

First Parish in Lexington

Annual Pledge Drive

2020

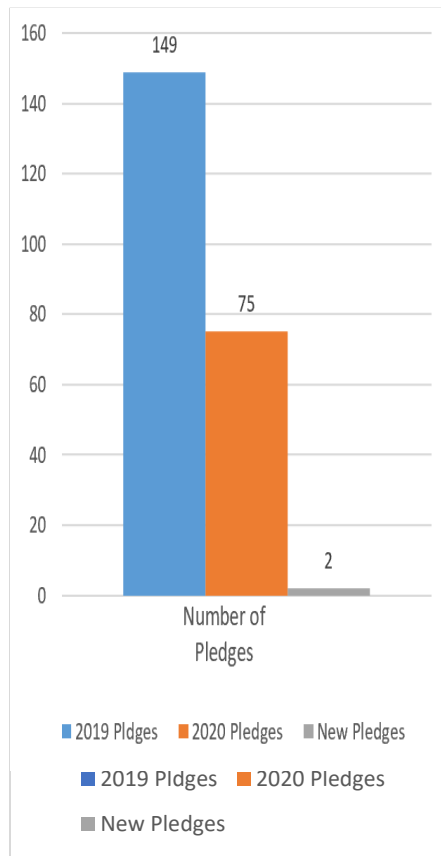


Our Pledge drive is ongoing and the response has been wonderful. So many of you have returned your pledge cards or have pledge online and on behalf of the Stewardship team, THANK YOU. We are happy to report that **forty five** families have increased their pledge including **six** families that are now pledging over \$3K! Together we are meeting our challenge: in every pledge range, the average pledge has **gone up** <see below>.

Let us all celebrate the depth of our communal generosity in these difficult times.

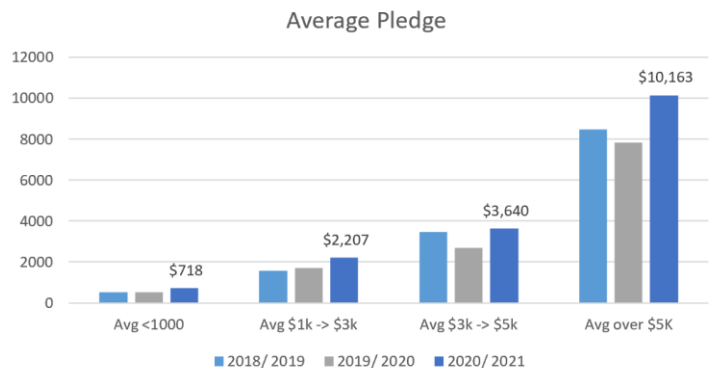
We will be sending out communications via email to everyone who has pledged this week. If you have not yet sent in your pledge, I encourage you to [pledge online](#) this week or send in your card TODAY so that we can reflect your commitment in our new online [Progress Chart <click here>](#). If you are new to pledging please visit the website to view more information about the campaign.

In response to the rapidly changing day to day challenges, we are all adapting. At First Parish, the staff is continuing to adapt and respond to the needs of our church community and ensure that our services and programs continue to be available. Various lay led groups and teams are meeting online. The Board and the Finance committee will also be meeting this month and they will be making plans for the next church year. As we begin to see the beginnings of spring and encounter the theme of “resurrection” due to the Easter season, we ask you to have faith in our congregation and help us remain strong so that our congregation can continue to be part of the foundation that supports our members and the partnerships we have fostered and continue to make an impact in Lexington and far beyond. It is up to all of us “rise up” and invest our financial resources to keep our momentum going.



RISE UP Challenge

We’d still love to hear from you all about how you are “rising up” given the current circumstances. Are there things in your life that you hold above others that help you move forward and maintain a sense of purpose, calm, devotion, connection? Here’s what we’d like to do:



1. Using your computer, tablet, or smartphone, create a video of you and/or your family, about a minute in length

2. State your name in the video

3. Tell (and show if you want) what you're doing to rise up above our unprecedented circumstance

4. When you're done with your video, upload the file to this location:

https://1drv.ms/u/s!Ai_VmdbITNpjp6ktEjjoH3V142PCRg

Here's a link to the [Svenson/Jas](#) story as an example.

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