

A Note from the Pastor, September 4th, 2025

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Financial Ministry within the Church

Every local church depends on faithful stewardship to sustain its ministry. From paying the light bill to supporting mission work, financial resources make possible the work God calls us to do. At the center of this stewardship is the role of the church Treasurer. Susie O'Bryant has been diligently serving as our Treasurer for some time and has done a marvelous job getting much of our finances in order. Over time, it was clear that our church needed to discern how we could move forward while staying financially stable with the needs of managing our church's operations. This is why the SPRC, in partnership with the Finance Committee, Church Council, and Pastor Brandon, discerned the need for DUMC to hire a bookkeeper. As of last week, we have hired Pam Mainini as our Bookkeeper. Pam has been working with us for over ten years as our accountant. She is already familiar with our systems and cares about our church's work and mission. We are so grateful to have her gifts. Pam's contract position will cover several of the responsibilities for the Treasurer because it was recognized that it simply is too much for a volunteer position. However, the Treasurer is a position we are mandated to have filled by the Book of Discipline. We need a designated church member who oversees the finances of the church, who is not a staff member.

And so I am writing to you, dear church, to see if anyone is willing to serve in this capacity. The Treasurer is entrusted with caring for the church's finances in a way that is transparent, accountable, and aligned with our mission. This does not mean the treasurer makes decisions about how money is spent—that is the responsibility of the Finance Committee and the Church Council. Instead, the treasurer carries out the decisions of the church with accuracy and faithfulness. A treasurer:

- Oversees accurate record-keeping of all receipts and disbursements
- Works with our staff to issue checks as authorized by the Finance Committee or Church Council
- Works with the Finance Committee to provide regular financial reports
- Ensures that our giving and spending are handled with integrity
- Helps the church comply with best practices and denominational guidelines

The work of the treasurer is more than bookkeeping. It is an act of stewardship, ensuring that the gifts offered by the congregation are used faithfully. By serving in this role, a treasurer helps the church live out its mission with confidence, knowing that resources are cared for wisely. We are currently seeking someone to serve as treasurer. This is a ministry of trust, service, and faithfulness. If you have skills with numbers, an eye for detail, and a heart for the mission of the church, please prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to this important work. If you would like to learn more, or if you know someone in the congregation who would be well-suited for this role, please contact me so that we may work together to help our church thrive!