



Growing Love at Indian Run

2023 INDIAN RUN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN

Dear friends,

What a gift it is to be part of a group of people who work together to increase the amount of love in the world! Our church remains fully committed to our mission to *"grow love in ourselves, our families, our community, and the world so that more people will come to know and follow the way of Jesus."*

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

For several years now, we have structured our life together at Indian Run around the promise made in the baptism, confirmation, and membership liturgy of our church to "faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness." These are the primary ways we respond as a community of faith to Jesus' command to "love one another." Just imagine the difference we can make in our church, our community, our families, and our world when each of us puts our love into action through our unique mix of gifts, talents, and abilities!

In our worship services over the next several weeks, we'll look in more detail at how we can live into some of the "one anothers" we find in scripture. We'll see how we can say:

- **"I'm INTentional"** in praying for one another.
- **"I'm INcluded"** by being present for one another and encouraging one another.
- **"I'm INvested"** by offering my gifts and living into God's call to be members of one another.
- **"I'm INVolved"** as I offer my service and respond to the call to greet, welcome, and show hospitality to one another.
- **"I'm INfluential"** through the witness I demonstrate when I answer the call to honor one another.

These are all ways we can respond to Jesus' command to love one another by saying, **"I'm IN!"** and making a commitment to the church.

You will find this year's Annual Commitment Form enclosed. As always, there are places on the form where you can make specific commitments in each of the five areas of prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Please be sure to review the additional instructions on the back of this letter to help you better understand how to complete the form. The enclosed information guide will provide additional information on each of the options listed on the form.

Please plan to bring your completed Annual Commitment Form with you on Sunday, November 20. We will celebrate and consecrate our commitments during worship that day. If you cannot be present that day, simply return your completed form using the enclosed envelope or drop it by the church office anytime before November 21. Additional copies of the form are available at the welcome center or on our website.

I am grateful to be able to join together with you in committing to Grow Love through the ministries of Indian Run. I hope you'll join me in proclaiming "I'm IN!"

Following the way of Jesus alongside you,

Rev. Jeff Allen
Lead Pastor



Understanding the Annual Commitment Form

Each individual will complete their own form. In order to ensure our database records are correct, we have filled in the contact information we have for each individual on their form. Please note any changes that are necessary and please fill in any blanks that you find on your form.

To ensure your privacy, the "Gifts" section of the commitment form will be removed by our Finance Manager before the rest of the form is given to those who will enter your commitment information into the church database. If your financial gifts are offered as a household, please include your commitment on only one spouse's form and have the other spouse check the option in this section to indicate their commitment is included as a household.

Remember that commitments made on this form are for the 2023 year only. It's a great way to try something new without feeling like you're signing up for life! Selecting an option in this section indicates to the ministry team leader that you would be willing to help in that area of ministry. The ministry team leaders will contact you no later than January to connect you to the needs of the ministries you have selected and to further discuss the level of commitment you're able to provide. If you have specific questions about any of the service options, please contact the following people:

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