

# NOW IT'S *OUR TURN!*

**APPEAL GOAL:** Increased generosity  
of \$800 or more per week

**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2025**



**MINISTRY INITIATIVE #3:**

## **Sustaining Ministry Excellence (\$400/week)**

Our theme captures the spirit of the St. John's congregation. When others are in need, we respond. When hands are needed, people step up. When a community organization asks to use our space, we say yes. Your increased generosity helps to sustain all this work we do together.

More than half of our budget goes to compensation for our staff team, a critical part of what we do together. Your new gifts will enable continued support of our staff with appropriate salaries. It covers increased costs of paying utilities, supplies, service contracts, maintenance – all the things that keep church ministries going. A portion of our new gifts also replace gifts formerly given by faithful members who in the previous year have died or moved away from Beaufort.

Supporting staff and paying church support costs are foundational for deepening ministry in the congregation and expanding outreach in the community. In this appeal, we are invited to reflect on how we each as an important part of this congregation respond together to God's love and faithfulness to us!

### **Member Lucky Moore reflects...**

Lucky Moore has been a member of St. John's since the sixties. After many years of teaching in Germany, he retired to Beaufort in 2016. When he came home in the summer for two or three weeks, "Everyone was so welcoming, coming to speak to me, catching up and asking how things were going. It was like I never left."

Recently Lucky has been struggling with health issues. The cards, prayers, visits from the pastors, and the peppermints that one member sends all mean so much to him! It makes Lucky feel good to be cared for in this way, and it gives him joy to support the congregation in helping others. He is thrilled with ministries like the Chili Cookoff, building a ramp for June Rourk, and helping others through the Love Fund. He reports that his doctor praised St. John's for providing a venue for community music ensembles!

In addition to regular offering, Lucky often sends additional gifts for special projects. "Being generous – helping those in trouble – taking care of one another – that's what we do!"



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*Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love*

This graph displays two charts of our giving. The first shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other shows how many gifts are needed in each level to reach our goal. As you look over the charts, prayerfully ask yourself the following:

- ➔ “How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?”
- ➔ “How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?”
- ➔ “Where would I be if I doubled my offerings? And can I consider doing that?”
- ➔ “How much more could I give if I really wanted to?”

