**SUGGESTED RECIPIENTS: This letter would go to anyone who has begun worshipping regularly with the congregation since last year’s Stewardship Campaign.**

***And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8***

Dear……….,

We are so excited that you have been worshipping with us this past year! Our prayer is that you are experiencing God at work in and through [church name] even as we invite you to be a part of what God is calling us to in our ministry.

This is a season where we pause to celebrate and harvest stories about our ministries and impact. We also take time to intentionally reflect on all that God is providing us as individuals, families, and as a congregation. Then, we consider how we will respond to what God has provided in terms of what we intend to give to God through [church name]’s ministry in 2023.

In our most recent worship series, we have been focusing on cheerful giving and learning about faith-rooted generosity (stewardship). We are learning that those who sow abundantly have a great harvest. This makes sense. The more seeds we sow, the more opportunities there will be for those seeds to take root and the harvest to increase.

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, this past year, our congregation has worked together to sow the seeds of ministry and missions. (Share two or three bullet points about where you have seen God working through the mission, ministry, and life of your church.)

* (e.g., we added technology to provide an online option of worship and keep people connected)

This week we are asking you to prayerfully reflect on the blessings God has provided in your life – even day-to-day blessings like food and shelter that we may take for granted. Then, reflect on what you feel God calling you to give as you complete the enclosed pledge/commitment/estimate of giving card. This estimate/commitment/pledge becomes a

Spirit-inspired goal for you to continue growing in faithful generosity over this next year as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

One biblical example of generosity is to give proportionally. Some have grown to or are working toward giving a tithe or 10%. We invite you to prayerfully consider giving a portion of what God has provided to you, as you are able. A key is for you to decide in your heart and not give reluctantly but, whatever you decide, to give with *joy*! This generosity is what allows us to be in ministry and mission together. What matters is that each person and family decide how they want to join us as cheerful givers as we release God’s blessings into the world!

A (pledge/commitment/estimate of giving) card for 2023 is included with this mailing. Please consider filling it out and bringing it to worship on (DATE or give instructions for submitting). We are going to sow God’s Good News generously in the coming year.

If you have questions or for conversation around this, please contact one of us. We join the Apostle Paul in praying that ***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***

Joining you in cheerful generosity,

(Pastor or Finance Chair or Generosity Team Chair)