lead Pastor