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Stewardship Theme 2023: ***Living in Gratitude***

*“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion,
and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”
2 Corinthians 9:11*

Dear St. Giles Members and Friends,

These are exciting times at St. Giles Presbyterian Church! God continues to bless us in so many ways. It is truly a privilege and blessing to serve as your Pastor and grow with you during these times of ongoing change!

I am writing on behalf of your Stewardship Committee to thank you for your remarkable generosity this year. I chose the scripture above because the members of St. Giles respond to challenges with faith and great generosity. During a time of uncertainty, you have remained steadfast in your faith and commitment. While other churches and non-profits have struggled, St. Giles' giving has continued to exceed our spending in 2022. Thank you!

Our Stewardship theme for 2023 is **“Living in Gratitude.”** Gratitude is the direct result of recognizing God's blessings all around us. It is an attitude that fuels an abundant life, a perspective which is always oriented to the great things God is doing in our lives and in the world rather than focusing on concerns which, without gratitude, rapidly become “overwhelming” concerns.

Generosity leads to gratitude. That's why I am so grateful for St. Giles and our presence in the community. And that very gratitude, in turn, draws us to continued and even greater generosity! This is the point of the Apostle Paul's words to the church in 2 Corinthians 9:11. Paul explains that God will provide generously for us in all times. God always makes sure we have what we need in order to embrace our Calling from Him. One tangible way we can do this is by making a commitment of our time, talents, and finances for 2023. Your generosity is not limited to financial giving, but also includes the sharing of your time and talents. So please consider sharing your gifts of time and presence in new ways this year. Perhaps you will join one of our Committee's or attend Wednesday evening activities or come to one of the many outstanding Fellowship opportunities St. Giles is now offering!

I am requesting that you prayerfully consider how God is leading you, and complete a 2023 pledge form and Time and Talents survey. These items are included in this mailing. It is my experience that I have always received abundantly more than I could have imagined when I have increased my participation in the Church.

You may bring your pledge form and survey with you on any upcoming Sunday (collection plate), or complete via Church website or mail it to Dee Dumas' Office at the Church. This is, indeed, an exciting time at St. Giles! Your Pledge will help us plan how we will faithfully embrace God's call on our life as a community of faith and continue **“Living in Generous Gratitude in 2023”**.

With most sincere gratitude,

Pastor Jake
On behalf of the Stewardship Committee