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Dear Church Family,

As the year ends, and we anticipate the ministry opportunities for the next year, we want to express our thanks for the ways that you support God's work through First United Methodist Church Killeen. Our congregation blesses us with amazing worship, dedicated service, and generous tithing. God continues to perform miracles through everyone's participation!

We are entering an unexpected season of transition with Pastor Molly's departure due to illness, and it might be easy to delay the annual time of discernment and commitments for giving in the coming year. As the Finance Committee and invested members of the church ourselves, we know that this is a time to remember our faith in God's care and provision. We trust that God will provide for the needs of the ministry of this church, and one of the significant ways that God does that is through the participation of each person in our church family.

Would you join us in praying about committing to support the ministry of FUMC Killeen in 2023 financially? Gifts of all sizes are effective, and God invites us to trust Him when bringing our offerings. Please also join us in praying that our congregational life continues to be healthy and robust, our presence in our neighborhood is welcoming, and our outreach in the name of Christ is impactful.

If you plan to return an Estimate of Giving Card, we will bring them to the altar and dedicate them on Sunday, November 20, in all worship services. Please return the card by mail or bring it to the church office if you cannot attend that day. You may also submit it online at <https://www.fumckilleen.com/estimate/>. If you have any questions, please call Mike Tuggle or Lisa Marshburn in the church office, 254-634-6363.

Lastly, we know this is challenging for some in our congregation. If you are out of work or in financial hardship, we encourage you to consider submitting a card to commit to stewarding your resources, even if it has a \$0 estimate. Your commitment is more of a spiritual commitment as a part of discipleship than sharing a number that influences the church budget.

Thank you for your role in this church community. We are praying for you as these letters go out.

With gratitude,

Kimberly McClish, Chair, and The Finance Committee