



## Special eNews Congregational Generosity Letter

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Below is a letter filled with thanks from Rev. Danielle. For a printable version of the letter, [click here](#).

November 22, 2012

As we approach the beginning of a new church year with Advent and the close of 2012, on behalf the Board, staff and all the leadership of First United Church, I want to say thank you for your generosity over this past year.

The dollars you have given have been used to disciple children, create inspiring worship in word and song, encourage students and nurture faith with our adults. Through the Mission and Service Fund you have provided support to overseas partners in Colombia, Peru and Israel/Palestine. You have engaged topics like the Gateway Pipeline effects on the environment and partnered with local agencies like the Boys and Girls Club. You have helped one another be lights of Christ in Fort Saskatchewan as you respond with creativity to God's message of hope. As First United continues to grow in spirit and expand our mission, we have worked to make sure we have excellent staff who can provide for the diverse and ever-growing shepherding needs of our congregation. Your generosity has made all this possible.

As our church shifts to better engage the people of Fort Saskatchewan, so have the opportunities for service and our financial obligations. When urgent needs arise, like repairs for our roof, you all rise to the challenge. Thank you. Alongside capital projects we have ongoing ministry opportunities for equipping lay leaders, developing resources for our families, children and youth and nurturing the spiritual formation of our hearts and minds. The sharing of your time and gifts, and your financial contributions enable us to live out God's mission of our congregation in this time and place.

Jesus talks about giving almost more than any other topic because he knows that money is close to our hearts. The grassroots evangel Paul, challenges the Corinthians to follow Jesus in their giving, highlighting it as a discipleship issue in which we need to "excel."

*"As you excel in everything-in faith, in speech, in knowledge, and in all eagerness and in the love from us that is in you-make sure that you excel in this act of kindness too."*

(2 Corinthians 8:7)

As Lloyd and I think about our giving, we feel privileged to be able to give to First United because we would not be able to be a part of so many different kinds of ministry on our own. This is the beauty of being even a small part of the body of Christ and having the gifts we bring be multiplied when we share together.

With only a few weeks left in 2012, and the beginning of a new Christian year I am asking that you pray about how God might be leading you to give financially to your church.

May your blessings in life overflow into blessings for others. Thank you for your generosity and confidence in the life-giving work of this community.

with abundant thanks,

Rev. Danielle

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#### PAR - PreAuthorized Giving:

This is a monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account. Request a form from the office.

#### Envelopes:

Contact the office if you do not have envelopes and wish to give weekly by this method. If you currently use weekly envelopes and do not want to use them in the new year, again, please contact the office to cancel your number.

#### Post Dated Cheques:

If you prefer to use this method please drop the cheques off in the office or the offering plate.

#### At the office:

You can drop your cheque by the church office: Monday - Thursday, 9am-3pm. Friday, 9am-12pm. 780.998.4060 or [fspc@shaw.ca](mailto:fspc@shaw.ca)

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