

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family

The pledge card has an estimate for your total pledge flowed by a second line that reads “Per Capita estimate of giving” of \$33.50/member.

Per Capita is the money that we give to the Presbytery, Synod and national church office called the Office of the General Assembly. \$19.15 of it stays in our Presbytery in Central Nebraska, \$5.40 goes to our regional Synod and \$8.95 is sent on to the national church office. As a local church, we benefit from being part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination. For example, when we were doing flood relief, we received \$2000 from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with our flood relief efforts. That was funded by the national denomination and facilitated by our Presbytery. We also benefit from the sending of mission workers around the world, and we learn from them when they come back to visit us. We have had visitors this year from Lebanon, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Mexico. This is part of what it means to be a “connectional church”.

As you calculate your pledge, I encourage you to include an extra \$33.50 per family member to help us cover the per capita that we send on to the Presbytery, Synod and Office of the General Assembly. Thank you! – Pastor Greg

**GENERAL FUND ANNUAL TITHE/OFFERING ESTIMATE OF GIVING FOR 2021**

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Annual General Fund estimate of giving  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per capita estimate of giving (\$33.50 per member)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT estimated for 2021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency of Offering: I/We plan to give (enter **amount** on appropriate line):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually

\_\_\_\_ I/We desire to use electronic funds transfer (please attach cancelled check)

\_\_\_\_ I/We desire envelopes (they are optional)

\_\_\_\_ I/We plan to support the church budget in 2021, but cannot estimate an amount at this time

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Corinthians 9: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”*

Thank you for your estimating your financial commitment for next year. This helps us faithfully design the church budget. In addition to the financial pledge that reflects your tithe/offering, you will receive a “Time and Talents” sheet in the mail so you can prayerfully discern how you may volunteer in 2021. This gives you an opportunity to reflect on how you will use your time, talent and treasure to build God’s kingdom. Please consider how God is calling you to love and share...for such a time as this.