September 10th, 2026

Dear Friends

I trust everyone had a very enjoyable summer.

As summer begins to recede, we look forward to Thanksgiving, Advent, and the Christmas season. While our August Sunday donations and PAG exceeded the August goal by approximately $1,800, we continue to face a significant negative bank balance.

In the near term, we can address this shortfall by drawing down the remaining interest from the Coombs and Cathedral Trusts, as allocated in the 2026 budget. However, an early drawdown in September is only a short-term solution. In the longer term, we must recognize that the majority of our revenue comes from our congregation.

Unlike organizations such as cancer, heart and stroke, and other charities that have a national or even international donor base to support their needs, we have only ourselves. The continued financial health of our church therefore depends upon the generosity and commitment of our own congregation.

Our target for September is $32,000. With $12,000 anticipated from PAG, this leaves a weekly congregational giving goal of approximately $5,000.

I recognize that this is a significant target, particularly given the financial pressures and uncertainty many of us are experiencing in today's challenging times. Nevertheless, every contribution, large or small, makes a meaningful difference. If each of us is able to give according to our individual circumstances, together we can meet this challenge and continue to support the ministry and work of our church.

Thank you for your continued generosity, commitment, and support.

Warren Everett

Treasurer