

November 1, 2009

Dear Members and Friends in God,

As we journey through fall in Frostburg, we watch nature prepare for its winter sleep and spring rebirth – the colorful leaves, the cooler temperatures, and the season’s first snow. And as members of the First Presbyterian Church of Frostburg’s Stewardship Committee, we reflect on all that our church family has accomplished during this past year and look to define our plans for the year to come.

Through stewardship – the sharing of time, talent, and treasure – our church has protected children from deadly malaria in faraway lands, assisted local families affected by the economic downturn, welcomed college students to our community, and celebrated our church’s sesquicentennial, among our many activities. In our own small way, our church of less than 100 members has planted the seeds of hope in our community and in our world. As Christians, we can think of nothing more moving than this.

During November and December, we ask you to consider increasing your spiritual and financial commitment to our church. *More simply, we ask you to commit to sowing seeds of hope in 2010.*

We understand that many of our members and friends are experiencing unprecedented financial challenges. During these tough times, how much you can give is only a decision that you – in full contemplation of your finances and your spiritual commitment to the life and ministry of our church –can make.

Our church has taken great steps to improve our financial future. But like many other churches and places of worship, we face an uncertain economy. To help our church leaders make responsible budget plans for 2010, we ask that you make your pledge of expected giving by Sunday, November 22. Not only does it give us a clear picture of expected income, it also enables you to enter the New Year with full knowledge of your commitment to our church.

If you would like to receive a home visit to discuss your stewardship commitment, please contact the church by calling 301.689.3538.

Faithfully yours,

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