

Dear Peace Lutheran Church Family,

During the month of October, we will be focusing on Financial Stewardship in preparation for setting our Congregation's 2025 budget. **Yes, we need to talk about money!**

**WHAT:** Beginning Sunday, October 6th, we will begin a 3-week sermon series exploring Romans 12:1-2, where we are called to be living sacrifices; transformed by the renewing of our minds. Our series will explore how living for God means embracing contentment, being intentional in our actions, and cultivating gratitude. At the end of the series, Sunday, October 20th, we will ask congregation households to make their financial commitments to help determine what we can accomplish together in 2025.

**WHY:** So that we can continue the ministry that our 2024 budget allowed. Here are a few areas where we have had an impact:

- Staff and resources for worship, Bible studies, small groups, care ministries, Youth Group, Children's Praise N Learn, Confirmation, administrative needs, etc.
- Care of our building (inside and out) for congregation AND community use (supporting local groups, organizations, and our schools).
- Sharing our financial resources with organization/partners like GRIN (helping children who are hungry), the Haitian Timoun Foundation (creating life giving impact for Haiti's poor), 254 Teen Center (safe, loving, and fun environment for Gahanna students), Hopewood Outdoors (camps sharing the joy of growing deeper), and Sojourners (empowering young people in Appalachian Ohio to become healthy, responsible, and productive citizens now and in the future).

In 2025, let's continue to be generous as we tangibly love God, neighbor, and self.

**ASK:** In the coming weeks please be on the lookout for more information and the 2025 Commitment Cards. The Stewardship Team's goal this year is to receive 25% participation. What does this mean? We will mail to 750 households; we would like to get 188 commitment cards back in October 2024 (9% more than what we received in October 2023). Responses will be used to determine where our resources can best be a blessing in 2025.

As an alternative to the mailing, an online commitment card can be found on the front page of our website. The card can be saved and emailed to the finance office (via [procca@peacegahanna.org](mailto:procca@peacegahanna.org)).

God's Peace,  
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