

Church of the Good Shepherd

Changing Lives, Sharing Christ



September 24, 2018

Dear,

Jesus reminds us, in chapter 3 of John's gospel, that seeing and experiencing God's Kingdom is a matter of the heart. Our hearts have to be changed in order for us to see the Kingdom at hand. Our **Sharing in God's Kingdom** is a journey of faith, and of continuous conversion, that begins when we realize how much God has loved and forgiven us. That's the beginning of seeing the world differently, and knowing that all that we are, and all that we have, come from Him, and belong to Him.

Giving is our means to growing in our faith in God. We don't give because God needs our money, we give because we want to experience more and more of God's life in ours. We make this commitment to God in and through the Church, which is God's instrument on earth.

Enclosed you will find your 2019 pledge card. The commitment that you make is a hopeful projection of what you would like to give back to God in calendar year 2019. It is our prayer that you will take the next step in your faith and increase your pledge as a percentage of your income from year to year, working toward the biblical standard of the tithe (10%).

Over the next several weeks, we will be focused on the importance of giving our time, talent, and treasure back to God. As we all seek to grow more and more in God's Kingdom, we ask you to prayerfully consider the many ways in which God has and is blessing you, and take another step in faith. As a sign of your praise and thanksgiving, we ask you to bring your pledge card to Church on **Commitment Sunday, October 28th**, where we will all come forward and place our offering on the altar of our Lord.

Good Shepherd is a Holy Place to be, where all people are invited to come and grow in God's Love and be empowered by His Holy Spirit to see the world with new eyes. The journey of faith is best experienced in the community of faith, and I'm so grateful to be travelling with you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Milton +". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.