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DEDICATIONS

People used to call their local radio station to request a song as a dedication to a special person. I don't know if this still happens in a time of music streaming. Maybe people dedicate playlists on Spotify?

I am always moved when I see runners in the Boston Marathon who have taped a name on their shirt as a dedication of their run. I have done this myself in more manageable 5k runs, and I always found that the dedication made my running more meaningful.

There are many opportunities to give money as a dedication, and these gifts are heartfelt expressions of support. I got to thinking, why not dedicate our pledges to the church? This Sunday, October 27, we will celebrate the dedication of pledges in worship. These pledges are commitments of our financial gifts to the church in 2020 to support all of the ministries the church offers throughout the year.

To whom might you dedicate your pledge? Maybe ...

- to the young children who were baptized this year;
- to the person you always remember when we sing a favorite hymn;
- to the people who prayed for you in cards and visits during a difficult time;
- to the teenagers who decided the most important youth ministry program is to serve others;
- to the brave parents who care for children in difficult times and seek strength and support in the church community.

Maybe your dedication is to the people whose great faith has been a gift in your life, or maybe it is to the people who aren't sure about God but need a community of God to meet them where they are.

I bet God has given each one of us a whole list of dedications.

This one's for all of them – and for each of us.

I'll see you in church.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster
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