



# Payson Park Church Challenges You!

**GOAL** = Increase 50% of our pledges for 2023!

**Prize** = If we reach our GOAL, Stewardship Team & Finance Committee will support Pastor Eric in throwing a **Leise PARTY** for the whole congregation!

## *Some thoughts on why we support Payson Park Church:*

• We support Payson Park church because of the **strong sense of COMMUNITY**, the **MISSION and OUTREACH** conducted by church members, and overall that we want to help make the world a better place;

Being **MEMBERS of Payson Park Church** helps us to do that.

*🌀 Emily Dallman & Hank Thidemann*

• I support Payson Park Church for three reasons. A big part of it is to **honor my father, Mark F. Clark**, who was a great believer in and supporter of Payson Park Church for nearly 50 years. He so wanted Payson Park to **THRIVE into the future!** Another part is that I value the **work it does in the Community**, & the way that it provides opportunities for me to have an active role in shaping that work. Finally, it is a **spiritual 'HOME'** for me, and provides a safe place for me to think about all those really big questions that don't have easy answers. Thanks Payson Park!

*🌀 Kate Rodriguez-Clark*

• I support Payson Park Church because it's a way of **showing Gratitude and LOVE** for all the great things God does for me and my family (*Hosea 2:20*). Also when we give back to the **LORD**, he is **FAITHFUL to supply all our needs.** (*Philippians 4:19*).

*🌀 Ruth Nantaba*

• I support Payson Park Church because I **enjoy the company of the membership** and there is a volunteer group who are willing to devote their time to managing the various aspects of the church, which contributes to the **feeling of BELONGING**. Plus, for Kay and me, **The MUSIC 🎵 is UPLIFTING,**

*🌀 Bill Hudgins*

• We are glad to support our church, because our church acts in faith to do many **Good Deeds** in our community, especially through **BRISTOL LODGE** Food Kitchen, **Chaplains On the Way, Cradles to Crayons,** and more.

*🌀 John & Cynthia Lasker*

• March 6, 2022, was a great day in my life: the day our members voted overwhelmingly to become an **OPEN and AFFIRMING** (ONA) church. I am so proud of the hard work our ONA team did leading up to the vote, and the way our congregation engaged in the process in the midst of a pandemic. I'm so glad to be part of a church whose leaders (Eric, Bill, Josh, and Jeff) **care so deeply about HELPING others** and **working for God's JUSTICE on this earth**. I support Payson Park Church because it inspires me to be a better Christian and **gives my life MEANING**. And it's a nice bonus that the people in our congregation are fun to talk to!

 *Wendy Gulley*

• **Faith, Hope and Love**; These are Payson Park Church's **Cornerstone Beliefs** and you will find all three here. I'm a lifelong member because I really enjoy Pastor Eric's sermons, which are light hearted with a **POWERFUL message**. The congregation has some of the nicest people I have met.

 *Kathy Johansen*

• I support Payson Park Church because it's a **WELCOMING faith community**, in ONA and all ways. It offers me ways to put my **FAITH into practical action**. And in difficult times, it's on a **pathway to GROWTH!**

 *Tom Best*

**Our Finance Committee** is pleased to report that DUE TO -

- a) the last two years of increased budget oversight,
- b) changes in employee housing compensation & new rental incomes,
- c) Mission & Outreach reducing their distributions,
- d) and increased building usage payments from outside groups,

... we are today witnessing HEALTH in our financial picture in 2022!

We are well on our way to a BALANCED BUDGET.

However, our Finance Committee reminds us that we need to keep up with inflation.

Therefore our **GOAL = 1/2 of all 2023 pledges go up!**

**Yes, I want to help! What do I do now?**

Return your enclosed 2023 Giving Card now!

- a) Drop it in the offering plate,
- b) or mail it in.
- c) or fill it in online, at [www.PaysonPark.org](http://www.PaysonPark.org), click the Give tab, then the Pledge button.

**Deadline → Dec 4th**

Sincerely, *Your Stewardship Team*

*We are Growing with God, for the Good of the World!*