

January 6, 2021

Friends in Christ,

Thank you for sharing your estimate of giving with our church this year. You are an important part of the ministry of Puyallup United Methodist Church and of God's work in our community and the world. I thank God for your faith and commitment to our shared ministry.

Your generosity will empower our church to continue to adapt to new challenges of living in a digital world as we strive to continue to connect, wonder, and engage. Because of you, Puyallup UMC will be able to continue numerous ministries we are already doing, expand into new ministries, and allow us to listen and respond to our neighbors in the coming year. Through our denominational connection, a portion of our giving will be combined with gifts from United Methodists across the globe to support ministries that create disciples and work to bring justice to, and through, all of God's people around the world.

2021 giving envelopes and 2020 financial statements will be available to pick up the week of January 11th. We highly encourage all who are giving by mail to use these envelopes. Please call the church at 253-845-0547 if you have questions or to arrange a time to pick up your envelopes.

Giving is a spiritual discipline and it can lead to radical transformation. In my experience, the most radical transformation our generosity achieves is in our own lives. When we share out of abundance, we more clearly see the many blessings we receive on a daily basis. And when we give sacrificially, it is easier to see that true happiness is never achieved through the accumulation of things. When we experience a life transformed, be it through worship, missions, or acts of hospitality like preparing and sharing a meal with the homeless, we are transformed as well.

In 2021, my hope is that you will discover the abundance of your blessings as you experience the joy that comes from your generosity. Again, thank you for all that you do to make possible the ministry of our church. You are the piece that completes our puzzle!

May God be with you always,

Rev. Cara Scriven