

May 12, 2020

Dear,

We are so glad that you have made a commitment to grow in discipleship by pledging a financial contribution this to SJU year. I am thankful for you and your support! We encourage you to stay on target with your pledge as the needs of the church and community are felt significantly in this time of pandemic! You can do that by bringing your contributions up to or beyond the 50% mark by June 30, 2020.

The offerings of one person may not seem essential, however your contributions, especially during this COVID-19 crisis, combined with others make a big difference in our church. Regular, ongoing contributions to the church help us support ministries and mission to each other in pastoral care, online worship, study, prayer, coaching and spiritual direction, supplemental food provision and housing security. Your generosity also makes a difference in the community with Bryant Woods Elementary School, Grassroots Shelter, Bridges to Housing Stability, P.A.T.H. and the covenant relationship with our parent denominations. All of these ministries of the church reach some of the most vulnerable among us. We also want to do much more as we adapt to worship, study and connection in the virtual realm of ZOOM, Facebook Live and YouTube. The plan this summer is that we will reach children of the Wilde Lake community and beyond through our "Mission to Mars" Summer Virtual Vacation Bible School!

I want to invite you to be one of those leaders in the church who makes these things happen through the spiritual practice of generosity. Will you please consider taking a step toward tithing or beyond through regular, ongoing giving (weekly or monthly), as part of your growth and maturity in faith. We offer multiple ways for you to give to SJU. You may give through a "Donate Now" feature on the www.sjuned.org website, as well as the mobile app GIVELIFY, or by creating an automatic bill pay through your banking institution. You may contact sjucolumbia@gmail.com for help with these options. We will be asking for your to prayerfully consider your pledge commitment for 2021 later this fall.

Again, I appreciate your faithfulness and generosity. This is a critically important time in our world and the church of Jesus Christ is needed more than ever. Thank you for being the church! Enclosed is your trimester giving statement, thru April 2020 for your records. As always, if circumstances in your life have changed which impact your level of generosity, your pledge may be adjusted at any time. I am always available to talk with you about this decision or anything else in your life. Please reach out as you need.

Many thanks, much peace,

Pastor Mary Ka
Mrs. Yvonne Barner, Church Administrator
Mr. Alvin Thompson, Stewardship Team