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A NOTE FROM PASTOR SCOTT - PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION WITH OUR 2022 MINISTRY OPTIONS SURVEY

Last month I introduced the 2022 Ministry Options Survey in order to help make sure we are matching the 2022 interests and gifts of our members with the 2022 ministries and activities of our church. So far, the response has been less than spectacular. I sincerely want to thank the 30 people who did respond and filled out either the online version or took home a paper copy and sent it back into the office. Knowing that these folks are interested in particular ministries in the church and community will be extremely helpful as we get moving through the year.

But there is still time for everyone else! A few weeks ago, I preached a sermon about Jesus' parable of the fig tree and revealed that I can be something of a procrastinator and often need deadlines in order to make sure I get things done. So maybe many of you are a little like me, and you were planning on filling out a survey, but didn't since I hadn't put a hard and fast deadline on completing it or sending it in. I know your pain! And I can offer a solution! **The deadline is midnight on Easter Sunday!**

All joking aside, I really would like every person in the church to complete the survey by Easter Sunday. There are paper copies available at church as well. The survey has over 65 different ministry options listed, with brief descriptions, in hope that we can match the gifts, talents, abilities and interests of each person with the wide assortment of ministry opportunities we offer. One of the worst jobs in any volunteer organization is the thankless job of countless phone calls trying to find even one person that will say "yes" to a new team, activity, or time slot, on something like a fundraiser. Everybody knows the work has to get done, and everyone thinks it will get done by someone else. Nope! I am hoping that a more complete list of people who actually are interested in doing particular service will help to streamline the process and make everyone's life more pleasant!

Consider helping out in a new way, whether it is within the walls of the church or in the wider community. Take pride in marking the areas of ministry in which you already participate and would like to continue; marvel at the variety of opportunities our church provides. Creatively ponder if there are still more ways that you would like to put your faith into action and let us know you'd like to be involved. I hope it is clear to everyone that in 2022 we are going to need "all-hands-on-deck". We carry out an incredible variety of ministry and mission over the course of a year. All these activities are only possible because of the passions and interests of our members and friends. Thank you for the work you already do on behalf of the church and the ways you can continue to put your faith into action.