



BUILDING BRIDGES TO OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE

A Message from your Stewardship Team Chair: Dawn Plante

Our Stewardship Campaign theme this year is “Building Bridges to Our Church’s Future”. Our staff and church leaders did not use the pandemic “stay at home” time to put our souls on hold. Instead, they have used these months as an opportunity to expand the ways we worship and connect with each other.

We want to **build** on our ability to worship, when gathered in person and when we can’t be together for any number of reasons. We want to **build** more opportunities for us all to grow in faith. We want to expand and **build** on our programs that serve one another and those in need in our wider community. We want to increase - **build** - the times we gather to have fun and connect with one another, and we need to care for our church **build**-ing!

Last spring, when we started inviting pledges for May through December of 2020, we expected that pledging would be a difficult hurdle for some. We are grateful that our faith community surpassed the goal of \$260,000 by \$7,000! Your pledged contributions are at work now, empowering the ministries and mission of First Church.

As we invite pledges for our new (January to December) 2021 fiscal year, there are many plans afoot to build bridges in our community of faith by improving our ability to be together virtually, even after we are able to return to First Church, and by developing a *Vision Statement* for First Church, based on member participation in a visioning process, that will guide our shared ministry and mission in the coming years.

I am inviting you to join me, our Stewardship Team and church leaders, in pledging financial support to “build bridges” to our future in worship, faith formation, service, connections and through our physical church building.

Dawn

-Dawn Plante, 2021 Stewardship Campaign Team Chair