

October 12, 2021

Scripture: Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband-how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." Ruth 2:11-12

Dear Ashland,

Throughout the book of Ruth, Ruth's actions are loyal and selfless. Ruth demonstrates these qualities in the way she followed Naomi to a foreign land, she labored in the fields, and shared food with Naomi. Because of this Ruth has a reputation for being good to her mother-in-law.

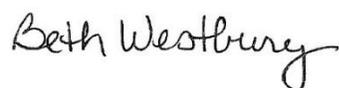
Ashland has a reputation for goodness as well. Pastor Scott has done an outstanding job in recent weeks and months to point out the various missions and ministries in which we participate. He has reminded us that following Jesus Christ requires us to be "all in".

Ashland is in the midst of planning ministry for 2022 and we invite you to make a pledge of financial resources to help us carryout the plans for next year. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you will participate in the missions and ministries of our church in 2022, including your financial assistance. If you have the ability to increase your giving, please consider doing so.

No matter what amount you pledge, we ask you to return the pledge cards by October 24<sup>th</sup>. A pledge card is included for your convenience, but you can also complete a pledge card on the church website at [www.ashlandumc.org/stewardship/form18194.htm](http://www.ashlandumc.org/stewardship/form18194.htm).

You are critical to the success of our church in spreading Christian love in our community and beyond. Our reputation depends on you.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Westbury".

Beth Westbury  
Finance Chair