



## Building Momentum for the Future

Dear Friend in Christ,

October 24, 2017

Gandhi said – *The future depends on what we do today*

I am asking you to **ACT TODAY** and consider your pledge commitment to Church of Our Saviour.

We are turning an important corner this year and our future is only limited by our commitment to keep the momentum going:

- Over a half-dozen new families have joined the parish since January
- Most Sundays this Fall, over thirty percent of our worshipping congregation has been young children in our Godly Play classrooms!
- We just brought on staff a highly qualified Godly Play Coordinator to help us lead this program to the next step in its growth.
- In the last year we purchased a Rectory and this year we are starting to move forward on seismic work and plan renovations in the parish facilities.

**Your regular financial commitment to our annual fund -- your pledge -- now matters more than ever! To sustain our growth going forward, we are asking every member to make – or increase – their pledge.**

Over 75% of our operating budget is sustained with member pledges. Thankfully our members have allowed us to grow to where we are today, but now we need to increase our funding to keep the momentum going.

Our goal is to build a sustainable Godly Play and Youth program that does not rely exclusively on volunteer leadership. We took a big step in 2017 hiring Pastor Stephanie Green. To continue we need to increase our pledge base. We have made great progress attracting new families but we also need your help. Our financial goal is to increase **our average pledge from \$265/month to \$300/month in 2018, but most importantly, we ask everyone to be on board and contributing in this year's pledge campaign.** No pledge is too small or too big. **Everyone makes a difference.**

**Haven't pledged yet, but leaving money in the offering plate?** It's easy to convert your regular offering to a pledge. Just let us know how much you're planning to give by completing a pledge form online at [oursaviourmillvalley.org/donate](http://oursaviourmillvalley.org/donate), email the office with your commitment, or return your paper pledge card. Your commitment helps us in our planning, and you get the accountability of regular statements of your giving to the parish and the satisfaction of supporting our many vital ministries.

**We are also offering the opportunity this year to become a sustaining member.** Sustaining member pledges will continue beyond next year, build in some longer-term predictability in our budgeting, and help us focus on developing new members' pledges. (See more information about sustaining membership online or on the pledge card.)

**Help us build momentum for the future of Church of Our Saviour by pledging generously.**

**The best is yet to come.**



**Tom Brophy**  
**2018 COS pledge Chairman**  
**2018 Pledge Committee: Br. Richard Edward Helmer, Elizabeth Mooney, Patty Ginnebaugh, Tatem Reed, Michael Yelverton**