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Transitional Minister

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Dear Friends:

I hope you were at Erin on Easter, when the stalwart few gathered for a beautiful sunrise, the hungry feasted at the Brandon Breakfast, the children hunted for treasure, and we all sang Alleluia to the risen Christ. I can testify that Erin is not losing energy in this transitional period. Indeed, there are signs of abundance everywhere:

- the joy that spilled over on Wednesday nights during Lent,
- the upcoming Creative Expressions production, and weekly children and youth programs,
- the Session's hard work planning for our future,
- the lively fellowship at the Men's Breakfasts and the Women's Book Group,
- the energetic participation in Justice Knox and the FISH Food Pantry,
- the stunning music each Sunday,
- the many names submitted to the Nominating Committee.

I feel the Spirit at work each time I walk through the doors.

Through the month of April, we will be reading the Epistle of 1 John, a sermon challenging Christians to stay strong in faith amid a world of change. The writer stresses that those who have known Christ's love will follow his example in loving one another. This circle of love, from God, through Jesus, sustained by the Spirit, and circulated through each beating heart, keeps us alive. I can feel that heart beating at Erin.

I once worked at a church where they always apologized for "bringing up that dirty word, money." In contrast, I have always loved Stewardship Season! These weeks give us a chance to focus on what we value and what God is calling us toward. Like training for a marathon, when you discover you can do far more than you imagined, Stewardship Season helps us get farther in our race of faith.

With this letter, you'll find a card on which to make a financial commitment to the life of Erin in the coming year. I hope you will offer all you can to be part of this important work. Especially in this time of transition, it's important to bring a strong budget to our future vision. You can complete your pledge at our website ([erinpres.org](http://erinpres.org)), mail your card to the church, or bring it to worship. We hope to receive most commitments by April 21, but we'll do the final count and celebrate together on April 28, at our annual celebration luncheon.

It is a joy to see Christ working among you. I look forward to discovering what more God has in store for Erin, and watching you respond in faith and joy.

Blessings,

Anne McKee