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October 26, 2023

To Our Congregation:

As we approach a special season in our faith journey, we are filled with gratitude for your steadfast commitment and unwavering service to Brookings First United Methodist Church.

It's that time of year when we are invited to embark on our annual pledge campaign, and this year, we're embarking on a new path – the 'Count Your Blessings' campaign. This campaign is not just about financial support; it's an opportunity for us to reflect on the many blessings our church and church family have brought into our lives and consider how we can respond with thankfulness as we pledge our support for the year ahead.

Throughout the month of November, you'll have the chance to hear your fellow congregation members and Pastor Pete share their experiences of counting their blessings during our worship services. It's a time for celebration and for recognizing the many gifts that our church community offers.

Our stewardship campaign will culminate on 'Gratitude Sunday' on November 19th, followed by a joyful celebration brunch after the service. On this special day, you will receive a pledge card if you haven't already, giving you an opportunity to support the essential functions and programs of our church for the year 2024. You can also choose to send in your pledge to the church or complete it online at [brookingsmethodist.org/pledge](http://brookingsmethodist.org/pledge).

Remember that your pledges play a crucial role in sustaining our Sunday School, Wednesday activities, the warmth of our Harvest Table, the spiritual nourishment of our worship services, and the support for our dedicated pastor and staff who work tirelessly to keep our church programs running smoothly. Your support extends to mission opportunities and activities that touch the lives of our members, friends, and community members. Your contributions are what keep the heart of our church beating and ensure the continuation of our essential operations.

We are forever grateful for your unwavering support, and we are reminded that through your continued commitment, we can touch the lives of countless people within our church, our community, and even beyond with open hearts.

We find deep gratitude for the milestones we have achieved together – the harmonious worship, the power of shared prayers, and the unity in our collective work. Let us, with hearts full of thanksgiving, continue to express our gratitude as we reflect and prayerfully consider our pledges for 2024 to support the Brookings First United Methodist Church.

With love and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas M. Fishback".

Tom Fishback  
Finance Committee Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Pete".

Pete Grassow  
Pastor