



October 13, 2023

RE: Faith Promise: sharing joyfully, giving cheerfully

Dear Friend,

Faith Promise season is upon us; a time of year when declarations can be made, trusting that a relationship with God will not only guide in making a decision about what to share with the church, but to also provide what we have promised. God is still speaking.

2 Corinthians 9: 7-8 *Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, **not regretfully or under compulsion**, for **God loves a cheerful giver**.<sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with **every blessing<sup>[k]</sup> in abundance**, so that by always having enough of everything, you may **share abundantly** in every good work.*

For the next four weeks there will be presentations revolving around our theme, “joyfully sharing” in Sunday worship. In addition, there will be brief articles in *the Spirit*. On November 5, Bill Boesch, after making a few remarks during the service, will make a presentation after church about planned giving. He will inform those interested how to include the church in various ways as part of our individual long-term estate planning.

**Enclosed** is your faith promise/pledge promise card that we ask be submitted to the office (use the white mailbox outside the office door) **no later than November 12<sup>th</sup>**. Anonymity is still very much honored if you prefer to fill out the “faith promise” portion of the card on the bottom (the light blue portion of the card). A less anonymous “Pledge promise” can be filled out on the top (the yellow portion) to convey your pledge which **will also show on your quarterly giving statements in 2024**, serving as a reminder of your promise.

If you prefer to submit your **pledge information online**, you can do that by going to our website ([www.uccnorthhampton.org](http://www.uccnorthhampton.org)) and click on “ways to give” and find the “faith promise” drop-down. *This is purely for informational purposes, and requires no payment information whatsoever.*

Being a faithful steward of the church is part of the “promise” in faith promise. The information you provide via the pledge card or online is used to create the operating budget for all the operations and missions of the church. I ask that you prayerfully consider how you wish to share your resources, and to do so generously, cheerfully, and **joyfully**.

Blessings,  
Neil Hiltunen,  
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