

And Marysaid,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."
Luke 1:46-47, NR

Dear Friends,

Our annual Stewardship Campaign invites us to reflect on the many ways we are connected—to God, to one another, and to our wider community. This year's theme centers on the stories we tell: how we share our words, our actions, our love, and our joy with the world. Amid the challenges of daily life—uncertain news cycles, shifting economies, and personal trials—the one constant has been the strength of our connections here at St. Paul's.

Each of us has a story to tell—a reason we found this congregation and continue to call it home. We bring our dreams, ideas, and gifts, along with our struggles and moments of doubt. The Good News reminds us that all of it belongs here. Together, we find support, encouragement, and a community that celebrates us in both our triumphs and our trials.

St. Paul's has long been a resource for our entire community: for the Latino families who attend our weekly San Pablo services, for the seniors who find safety and belonging in St. Paul Apartments, and for those who come through our doors for programs such as Free to Read and Al-Anon. In a time marked by division and isolation, our church continues to offer light, hospitality, and hope to people from all walks of life.

Right now, St. Paul's is faithfully keeping the lights on, the water flowing, and the pantry stocked—maintaining a home for these ministries and for our congregation. But imagine what more we could do. What if we improved our facilities, expanded our outreach, or shared our blessings with even more people across Middle Georgia?

For St. Paul's to step forward, we must all step up together. As our 2025–26 Stewardship Campaign begins, we invite members who have given in the past to consider increasing their pledges by 10%, and we encourage those who have not yet pledged to make this the year they do. Every contribution—large or small—strengthens our shared mission and widens our reach.

Enclosed, you'll find campaign materials to help guide your discernment as you prayerfully consider how to share your gifts. Each hour volunteered, each idea shared, and each dollar donated is transformed through prayer and grace into ministry and mission. We could not be a beacon of love and compassion without your generosity and faith.

Please return your pledge cards by **November 16** so that we may include them in our ingathering and offer a blessing over them.

Tell Out My Soul—the Greatness of the Lord!

With gratitude and faith,

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