

## Word from Pastor Justin

The recovery from the Covid pandemic has spun itself in several different directions. Culture shifted in ways we could have never imagined in March of 2020. As we learn to deal with the ever-changing effects of Covid, this Fall will mark a new season for our church as we prepare for, and enter into, 2022. The pandemic has been challenging for everyone. I'm so proud of the way our church family has adapted, adjusted, and pivoted to continue to be a missionally relevant voice in our community as we have shared the love of Jesus with one another and our neighbors.

As we now begin to focus on our ministry plan for 2022 and how we will resource that plan, I want to introduce you to a new generosity initiative entitled "Enter In." Our desire is that 100% of the people who call University United Methodist Church home would Enter In to a season of prayer and financial commitment to the mission and ministry of University UMC.

Enter In will focus on the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25:14-30. In this parable, Jesus is the landowner and we are the servants with resources that he has put in our hands. We have the opportunity to be faithful with these resources, and if we choose to do so, our reward will be to enter into the joy of our God.

Over the next 4 weeks you are invited to Enter In...

- to the opportunity of being a faithful servant.
- · to be a faithful servant right now.
- · to the courage it takes to be a faithful servant.
- to the joy of our God.

Will you join me as we explore what God has in store for University UMC in this next season of our ministry? Will you Enter In to an intentional season of prayer as we discern what vision God is calling our church to in 2022? Will you join our family as we Enter In to a discussion of what our financial commitment will be for 2022 to help fully fund the mission and ministry of University United Methodist Church?

Yours in Christ, Pastor Justin



