



# The Community Church of Chapel Hill

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Dear Beloved Congregants,

On Sunday, February 23, I delivered a “Sermon of Delights” in which I offered [a list of 100 delights](#) I experience as your minister.

The 99<sup>th</sup> delight I included was the financial generosity of this community. Last year, we set a new record with our Annual Pledge Drive; by the end of the campaign, we had raised \$38,000 more than the previous year. This generosity allowed us to fully fund our ministries, increase the compensation we provide to staff members like Marion, Glenn, Rachel, and Kat, and increase our budget for church maintenance.

Last year our message was this: Come participate in an exhilarating Community Day of Service as we demonstrate the power of our church community by spending a day doing good deeds in the wider community. Ask everyone in our community to make a pledge. Ask that we each pledge as generously as we are able, as an expression of our values and our faith in the power of this community. Trust that we’ll receive enough pledges to fund our ministries, compensate our staff, and care for our property.

This year the message is the same: We will hold a bigger & better Community Day of Service on March 7, planned by Mary Beth Powell & Bill Rote and their team of enthusiastic volunteers. We will ask everyone to pledge and to pledge as generously as you can. And, we are again trusting that if everyone is as generous as they can be, we will be able to fully fund the programs of our growing, thriving, and vibrant congregation.

This year, I will be making a leadership pledge of \$6,750. It is an expression of my faith in this congregation and the delight I find in being a part of this church community.

We are asking for everyone to return their pledge form or pledge online by **Sunday, March 15**. Remember: our by-laws require all members of the church to pledge or receive a hardship waiver from the minister.

The Community Day of Service is certain to be another delight! Thank you for your generosity!

With Love,

Rev. Thom