



Beloved friends:

We have been walking together on the Discipleship Road for almost three years now. Remember way back when many thought there was no need for a long time of healing and introspection before finding a new minister? On the energetic path you are now walking, it seems very obvious that this time of New Vision, of thoughtfulness and forgiveness and shared leadership as well as shared labor, has made all the difference, and I believe your star will shine brightly under your new Settled Minister, the Rev. Elissa Johnk.

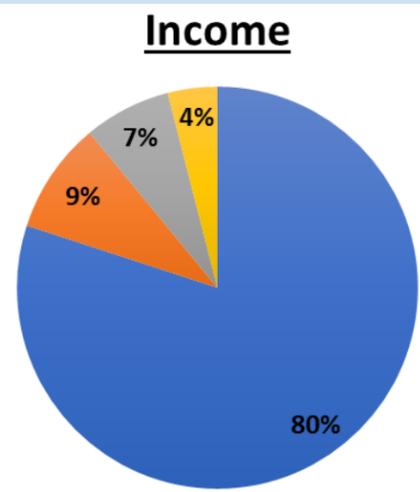


The Discipleship Road needs you to continue what you're doing, with enthusiasm, and to open yourself up to new paths of worship and service that present themselves. It also needs you to contribute as much as you can to the financial operations of the church. There are other important sources of income: the Possibility Shop, our tenants, the Women of the Church, and even memorial funds, but weekly, monthly and annual pledges provide the bulk of our income. It's a group effort, for sure!

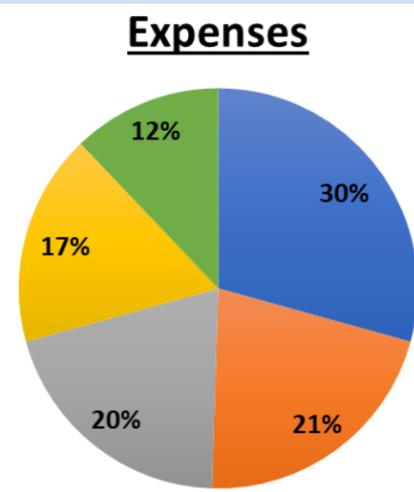
I will miss walking with you on this road, but I hope that as I depart along one of the forks that lie before me I'll be able to look back over my shoulder and see, not a pillar of salt, but a joyful band of disciples impassioned with excitement and hope for the future of a First Church re-built with Love!

I'll be watching!

With faith, hope, and love,
Rev. Carrie Bail
Interim Senior Minister



■ Pledged/Unpledged Gifts ■ I & T and Possibility Shop
■ Earned Income ■ Other Contributions



■ Buildings/Grounds ■ Worship/Music ■ Faith Formation
■ Mission/Social Action ■ Church Family

Pledge Goal for 2019-2020 is \$415,000.

Stewardship Committee Message

"Tithing is a spiritual exercise in handing our lives back to God, in opening the hand to receive as well as give." -Molly Baskette, Real Good Church.

It is time to consider how you can ensure we continue to walk together in faith, hope, and love at First Church, Burlington. For the next fiscal year, beginning May 1, please consider the biblical tithe. How much is that? 10% of a household income of \$50,000 is \$5,000 per year or \$96.00 per week. How do you calculate your income? Gross? After taxes? Taxable? You decide what is possible for you. Perhaps 5%, a half-tithe, better fits your present budget. If 5% is too high for you today, consider starting at 1% and adding another 1% each year until you attain the ideal. What is essential for each of us is that we are on a path towards tithing and that we are honest with God, our church, and ourselves.

Remembering Palm Sunday 2018 and looking forward to the future when Rev. Elissa Johnk will lead worship on Palm Sunday 2019.



Walking together in faith, hope, and love.

Worship—In the Pews and In the Nursery.



Youth—March For Our Lives, March 2018.



Mission Trip—James Hospital & School of Nursing, India. January 2019.



Word of God for all Ages



Our pledges at work!

Outreach—Small Potatoes.



Peace Camp—July 26, 2018.



Faith Formation—Christmas



Youth—Middle School Venture, April 2018.



Buildings & Grounds—Homecoming Picnic, September 2018.

