



October 8, 2023

Growing the Beloved Community

Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly

Jesus, Gandhi, Bonhoeffer, King, Mandela, the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe, workers for peace, tireless advocates for human rights, protectors of creation. These are just some of the names and movements of the Beloved Community. Did you notice our congregation on the list? Yes, we are part of this long and hallowed tradition of growing the Beloved Community and have been doing so for 156 years.

Being a strong and vital church is more important than ever to counter the polarization of today's culture, and its violence, racism, and lack of civil discourse, with the love and hope this congregation brings to our community and the world. We are not a big congregation, but we have each other, and our community, which is enough when we do this together. It's a mighty task, to be sure, but so very important.

Will you consider making or renewing your commitment to our First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe? Your support means we can continue to provide for our spiritual needs, build relationships, nurture our children and youth, give to others, walk with those among us who live on the margins, deepen our love of God, and offer hope to a hurting world.

Please join us by prayerfully considering your pledge for 2024. Our goal is \$450,000, which better meets our costs. It can be achieved if everyone pledges any possible amount for you. We are also grateful for those of you in a position to increase your generosity and commit to a higher pledge this year.

The campaign runs October 8th through 29th. A **Congregational Life Fair** will be held on Sunday, October 15th, to know better our committees, mission, and ministries and the opportunity to sign up for new groups. Also included in this packet is budget information and a pledge card, which you may return by mail or during worship on **Pledge Sunday, October 29**, at either the 8:30 or 11 a.m. service.

You can make a difference! We all can together. How wonderful it will be to see this Beloved Community grow from the days of Jesus and King to the year before us.

Many blessings and thanks,

The 2024 Stewardship Committee

Roger Said, Jack Lippincott, Bill Eklund, Kira Howard, Harry Eberts

P.S. – Our necessary expenses have continued to rise, and pledges have not. Your generosity allows us to continue our ministries in growing the Beloved Community. We can't do it without you. Please make your pledge for 2024 between October 8th and 29th.