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Dear Members and Friends of FPCOJ,

As Christians, we give in gratitude of what God has done and in expectation of what God is yet to do. In practical terms this giving is accomplished through our yearly pledges which then fund the Church's Operating Budget. Unfortunately, it is difficult to plan a budget, if what the Congregation plans to give is unknown which brings us to this letter.

As announced at our January 21st Annual Meeting, our 2024 projected Congregational Giving will not cover Operating Expenses. To begin to remedy this, we need our entire Church Congregation—both In House and Internet Worshipers—to consider doing some little things. But first, we want to begin by thanking all of you that have already pledged for 2024 and to especially thank those of you who have already raised your pledge for the coming year. As for those of us who have not done these things, please remember:

Little steps CAN make a difference.

For example: Most of us eat out several times a week. Even a fast-food meal of a sandwich, drink, and side costs at least \$10.00 and more than likely the cost is higher. Now, consider what would happen if each of us made a personal commitment to give the cost of one such meal, per week, to the Church in ADDITION to what we are currently pledging?

This small amount multiplied by 52 weeks in a year, multiplied by our Congregational Giving Units (32 at present) adds up quickly. ($\$10.00 \times 52 = \$520.00 \times 32 = \$16,640.00$). In addition, some of us are in a position to make a new commitment for more than this weekly \$10.00, and if you can, we invite you to consider doing so. If most of us will make this commitment, we can significantly reduce the projected 2024 operating shortfall.

If you can make a new commitment, please let Melody Morgan, our Church Administrative Assistant, know of your plans by **February 16th**, so we can adjust our budget projections accordingly. We have made the method of giving, as easy as possible:

You can write a check (or provide cash) weekly, monthly, quarterly; and mail it to the Church at 225 Church Street, Jackson, OH 45640; or drop it by the Church office on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Or when you visit our Website <http://www.firstpresbyterianofjackson.org>, you can simply select the **Give Now** button, and make your donation using a Credit Card or a Debit to your Bank Account. If you need help in setting up a new Profile for this payment, please contact Melody Morgan for assistance. 740-286-1928.

It is our hope that more of you will join in these little steps.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration,

Pastor John & Curt Wiggins, Church Treasurer