

May 30, 2023

Dear friends,

Thank you for your consistent support of Christ's work through our church. I'm so thankful for you! We've made it through the pandemic, and now it's time to rebuild and replenish so that we can reach the people God is calling us to reach. I encourage you to take a look at the enclosed brochure that outlines all the particulars of this campaign. With your help, in this 3-year campaign, we have the opportunity to eliminate one of our 2 mortgage notes, freeing up more resources for ministry and mission!

Your support has helped our church do some remarkable things, some of which are listed in the enclosed brochure. Glen Mar is offering meaningful, life-giving worship, soulfeeding prayer and care, growth as disciples through small groups and study, and service and mission that is caring for the least, the last, the lost, and the left out. Every day, Glen Mar is showing what it means to be "blessed to be a blessing," changing lives and spreading the love of Christ.

We want to do much more. Our dreams include reaching more people through needed tech upgrades that would enhance and expand our livestreaming and hybrid ministry. We want to expand and solidify our community school partnerships. We want to be able to bless our community through our campus in offering things like a Farmer's Market, pickleball, and tutoring for kids. We want to offer more opportunities for service and mission.

This is a critical moment in our faith journey together. Everyone's help is needed. I want to encourage you to use the enclosed chart to discern where you are in your giving currently and take the next step up so that we can strengthen and "rebuild" after the pandemic and reach more people. I am enclosing a "giving chart" so that you can see where you are right now and discern how God is calling you to take the next faithful step. We need to raise funds for <u>both</u> the Operating (Ministry and Mission) Fund and the Capital Fund. Money given to the Capital Fund must be used to pay off our mortgage(s), and money pledged to the Operating Fund pays for everything else (salaries, utilities, ministry and mission). Specifics are in the enclosed brochure

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You can pick up an estimate-of-giving (pledge) card at the church and fill it out at any time, or you can fill out the same information online using our "Give Now" button on the church website. Commitment Sunday will be June 11 with a church picnic afterward, so you can also turn in your card as part of worship then as well.

I'm so grateful for your support and your faithfulness, and I'm so proud to be in ministry with you!

Blessings,

Pastor Mandy

PS. If Glen Mar has been a blessing to you and a priority in your life with Christ, perhaps God might be calling you to remember Glen Mar as part of your estate planning. If you'd like information about how to do that, email Bob Henry at bob.henry@glenmarumc.org.