



October 15, 2024

Dear Friend,

Faith Promise season here again, a time of year when we can envision our future, embrace that vision, and evolve into it. God is still speaking to us through Paul's letter to the Romans 12:6-8

"So, we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to seek God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have; if it is to serve, then we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach; if it is to encourage others we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully."

For the next four weeks in Sunday worship there will be presentations revolving around our theme, "Envisioning, Embracing, and Evolving. In addition, there will be brief articles in the Spirit. Please listen to our speakers and messages with an ear and mind that is open to generously offering your gifts.

Enclosed is your faith promise/pledge promise card that we ask be submitted to the office (use the white mailbox outside the office door) **no later than November 10th** . Anonymity is still very much honored if you prefer to fill out the "faith promise" portion of the card on the bottom (the lower portion of the card). A less anonymous "Pledge promise" can be filled out on the top (the top portion) to convey your pledge which **will also show on your quarterly giving statements** in 2025, serving as a reminder of your promise.

If you prefer to submit your pledge information online, you can do that by going to our website (www.uccnorthhampton.org) and click on "ways to give" and find the "faith promise" drop-down. (NOTE: *This is purely for informational purposes, and requires no payment information whatsoever.*) You do not need to complete a pledge card if you submit one online.

Being a faithful steward of the church is part of the "promise" in faith promise. The information you provide via the pledge card or online is used to create the operating budget for all the operations, missions, and maintenance of the church. I ask that you prayerfully consider how you wish to share your resources, and to do so generously!

Blessings,
Neil Hiltunen,
Church Council, Finance

P.S. A reminder that if you use Vanco to submit your donations and you change your pledge, you need to do so in 2025 in your personal Vanco account. It doesn't change unless YOU change it. Changing your personal Vanco account info does not get any information to us about your pledge/promise.