



## WHY GIVE?

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NIV)*

The Joy of Generosity is a faith-raising campaign. Building excitement for the project while working together towards a common goal reminds us that we are all connected and that through connection comes joy. We will all grow in faith as we deepen our relationship with God and one another.

God has been faithful to us in so many ways. When you give generously to a worthy cause, you are becoming your best self – the person God intended you to be. Embrace the challenge before you to stretch, to grow in your fullness of faith, and to live into our vision so that we might become the life-changing community God has equipped us to be.

Our church has deep roots in this community stretching back 275 years. Our forebears have gifted us our land, our buildings, our church, our community. Yet we don't inherit the earth from our forebears, we hold it in trust for those who come after us. The structural changes enabled by the *Joy of Generosity* campaign will enhance our ability to change lives for the better in our community for future generations. Now is our turn to step up, to pursue our vision and to prepare the way for the next generation.

Working on the *Joy of Generosity* campaign has been exhilarating and rewarding as we individually and collectively discover the joy of being generous and faithful toward generations to come. Please join us in giving as generously as you can, remembering that as you do, giving can come in many forms - often, but not always, by financial means.

*“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.” Winston Churchill*