



The Weathervane

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Pat's Corner

Dear Friends,

In these difficult days of change and uncertainty at KCC, I bid you grace and peace. We are not alone in our struggle. God is in our midst and I urge you all to be in daily prayer for the church, for our leaders and for the staff.

KCC has stood since 1695, a community of faith that has weathered social, political, technological, theological and relational changes...and we are still here. Those of you who have been at KCC for decades know this community's capacity to weather change.

What is needed, in addition to our ground in prayer, is our coming together. We need to listen to each other, take in the information given by our leaders and let it quell any misinformation that is out there. We need to stop blaming and second guessing each other and start working together to figure out where we go from here.

A church budget is the single most important ministry tool we have. In a covenant community of faith our giving is rooted in our response to God's abundance. From our gratitude we give to support a ministry that offers to others what we have found in the body of Christ.

This ministry tool is a partnership shared between members and leaders and steeped in prayer. Your leaders have labored and prayed long and

and hard about a course of action. Our decisions were made with sadness and heaviness of heart.

KCC can only spend the money the body gives us. It saddens me to see some members withhold participation and pledges because of dissatisfaction with an area of KCC life and ministry. Far from helping the church to reach toward the future, such actions hobble the present and are a direct cause of the difficult decisions we have made.

As members we covenant together to support the work and ministry of the church in the name of and for the sake of the Kin-dom of God in Christ. There are times we will agree with decisions and times we will not. Either way we are bound in covenant to work together, pray together and seek God's guidance together.

I believe that KCC has the capacity to support a vital and growing ministry. I also believe that there is much room for us to grow in the grace of giving. The answer to the pledging question depends on our answer to this question: Does our giving reflect our gratitude to God?

I urge you to worship with us on Sunday and stay for the informational meeting following. I have every confidence that the God who has blessed this place and this ministry since 1695 is still in our midst and will guide us through these days.

Prayerfully, Pastor Pat