Share the Love

We've all heard that love shared is multiplied and grief shared is divided. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to "share the love". John 15:12 *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."*

Christ Church loves better than any community I've ever been a part of. That is what draws people to serve alongside us. We are actively the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

The theme for this year's Stewardship campaign is ***Share the Love***. During the "campaign", we will hear from several of our brothers and sisters about the ways they *Share the Love* and the importance of sharing their resources so that we, as the church, can continue our mission of serving God's people.

It's an exciting time in the life of Christ Church. 2025 has been an incredible year! The family is as strong as ever and we've loved each other through what could have been a tumultuous time.

I have no doubt that was "a total God thing" - God loving us through it. Our outreach through Grace Café and Lunch Bunch has not only continued but grown. Because we *Share the Love*, we have been able to serve those in our community who are in need. Our church events and programs have continued thanks to the love and commitment shared by so many.

Our church services haven't missed a step, thanks in large part to the generosity of Walter Hobgood and Bob Carr to *Share the Love* so faithfully and selflessly with us by providing us spiritual nourishment through preaching, teaching and the Sacraments.

The energy that has been so present will continue in 2026 as we welcome The Rev. R. Kevin Kelly and Christine to serve alongside us. This will be a new opportunity to not only *Share the Love* with them, but with others as we work together to discern how we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in this part of God's kingdom

Each Sunday, we are invited to the Lord's Table - to the share in the Feast. The Gifts of God for the People of God. God shares himself with us through His son, Jesus Christ – the ultimate *Sharing the Love.*

We are called to *Share the Love* by being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world, so that the Love of Christ continues to multiply. This means sharing ourselves, in body, mind and spirit, and giving our resources.

When we talk about *Sharing the Love* with regard to stewardship, we talk about Time, Talent and Treasure. Each of these is a gift from God, and necessary for the work we have done and what we are called to do. The treasure piece is vitally important. Funds are required to support our outreach, support our staff, and maintain our facilities. Those pieces equip us to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!", or said another way, "SHARE THE LOVE!"

Your time and talent pieces are equally important. They are the action pieces of *Sharing the Love*.

Please consider what God-given talents you have to share, and how much time you are willing to commit to participate in being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in this part of God's kingdom.

The love that has been shared with me through the years, by being a part of this Christ Church Family, is a gift from God. So, from a place of belonging and deep gratitude for what God has

shared with me through this place, I make an annual financial pledge to Christ Church so we can continue to do the work God has given us to do, to love and serve Him as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

SHARE THE LOVE!

I love you all!

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