



**Be joyful in hope, patient in adversity, faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12**

As beloved children of God, we trust and are assured that God works in all things and keeps promises to us. In these promises, we find hope. Hope can mean a personal wish, but when we live in Christ, hope means the confident expectation of heavenly provision and care.

It's clear God has made good on these promises over the past year. God has made us stronger. We have lifted each other up. Despite the pandemic, our congregation has functioned well. We have been able to worship together, and we are lingering after church to fellowship with one another. Even more, people remain interested and invested in our ministry initiatives, and there have been many!

- ❖ We welcomed our Pastoral Resident, Kim Rubish.
- ❖ Pastor Paul has provided several new learning opportunities.
- ❖ We are serving Home Communion.
- ❖ Faith Formation has new class offerings.
- ❖ We celebrated our 30th year of ASP mission with this summer's trip.
- ❖ We partnered with St. Paul's Episcopal Church for a blood drive.
- ❖ We held a successful flu shot clinic.
- ❖ The Matthew 25 and OneWake initiatives have been adopted by CPC.
- ❖ Our Parish Nurse is visiting members and friends in-person.
- ❖ Triple-F is meeting and thriving.
- ❖ Our middle and high school students led a very meaningful Youth Sunday service.
- ❖ Over 175 volunteers participated in a modified Be The Hands day.
- ❖ Our pastors, staff and dedicated volunteers have been critical to the success of our weekly online worship service.

But what of the future? It can be a struggle to maintain this hope, to **expect with confidence** when our secular lives, and perhaps our spiritual lives, continue to be in turmoil. While we have celebrated our success with virtual gatherings and recent in-person worship, we yearn to be together. Even more, Christ calls us repeatedly to be in community with one another.

Brothers and sisters, just as we transform ourselves daily as disciples of Christ, we need to transform the ways we find community with one another and how we do church. This transformation relies on how we give of our time, talents, and resources.

At CPC, we have a vibrant, growing ministry which in turn, requires additional funding. Over the next few weeks, as you prayerfully discern how you will share your gifts with Cary Presbyterian Church, we challenge you to **take a step up** in your giving. If you can increase your pledge by **4% or more**, as you are able, it will help our blessings take flight as we share God's love in community and mission.

Please return your 2022 Planned Giving and Time and Talent commitments to the Church Office, place them in the Generosity Box in the Narthex, or submit your pledge online through the church website by **Sunday, October 31**.

With gratitude, Your CPC Generosity Team:

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