Friends,

We love our church, and I love being your pastor. When the pandemic descended 19 months ago, most pastors began wringing their hands, cutting budgets, and furloughing staff. I, on the other hand, had confidence in you. Through 2020, and now during 2021, you have stepped up financially to make it all happen – and even to expand what we’ve been able to do to care for our most vulnerable neighbors. I am so proud of you all.

We put our love for our church, and for God on display in many ways – including giving. Our Hope is Here capital campaign is reaching unforeseen heights as together we make the dream of a new building, and affordable housing for those with no buildings at all, a reality.

You know well that our campaign giving is beyond what we give each year to sustain our budget, staffing, activities, missions, care for our facilities, and more. Now is the time to commit to generous giving, not just for the Hope is Here campaign, but for our 2022 budget. I have total confidence that we will together step up and make yet another challenging year a great success to the glory of God and the dawning of God’s kingdom on earth.

This single ask is for two avenues of giving and making a difference. Our budget is the budget! – including some mission stuff, of course. We are a mission! We also ask you to commit to give generously to our Mission & Outreach Fund, which goes 100% beyond our walls to care for folks in our city, state, and world who need partners like us.

To submit your estimate of giving, fill out and return the enclosed materials or submit online at [www.myersparkumc.org/give by December 15, 2021](http://www.myersparkumc.org/give). Thank you for your commitment to our church!

Your Pastor,

James
Let’s celebrate our love for our church family and our neighbors this year!

Sunday Worship reaches thousands of people in Charlotte and beyond through in-person services and virtual offerings.

In response to neighbors in need, our church family delivered 150 meals per week to the most vulnerable in our community, provided disaster relief funding in Haywood County, NC and Louisiana, added a new school partner, Hidden Valley Elementary, who received school supplies, masks, and uniforms, sponsored a vaccination clinic with Crisis Assistance Ministry and VaxVan, provided free laundry served to displaced neighbors, AND so much more!

Investment in outdoor furniture and tents, air purifiers, hand-sanitizing stations and cleaning equipment enabled us to gather safely again.

Enhancement of our church’s web presence allowed us to better communicate with church members and visitors – both in person and virtually.

Children’s Ministries welcomes more than 400 children to Sunday School weekly, reached more than 350 children during “Staycation” Bible School, and presented engraved Bibles to 74 third graders.

Our vibrant Music Ministry includes 11 chorale and handbell ensembles and more than 250 participants of all ages.

Congregational Care provides resources for our physical and mental health including our annual flu shot clinic and Stephen Ministers to care for members of our church family during times of grief and difficult life challenges.

Youth Ministries welcomes more than 200 participants weekly on Sundays, sent 84 youth on mission trips during the last year, and celebrated 88 graduating seniors and 65 confirmands.

The Mission & Outreach Fund made it possible for our church to grant more than $600,000 to benefit local and global ministry partners.

Enhanced virtual ministry opportunities include Ready. Set. Pray., Bible studies, and podcasts featuring clergy, ministry leaders, and church members.

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