# YEAR 71

## and still growing together

# Stewardship 2026

*They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.*
*Psalm 1:3*

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church turns 70 years old on November 18th! Chartered in 1956, FLPC has been a source of much fruit. Fruit grows only when a "tree" has its roots deep in good soil beside a reliable stream. For a Christian Church, that means being rooted in God's Word and given life by God's Spirit. I can see evidence of that Spirit-generated fruit all throughout the history of this Church!

Having just completed a successful capital campaign, some might think that we are all done; however, *The Next 70 Capital Campaign* is to provide the place where the mission can be carried out! While the Campaign is essential to ensure that the elevator and fire alarm work (among other projects), our regular giving to the annual budget provides curriculum for faith formation classes, food for our new Family Sunday Night programming, bulletins for our worship, support for our staff, tools for the Wood Shop, benevolent support for needs in our community, and much more! What you plan to give to this *Year 71 Annual Stewardship Campaign* is what makes the capital work on the facilities worthwhile!

On the following pages, the quotes and numbers (reflecting the last 12 months unless specified) remind us that FLPC is doing the work that Jesus commands us to do and that through us God is still changing our world for good. This congregation was rooted in God from the beginning, and so, this church has borne fruit in every season. Because we will continue to be rooted in God, I believe that the fruit of the Good News of the Gospel will continue to grow from this congregation. May God bless year 71 as richly as God has blessed every year before this one!

Ellen F. Skidmore



## SCHEDULE

- **October 18** - Officers, Officers-elect, & Staff pledge
- **October 18** - Stewardship Phone-a-thon
- **October 25** - Dedication Sunday
- **November 2** - Stewardship Follow-up

"FLPC's partnership reminds us that safer, stronger communities are not built by any one organization or system—they are built together."

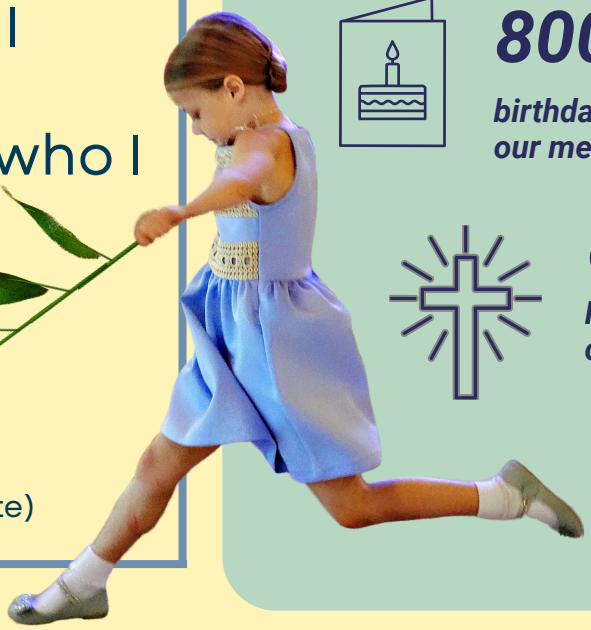
- Dr. Kassy Alia Ray
(Founder and CEO
of Serve and Connect)



# Building Church Community

"I didn't know anyone in the youth group here, but, as soon as I stepped on the bus, I began to feel like I belonged. These amazing people, who I was able to form a bond with, changed my perspective."

- Maddy White
(Forest Lake Youth graduate)



***21***
*new members joined our congregation*

***60***
*handmade gifts given by the FLPC Wood Shop to members, including Advent candle holders, newborn crosses, and comfort crosses*

***156***
*hymns sung by our congregation during worship this year*

***431***
*prayer cards mailed to those on our prayer list by staff*

***16***
*years of Stephen Ministry*

***7***
*Baptisms celebrated*

***800+***
*birthday cards and phone calls to our members*

***9***
*Reaffirmations of Faith celebrated*

***43***
*FLPCafé lunches*

Faithful stewardship at our church looks two directions at once: caring for one another within these walls and extending that same generosity into the community beyond them. Your gift makes both possible.

-Jamie George (Chair of FLPC Stewardship & Administration Ministry)



# Equipping Disciples

Through the weekend food bags, mentorship opportunities, prayer meetings, and the many ways the church has supported our students, families, and staff, FLPC has consistently demonstrated what it means to be a true community partner.

-Benjamin Jackson (Principal - Forest Lake Elementary School)



***558***
*members*

***1,795***
*pieces of communion bread served*

***66***
*people spent their summer with FLPC camps, retreats, and service projects*

***13***
*books approved by our Education Ministry to be used for Bible studies and to be added to our library*

***32***
*local students received weekly food through the Backpack Buddies program*

***4***
*Bibles gifted to our third grade students to encourage their study of the Word*

***107***
*people registered for our first Sunday Family Night this September*

***7***
*prayer stations around our local community during Holy Week*

> There is no greater example of how faith and education can work together to strengthen our students, families, and community. Richland Two is truly blessed to call FLPC our partner.
>
> -Abby Cobb
> (Coordinator of Social Work - Richland School District 2)



# Serving and Loving our Community

> FLPC has been a life line for The Rehoboth Community Food Pantry. When there is a need, we know there are always hands to help!! . . . We are eternally THANKFUL to the Congregation at Forest Lake!!
>
> - Christine Maston
> (Director of Rehoboth Community Food Pantry)



***$84,115***
*granted to local organizations & projects through our Endowment Fund*

***95***
*bags of food donated to local school districts*

***1,353***
*jars of peanut butter and jelly donated by our congregation to Rehoboth Food Pantry in April for our "Drive for 584"*

***253***
*gifts given to children & youth with our Elf Tree program*

***37***
*years participating in our local interfaith Thanksgiving Community Service; in 2025, FLPC hosted this rotating service for the 7th time*

***3***
*weeks of support for housing and living expenses of homeless families in partnership with Family Promise*

***9***
*special offering collections benefiting local organizations and ministry partners*

***1,098***
*hours local groups used our community room*

***318***
*first responders served lunch at our annual luncheon in their honor*

***8***
*days FLPC opened our doors as a polling location for local and state elections*

> There is no finer church around. You need to go to Forest Lake and feel the companionship that goes on and enjoy the leadership that takes place in this church.
>
> -Pat Thomas (Charter Member)



# Cultivating Leadership

> I can't express in words how thankful I am for the church shop . . . The fact that the tools/materials are provided; combined with the guidance you share to use the equipment properly along with maintaining everything is truly a blessing. I absolutely believe the shop is one of life's "living miracles!"
>
> - Dan Langston (member of the FLPC Wood Shop)



***24***
*church officers serving on our Session & Diaconate*

***37***
*youth led worship on our annual Youth Sunday*

***23***
*Session & Deacon meetings*

***44***
*faith formation leaders this fall*

***2***
*brand new displays created by our Arts in Worship team - one for Christmas Eve services and one for our upcoming 70th anniversary*

***29***
*ushers serving in our worship services*

***21***
*members of our Chancel Choir*

***92***
*members of FLPC's four Presbyterian Women's Circles*



> Over the past 15 years, the church's annual budget giving and special gifts have impacted more than 150 families through services that include rent and utility assistance, which often prevents homelessness, financial empowerment coaching, and financial gifts to help students work toward a GED, a license, or a certificate needed for a better job.
>
> - Beth H. Irick
> (CEO, The Cooperative Ministry)

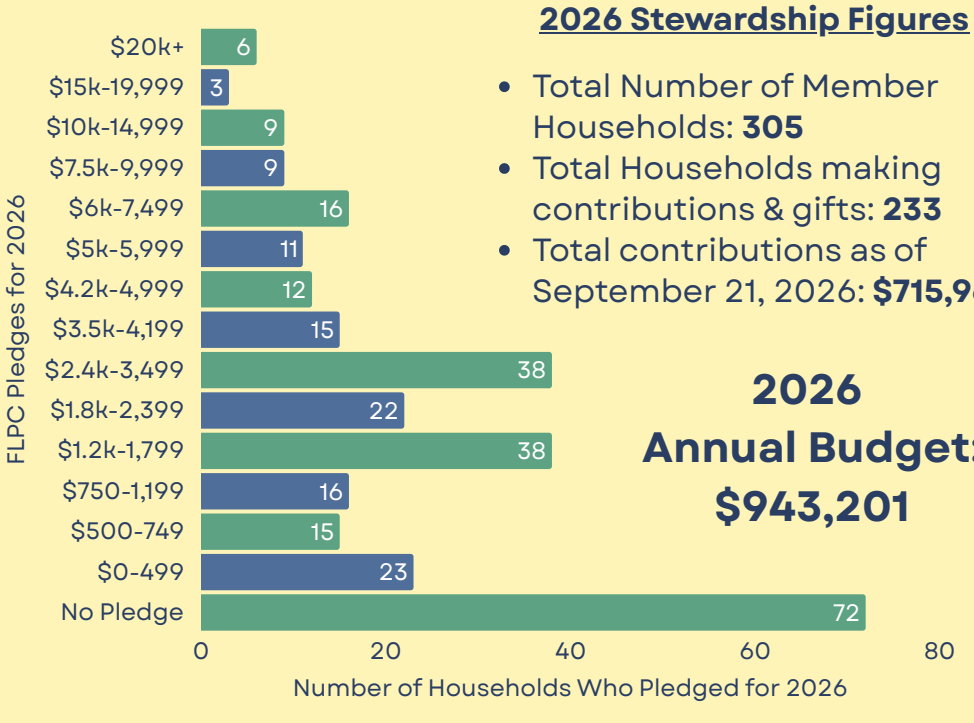
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## Annual Summary of Benevolent Giving 2011-2025

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| 2011 | • | $124,441 |
| 2012 | • | $119,743 |
| 2013 | • | $119,780 |
| 2014 | • | $134,830 |
| 2015 | • | $132,781 |
| 2016 | • | $116,268 |
| 2017 | • | $121,583 |
| 2018 | • | $108,827 |
| 2019 | • | $111,578 |
| 2020 | • | $106,137 |
| 2021 | • | $111,072 |
| 2022 | • | $179,569 |
| 2023 | • | $153,445 |
| 2024 | • | $158,923 |
| 2025 | • | $176,839 |

15 year Average Benevolent Giving Level for FLPC: $131,721

Annual Benevolent Giving Formula: Service & Benevolence Outreach Budget + Gifts to Presbytery, Synod, G.A. + Special Offerings + Special Campaigns




## 2026 Stewardship Figures

- Total Number of Member Households: **305**
- Total Households making contributions & gifts: **233**
- Total contributions as of September 21, 2026: **$715,961**

## 2026 Annual Budget: $943,201

## Pledge Electronically

Those who support FLPC through our automatic giving program do not need to turn in a new pledge card to continue giving at their current level.

Your pledge of financial support is needed and appreciated. If the work of Christian community is important to you, please invest an amount that is meaningful to you. If you cannot pledge money, please note this on your pledge card and plan to invest your time. Talk to Jodi Beckham about how to pledge your time and talents.