



*And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV*

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to share with you that we have been given the honor of serving as Stewardship Campaign Committee co-chairs this year at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Our theme this year is **Tell Out My Soul** and focuses on the stories we tell and the ways we are called to share our love and our joy with the world. Our stories bring us together. Each of us has a story to tell about finding this congregation and creating a closer relationship with God by supporting the ministry of our beloved church.

We are excited to share that in the next couple of weeks, you will hear stories from some of our parishioners about what it means to pledge to St. Stephen's and the tremendous gratitude they have for the many blessings they have received from God. When we seek ways to share our gifts from the inspiration and the blessings we have been given to our church and with our community, our hearts are filled with an abundance of gratitude. The Bible tells us we should use the gifts we have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace.

We are sending stewardship campaign materials with this letter for you to see the impact of stewardship on our community and how giving back can be a real source of joy. There are many ways beyond tithing to pledge stewardship and provide grace, peace, and compassion to our church and community. Each hour spent volunteering, each service that you provide, and each dollar that you donate provides ministry to those who need it most. We could not be an example of love and compassion in our community without your many and various gifts.

Please review the campaign materials, listen to the witness statements of our parishioners and look inside your hearts to determine how you can commit to supporting God's work. Be sure to return your pledge cards by **November 2nd, 2025**, on **Gratitude Sunday**, so that we may include them in our ingathering and place them on the altar during the service. We also hope you will join us that day at McArthur Hall for a meal together and to tell wonderful stories.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

Sincerely,
Jack and Catherine Coffey

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church members and Stewardship Co-Chairs