

AROUND THE TABLE

TUCKAHOE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 6, 2025

Dear Members and Friends,

Whether we are young or old, new or lifelong member, in-person worshipper or live-stream attendee, it takes every one of us to fulfill Tuckahoe's mission to be "the heart, voice, hands and feet of Christ." As we begin our program year centered around a theme of *Around the Table: Coming Together for Formation and Fellowship*, based on Acts 2:46-47a, each of us is asked to consider how we will live into this theme through worship, fellowship, study, participation in a specific ministry, and giving. In partnership with God, we can carry out the Tuckahoe mission, and it takes each of us to make it work.

This is not the Tuckahoe of even a few years ago! Changes brought about by a worldwide pandemic, increased demand for staffing to meet the ever-changing landscape of our mission at Tuckahoe, and inflation/increases in costs to all aspects of the church's operations—from utilities, to childcare, to curriculum materials, to food costs—affect the viability and availability of the many offerings of Tuckahoe. Worship, Christian education, youth activities, worldwide and local outreach, and fellowship opportunities cannot happen without funding. The leadership of Tuckahoe has submitted a proposed budget for 2026 of \$656,300. This is a budget increase over the 2025 budget of 3.4%. We are assuming "other income" sources will cover approximately \$52,000 of the budget, and so **our goal for this campaign is \$604,300--\$123,300 over the 2025 pledged amount of \$481,000.**

Through quarterly financial updates from the treasurer, you have learned of our deficit operating budget for 2025. Historically, many givers maintain a stagnant giving level over the years, and, as you can see from the figures itemized above, more is needed to fulfill our missions and expand to additional outreach and formational ministries in the future. We need Tuckahoe's faithful to reflect on their past giving and what might be possible for 2026.

Generosity is a spiritual gift and discipline by which we reflect God's care for us. Consider all the ways Tuckahoe provides community, meaning, depth, and care to you and to the community. Please prayerfully discern what generosity is for your life at Tuckahoe and how you can support the mission of Tuckahoe through your giving.

Our stewardship season begins Sunday, October 12th. Please plan to stay after church, during the fellowship time, to learn more about the 2026 budget. Treasurer Tim Beane, along with moderators from several committees, will offer insights into next year's planned spending and will take questions.

Please return your pledge card on or before October 30th. We will celebrate Dedication Sunday on November 2nd, when we will dedicate our pledges to God's glory.

Peace and grace,

Stewardship and Finance Committee

Matthew Mahoney (Moderator), Kerry Barksdale, Bill Carter, Tom Coleman, John Flournoy, Bob Lacy, Carol Martin, Chuck Shimer, and ex officio members: Rev. Keli Cooper, Tim Beane (Treasurer), and Mary McGee (Financial Administrator)

***Called by God to be the heart, voice, hands, and feet of
Christ, where the Spirit leads us.***

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