



November 17, 2023

Dear members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City,

Happy Holidays! Our annual **Christmas Joy Offering** continues to support two important programs within the Presbyterian Church USA since the 1930's.

1. Half of the offering supports the **Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions**. This program is used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian Church workers in their times of need.
2. The other half is used to provide **education and leadership development skills** at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges and equipping communities of color. The students supported through this offering come from disadvantaged backgrounds and likely would not be able to attend school without our assistance. It helps these young adults advance their education, with the opportunity to escape the cycle of poverty and prejudice.

God gave us Jesus Christ as the perfect gift. We can respond to that gift and share with others in need. Your gift to the **Joy Offering** will change people's lives in ways you will never know.

Offering envelopes will be available in the pews or the narthex and from the church office during the month of December. We will receive the **Christmas Joy Offering** during the worship service on December 17, 2023.

Thank you for sharing your own blessings through this **Christmas Joy Offering**.

In Christ's service,

Your Finance & Generosity Committee:

Mark Ferris, Cindy Glines, Karen Luther, George Wertman, & Jerry Lee