



2019 Stewardship Campaign



October 25, 2018

Dear Members and Friends of EUMC,

Thank you for your generous support of Excelsior United Methodist Church! Your support has nudged many different areas of our church to expand this year. Notably, we've seen growth occur in our nursery and pre-school, our after-school program partnership for community kids, our youth programming, our congregational care team, and our strong outreach and social justice work.

With Pastor Brooke's arrival at EUMC, we have the unique opportunity to determine what we aspire to be as a church community moving forward. We have many good programs but have dreams to take our programs and outreach to the next level, remain strong, and reach new audiences. We need to be nimble to respond to our community and partner with new people.

Our theme this year: "Sprout. Spread. Flourish!" embraces the potential of our ministries for 2019 and beyond. God is working through us and the things we do to accomplish positive change in our church, community and world. Every gift given becomes ministry and mission in action. **In a divisive world, we offer a place of belonging, hope and love.**

Your financial commitment makes it possible for EUMC to continue and expand programs while operating within our financial means. We look forward to hearing from you.

As you fill out your **Estimate of Giving**, please review the sample giving chart on the card, and take time to pray and understand where you are on your spiritual stewardship journey. It is also a great opportunity to involve family members in a giving conversation and decision.

There are several ways for you to respond with your Estimate of Giving commitment:

- Fill out an Estimate of Giving online excelsiorumc.org/give then select the "ENTER EOG ONLINE" button.
- Place your Estimate of Giving commitment in the **collection plate** any Sunday between now and Stewardship Sunday, November 18th, 2018.
- Mail or drop off your Estimate of Giving card to the **church office no later than Monday, November 19th.**

We hope you attend the service on November 18th and join us at coffee hour fellowship as we remember that we are stewards of God's gifts. We are blessed abundantly!

Yours in Christ,

Jane Johnson Brooke Heerwald Steiner

The Stewardship Committee:

Jane Johnson, Chair; Kaitlin Holm, Bill Lester, Chris Stone, and Rev. Brooke Heerwald Steiner