



Dear Members and Friends of First United Methodist Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Savior!

When I walk into our church, one of the things I love to do is to look around, imagining how many people have been and will be blessed within this campus that has stood at the corner of church and community for nearly 150 years. I am grateful for the ways God continues to use our congregation to build on this legacy as we share hope, offer hospitality, and serve our neighbors in meaningful ways.

Our facilities are used every day by children, families, and community groups who rely on this church as a place of welcome and support. From GAP to Harvest Table, from worship to small groups, from fellowship to outreach – our buildings are important tools for ministry. Caring for them is part of our calling.

That's why I am writing today: to share an opportunity for you to take part in our **At The Corner** capital campaign. Enclosed you will find information about this effort that will allow us to address essential needs across our campus as discerned by our Trustees, staff, and campaign leadership. These improvements are not about buildings alone: they are about mission, discipleship, and the future of our church – and they will allow our ministries, worship, and community partnerships to continue to flourish for years to come.

Over the coming weeks, we will invite you to reflect on how God is calling you to be part of this effort. Scripture reminds us that *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”* (1 Peter 4:10). May we each give with gratitude, trust, and joy.

Every gift – large or small – will make a difference. What matters most is that we participate together, as one church family, united in purpose and faith.

Thank you for your faithfulness and the many ways you support our church. I am grateful to serve alongside you in this season of hope and possibility.

With gratitude,

Pastor Jen Osterloh
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