

Dear Roswell UMC fellow members,

Many of you know me from ushering at the 11:15 traditional worship service, from the Board of Trustees, Board of Stewards, Men's Breakfast, or The Commons Project. Our family joined RUMC in 1976 and this church has meant much to our family. Our daughter was active in the youth program and enjoyed Camp Glisson; later she was married in the Chapel. Our son was presented his Eagle Scout award here at RUMC. My wife, Bev, sang in the RUMC choir for many years and made lifelong friends.

Our church offers something for everyone. Every Sunday, there is Sunday School for all ages and stages; traditional, contemporary, and modern worship services; and a Hispanic church service. RUMC has been a leader in recognizing changing societal needs and developed a very successful Singles Ministry for men and women adjusting to a divorce or loss of a spouse. We gained national recognition from our Job Networking program which has helped many acquire jobs during recessionary times. Family Promise helps families who are experiencing homelessness to get back on their feet. We have provided fresh, healthy food to children and families in Roswell and the surrounding areas who find themselves facing food insecurities, and our Giving Garden provides fresh vegetables during the spring and summer. Our mission outreach includes local hurricane and tornado relief and mission trips to Africa, South America, Mexico, and the Middle East.

As you can see, RUMC's staff and its members work very hard to meet the needs of those in our community and around the world. We are able to do all this by giving of our time, presence, talents, and gifts. Once a year we ask you to support your church with a generous gift or pledge to RUMC. Soon you will receive a brochure with more information, but please remember to be in worship on Sunday, November 13--the day we will all bring our pledges or gifts to the altar in order to create our 2023 budget.

As you pray about your 2023 financial promise to RUMC, please know your faithful support is appreciated. You and your family are a blessing to God and to RUMC. Thank you for joining us as we continue to serve others as a place of worship, community, and outreach.

Jim Gebhardt Chair, Stewardship Committee