



*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6*



Dear People of God,

This year's stewardship theme, "**Together**," invites us to reflect on our connection with one another as the Body of Christ, a movement of people following Jesus. Faith is not a solitary endeavor, but a way of life that brings our hearts close to others. St. Andrew's has a long history of coming together in times of difficulty and hardship and times of joy and celebration. For over 130 years, the Holy Spirit has woven thousands of lives together in this faith community as we have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and been transformed by God.

Today, it is clear that the Spirit continues to be alive and active in our church. Each week, we are welcoming both new and familiar faces to participate in beautiful worship, timely and thoughtful formation, life-giving service, and meaningful small groups. St. Andrew's is a church that is committed to growing in Christ's love and sharing that love with others.

Our life together thrives because of the many ways you support St. Andrew's. Stewardship is a way of life here. We share our time, talent, and treasure in thanksgiving for our generous and steadfast God. The annual giving campaign, that runs from **October 13 to October 27**, focuses on the financial support needed to sustain and grow the church. Your pledge helps fund everything from church cleanings and coffee to Books of Common Prayer for confirmands.

This is an exciting time in the life of St. Andrew's. Our youth group is now meeting weekly and planning our first ever mission trip to Costa Rica to visit our companion diocese. Newer offerings, such as Daughters of the King and book club, are thriving, while established ministries like Deck the Halls, Abundant Life, and Hearing the Gospel continue to be ways we witness to the Good News we know in Christ. One important goal of our giving campaign is to fully fund our wonderful and hardworking staff. The substantial gift that paid for the salary of Martha Chaires, our amazing part-time Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, has come to an end and will now be part of our annual budget. Last year, we added a part-time Assistant Choir Director in Sean Toso, who has blessed us with his spirit, musical expertise, and leadership. We are in the process of hiring a part-time Facilities Manager to help oversee the care needed for our aging facilities. The new roof is finally on and we can now turn to other areas of our physical campus that need our attention.

As you prayerfully consider your pledge, know that that every gift is appreciated. Each gift matters. May we give generously and joyfully **together** so that St. Andrew's can continue to grow in Christ's love and make that love visible in this church, this community, and this world.

Faithfully in Christ,

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