



# The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

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Dear Member/Friend of Llanerch Presbyterian:

We're excited to be sending you this package of material for the 2018 Stewardship pledge drive. The theme of the campaign has been "Extra Yarn". We read this book in worship, and saw how author Mac Bennett shows the relationship between generosity and abundance. The story's hero Annabelle has unstoppable capacity to do good with her knitted gifts. She always finds enough extra yarn in the bottom of her special box to make another sweater. We've decorated the sanctuary with yarn as a reminder of the inexhaustible goodness of God, and, in fact, yarn keeps appearing as more church members unearth their own supply of extra yarn from drawers and knitting bags. We ponder this to recall our financial support of the church. Supporting our future as a congregation is an essential aspect of our faith. We are now pulling out the "extra yarn" to plan the project of a year of ministry. We hope you recognize that you, too, will be able to find enough materials and know-how to help us show Christ's mark on our lives. Our history as a congregation shows that when we look within ourselves with prayer, we find that extra yarn.

We're including a picture narrative of our church and its current annual budget so you can see how your financial support was translated into worship, action, and service. We hope you'll see your own faith written into our church's life together. In partnership with Pastor Bill Searight, we've shown the world who we are as a faith community, in a word, we have **been** the church. Your gifts have brought hundreds of children into the church building to experience the joy of fellowship, service, and learning. Hundreds of adults have been nurtured, fed, and shown loving respect in our community mission projects. Emily Rose McGuigan was welcomed into the church with the sacrament of baptism. Music has rung out from the church from the organ, flutes, trumpets, guitars, and violins. The manse gleams after extensive renovations.

The session of the church has been reconstituted with Bill Searight as moderator and we look forward to the year to come. We are alive with new possibilities to make a difference in the community. We are planning a series of adult fellowship and study opportunities through Lent and you will be welcomed into broader participation in worship. To make this happen, we need your voices, your prayers, your faith, and your financial support. As the Narrative Budget shows, everything we do rests on faith *and* has a monetary cost. We hope that members will try to match or increase their pledge of last year. If you have never made a pledge, we hope you will consider it now, either a traditional weekly pledge or a schedule you prefer using our online donation system. If you have questions about the stewardship campaign, pledging, or giving, we are ready to help. Please let us know if you are interested in online giving, as well. We will be dedicating pledges on Sunday January 28, in worship. You may also put your card in the offering plate any Sunday, or mail it to the church office. Thank you for your faithful service, and for your support.

Yours in Christ,

The Generosity and Stewardship Team

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