



October 29, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of DUC,

The Stewardship Committee is extending an invitation to all our members and friends to **Imagine Together** what the future of Dennis Union Church might be in the year ahead. The ministries and outreach of our church happen because of the spiritual and financial gifts of our members and friends supporting the mission of the church and facilitating enriching programs and opportunities.

As we look ahead, there is a world of possibilities in ministry just waiting for us to show up and dive in. Enthusiasm, commitment, and yes, money are all necessary for the vitality and strength of our mission and message to continue.

There is much more to Dennis Union Church than Sunday mornings. As an open and affirming congregation, we seek to welcome everyone to find their place here, to experience a sense of belonging in the body of Christ. Therefore, we offer a wide range of groups, classes and opportunities for education and service. There are social events and special music programs woven into the life of the church in every season.

We offer support to our neighbors by opening our doors to groups that serve the wider community. It is a joy to have individuals and organizations from a wide range of ages and interests in our building. It is a wonderful way for us to extend our reach as we support their work in the community.

As we look ahead, there are challenges, and we encourage you to prayerfully consider how your support for our mission can help us meet these needs. One of our greatest challenges is our aging facility. Keeping our historic building lovely and in good repair is demanding more attention in ways that notably impact our budget. We are also seeking to fill a position to work with our young people and hope to have a qualified and committed person meet our youth where they are and walk with them with educational, social and spiritual experiences as they discover the love and justice of Jesus.

The Stewardship team asks that we all prayerfully consider not only what we can do individually but what we, collectively, as DUC can do if we **Imagine together** a future full of endless possibilities. Our campaign will conclude on Thanksgiving Sunday,

November 24, when we celebrate the blessings we have received as well as the pledges and gifts for the year ahead.

Your gift/pledge matters and enables us to honor the rich history and bright future of our beloved community. We are so grateful for all you do and for all you give to make us the church we are. We thank you in advance for your faithful generosity for imagining the future, because together we can make a big difference.

With gratitude and imagination,

Your Stewardship Committee

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This Week at DUC One

There is much more to Dennis Union Church than Sunday mornings. As an Open and Affirming Congregation, we seek to welcome everyone to find a place here. Beyond worship there is our prayer group, bible study class, our outreach and mission groups, our Sunday School and youth program, the pickup crew and Auction volunteers, our work at Faith Family Kitchen, Salvation Army and the Food Shelf. There are social events planned by the Activities team and special educational events and special music programs that are woven into the life of the church in every season.

This Week at DUC Two

We offer support by opening our doors to groups that serve the wider community. One of the busiest groups is Community Connections who serve adults with intellectual and social disabilities and sponsor the Flower Angels. Organizations such as Forward, AA and ACA, The Village Garden Club of Dennis and weekly Yoga classes also utilize our facilities. It is such a joy to have these community members bring life and energy to our buildings each week.

This Week at DUC Three

We want to encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might continue your support for our mission and the challenges we face this year. One of our greatest challenges is our aging facility. Our building is lovely and attractive but is demanding more attention and repairs, impacting our budget. We are also seeking to fill a position to work with our young people. We hope to have a qualified and committed person meet our youth where they are and walk with them with educational, social and spiritual experiences as they discover the love and justice of Jesus.

This Week at DUC Four – summary prior to Stewardship Sunday 11/24