



THE NORTH CHATHAM UNITED  
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**To all of God's beloved here in the North Chatham United Methodist Church, the surrounding community, our country and the world:**

Again we come to the end of another year. Together we have worshiped and prayed, worked and sweated, debated and enjoyed fellowship with our own members and the community. Our worship services, led by Pastor Darienne Gagne, encourage us to embrace our faith and one another with open acceptance. Her wisdom, kindness, and enthusiasm for all of the people of the church and for all of their gifts, guide us as we prepare for the future. Our growing youth inspire us to be generous, thoughtful, tolerant, gracious and forgiving, as they look to us as models of leadership. They are the future of the church.

This past year we have also been called upon to put our energy into the church building, investing in the repair of the belfry and the restoration of the bell. The church and community response has been very supportive of this project, and we have been able to realize our hopes for the structure and integrity of the building.

The work of the Church in the world must continue to be our main focus, despite the financial challenges we face. More than ever, we must realistically plan for the years ahead. **Pledging** is an important part of the planning process—it is a way of making a financial commitment to the operation of the programs we as a community support, as well as the maintenance of the buildings and the compensation of our church staff. So we ask you to please consider making a commitment to a predictable contribution to the operating fund of the church. You can do this by filling out the pledge section on the back and mailing it (carefully noting on your envelope that it contains pledging information), or putting it in the offering plate. We are always available for conversation about pledging.

**“There are three things that last forever: faith, hope, and love: but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13)**

***May our love and devotion shine for all and last into eternity.***

The stewardship committee.

Philip Grant, Carole Hatfield, Paul Herrington, Wayne Shelton, Susannah White, Vicki Wills

**Please return this form to the church by Monday, January 15, 2018.**

Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Address- \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address- \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of 2018 pledge- \_\_\_\_\_

This commitment is: Weekly \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly \_\_\_\_\_

One lump sum \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Mission statement: The mission of this church is to nurture and uplift the lives of all we touch in both the immediate and global community.

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