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Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Perhaps you, like me, have noticed how lovely our grounds look at this time of year. The beauty of the landscape is a blessing from God. And the careful tending by several people, who have invested time and labor, is a gift to us all. It may be no coincidence that the Stewardship Committee has chosen "Grow in Grace" as the theme for our annual appeal.

We recognize that St. Andrew's is a community eager to come together in order to respond to the Biblical invitation - "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18)". And it is to that end that the parish offers many collaborative opportunities for children, youth and adults to gather in worship, prayer, study, care of one another, and ventures beyond our walls to engage in God's mission in the world about us.

While we rely on God to enliven, inspire and grow the parish; we also need the presence, participation, and passion of each of you to flourish as a congregation. Please pray deeply about how you may offer yourself at St. Andrew's in the coming year.

Our appeal this year will be conducted in two stages. From Sunday, September 22 through Sunday, October 6; we ask you to consider how you will provide financial support for the growth of St. Andrew's. And from Sunday, November 3 through Sunday, November 24; we ask you to imagine how you will give of your time, energy, and enthusiasm, so that we may be a more joyfully engaged and engaging community of disciples.

I am very grateful to the Stewardship Committee – Laura Downes, Chair; John Armstrong, Kristen Garnett, Helen Kitzman, Gary Naegel and Rebecca Rastetter – for their prayerful leadership in this annual appeal.

May we all grow in grace and love together!

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