



***These things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—
and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 (New Living Translation)***

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Greetings, grace and peace from Pastor Rachel Srubas. I write to you, the faithful people of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, at the end of a year unlike any other in our lifetimes.

While the pandemic has kept us physically separate and caused immense changes in our daily lives, I've somewhat wondered: ***What on earth will last? By the time it's all over, what will we have lost?*** *Maybe you, too, have asked these questions. If so, I invite you to take a good look with me at the scripture verse near the top of this page.*

The lasting things in life are not things at all. Faith, hope, and love endure. They abide. They come from God. Faith, hope, and love remain with us and within us even when we experience closures, curtailments, diseases, downturns, and losses. Faith, hope, and love are names for the fidelity, future, and compassion of God that Jesus Christ makes known to us and to all the world. Nothing can take away God's faithful, hopeful, love.

Because these things are true, the Stewardship leaders of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church have chosen to base our congregation's grateful giving program for 2021 on the **Faithful, Hopeful, Loving** theme that comes from 1 Corinthians 13.

Over the next several days you will receive E-mail messages from Mountain Shadows, inviting you to commit yourself, your household, and a portion of your personal resources (time, talent, and treasure) to sustain the **faithful, hopeful, loving ministries of our congregation throughout 2021**. Please watch for the faithful, hopeful, loving logo that you see below and reflect on the gifts that God may be calling you to give that will help our congregation's Christ-centered, caring ministries thrive no matter what.



Gratefully your Pastor

Rev. Rachel Srubas