

Living Water in a Spiritual Desert

John 4:10 (Woman at the Samaritan Well) + John 7:38 (Rivers of Living Water)

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Dear Members,

Your church needs your financial help.

We were able to apply and receive the COVID PPP Loan for small businesses this past summer. Unfortunately, we did NOT qualify for the second PPP Loan this winter. In order to qualify, we needed to demonstrate a 25% decrease in income from 2019 to 2020. Our decrease was 16%.

The primary decrease was due to: (1) not being able to hold our usual fund-raisers, as they include dine-in eating and/or gatherings of large numbers of people (such as with the car show and the Christmas bazaar); and (2) not having the offerings from visitors, Sunday school, holiday worship services, etc. Thank you to all who have been giving electronically and mailing in your offerings regularly; you are making a huge difference in your church's ability to be a source of Living Water in people's lives and our community.

We need everyone's financial help to bridge this gap caused by the pandemic.

As we do not qualify for the recent PPP Loan, we have initialed a **COVID Church Relief special offering**. We are asking every giving unit (everyone with an offering envelope) to prayerfully consider giving \$150 or more to this offering this winter, or spread that across the year, increasing your weekly offering for 2021 by just \$3 a week. That amount, done by every member will make a great positive difference in keeping us financially solvent and in enabling us to continue to be a source of Living Water in our community.

We realize that some of our members are high school students, college students, are unfortunately out of work, or in other similar ways not able to give financially as much as others at this time. We thank you for your prayers of support for your church and whatever amount you can financially give. For those who feel they are a little better off financially than the average member, we encourage you to prayerfully consider giving a little more than the \$150 average for this COVID Church Relief effort.

To contribute, you can: (1) use the enclosed envelope and mail it to the church office; (2) use our secure online giving feature on our website and type "COVID Relief" in the description; (3) drop off the enclosed envelope in the church's door mail slot (left door on Penn Ave); or (4) increase your weekly giving by the amount you feel God calling you to do for this effort. Whether contributing or not at this time, we also encourage you to return the enclosed card.

In Christ,

Stewardship Committee

P.S. To help save postage, we are including this letter with the annual mailing of the January statement. Please review your enclosed statement, and if you have any questions, please contact the Financial Secretary, Terry Pastor.



2021 Stewardship Team Leadership

Mr. Kirk Aulenbach, Consistory President & Head Deacon

Mr. Steve Miller, Deacon

Mrs. Terry Pastor, Financial Secretary

Mr. Jon Henning, Treasurer & Trustee

Mrs. Robin Henning, Assistant Treasurer

Mrs. Sheri Rowe, Vice President & Elder

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