

## Stewardship Report

Planning for our Church's 2026 Stewardship initiative began with an initial meeting of the Stewardship Committee in early September, 2025. This year's committee membership consisted of Kevin Bradberry, Judith Christley, John Deans, Judy Fiorentino, Karen Fields, Wayne Shourds, Dick Stephens, Rev. Summer Sattora and Tim Towner.

The spiritual foundation of this year's campaign was inspired by 1 Peter 4:10 - "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gifts each of you has received."

Pastor Summer's stewardship kickoff sermon in early October and this year's pledge card included calls for gifts of **time** and **talent**, as well as the traditional request for financial support or **treasure**.

Following the worship service on October 19th, a spaghetti and meatball dinner provided an opportunity for Treasurer Judy Fiorentino and Tim Towner to present details on a proposed Church Budget and stewardship goals for 2026. The next day, a Stewardship letter with pledge card was mailed to all members and friends, and during worship services in October through early November, "stewardship moments" focused on the impact that our pledges make on the vitality of our Church and its mission. A special thanks goes to Kevin Bradberry for introducing the luncheon idea, and to all of those who helped make it happen.

And how did our Stewardship effort for 2026 conclude? As of year-end, 28 financial pledges, two fewer than for 2025, totalled \$77,159. Although short of this year's goal, many who responded were able to increase their pledge by 6% over last year. Several members and friends also shared specific ways they intend to commit gifts of time and talent.

This United Presbyterian Church may be small in numbers, but it is blessed to have a congregation ready and willing to do God's work in Sackets Harbor and beyond.

With sincere thanks to all,

John Deans, Chair, Stewardship Committee