

First Congregational Church of Wilmot United Church of Christ

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To the Members and Friends of the First Congregational Church of Wilmot, UCC,

In many ways this has been a banner year for our church..

Several book studies led by members of the congregation, wonderful special holiday services, an in-depth study of our faith tradition, record results from the Yard Sale, return of participation in the Crop Walk.... but there has also been a dampening effect for all of us with wars breaking out in several parts of the world. Peace seems to be elusive. This is a time then to "Come to the Table" as we are being invited to do with this year's theme and banner. It is the time to reflect on how to support our church for the coming year so that we can continue to make a difference, to be a strong center in our community. Our pledges allow the Budget committee to construct the 2024 budget which will provide for maintenance of the church building, for support of our staff and to support our ministries of outreach which are now more important than ever.

Stewardship Sunday is November 19th. We ask that you give prayerful consideration to your personal stewardship of the gifts you have been given and join in supporting our church so that the Table is always ready. It is an amazing thing that we do together, and for this we are truly thankful.

With faith, hope and love, *The Stewardship Committee*