RENEWING OUR PURPOSE

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2025





INCREASING CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS

In this past year, we have experienced real growth in the way we are pastoral disciples to one another. Our care ministries – Extending Church, Rachel's Ring, Home Communion, and Bereavement – have all been sharing the love of God through word, deed, card, and sacrament. Grace member Lynne Watkins shares her experience of participating in these care ministries:

"I've always known the importance of participating in ministry as part of the church; I learned this from my mother, who taught me stewardship by example. She gave her time, care, and resources to the church and community through toy drives, teaching Sunday school, and sending cards to those needing support. After my husband, Dick, died, I took a step back from volunteering, but in the last few years, I found Home Communion and Extending Church to be the right way for me to ease back in to sharing my time and gifts.

I love taking Home Communion to our members. At first, I was nervous, because I was doing this without a partner, but I have figured it out, and the members I visit have been so kind as I did. I particularly enjoy Home Communion visits with old friends, like Mary Wicker, who remembers Dick and our sons. It's special to be part of bringing communion to members who can't be with us on Sunday morning. I love the Home Communion blessing that is shared in worship before we go out; it enhances the connection I feel.

I've also enjoyed being part of Extending Church, the ministry that connects members to each other in times of illness, loss, celebration, or transition. When I walk around my neighborhood, I'll make calls to connect; I often talk with the Koeglers at that time! I also send cards for many occasions: birthdays, sickness, loss, celebration, just thinking of you. I recently sent a card to a new member family, and I even wrote where I usually sit in worship (next to the Peace window), so they could find me if they wanted to connect in person!

These ministries of connection are such a needed gift that we can give to each other. I am blessed to be part of Home Communion and Extending Church; the connection is a gift for me, too."

As we move into 2025, our purpose is renewed as we continually welcome all people in, engaging more deeply as we care for and connect with the many members who joined Grace this year, as well as those who have been here for many years, and those who are yet to arrive! Additionally, we will be hosting new welcome and inclusion learning activities for all ages as we explore what it means to more intentionally welcome all people.

To reach our ministry goals in the coming year, we will need to grow our giving by $750 per week. Together, we can meet this need and live into our mission!

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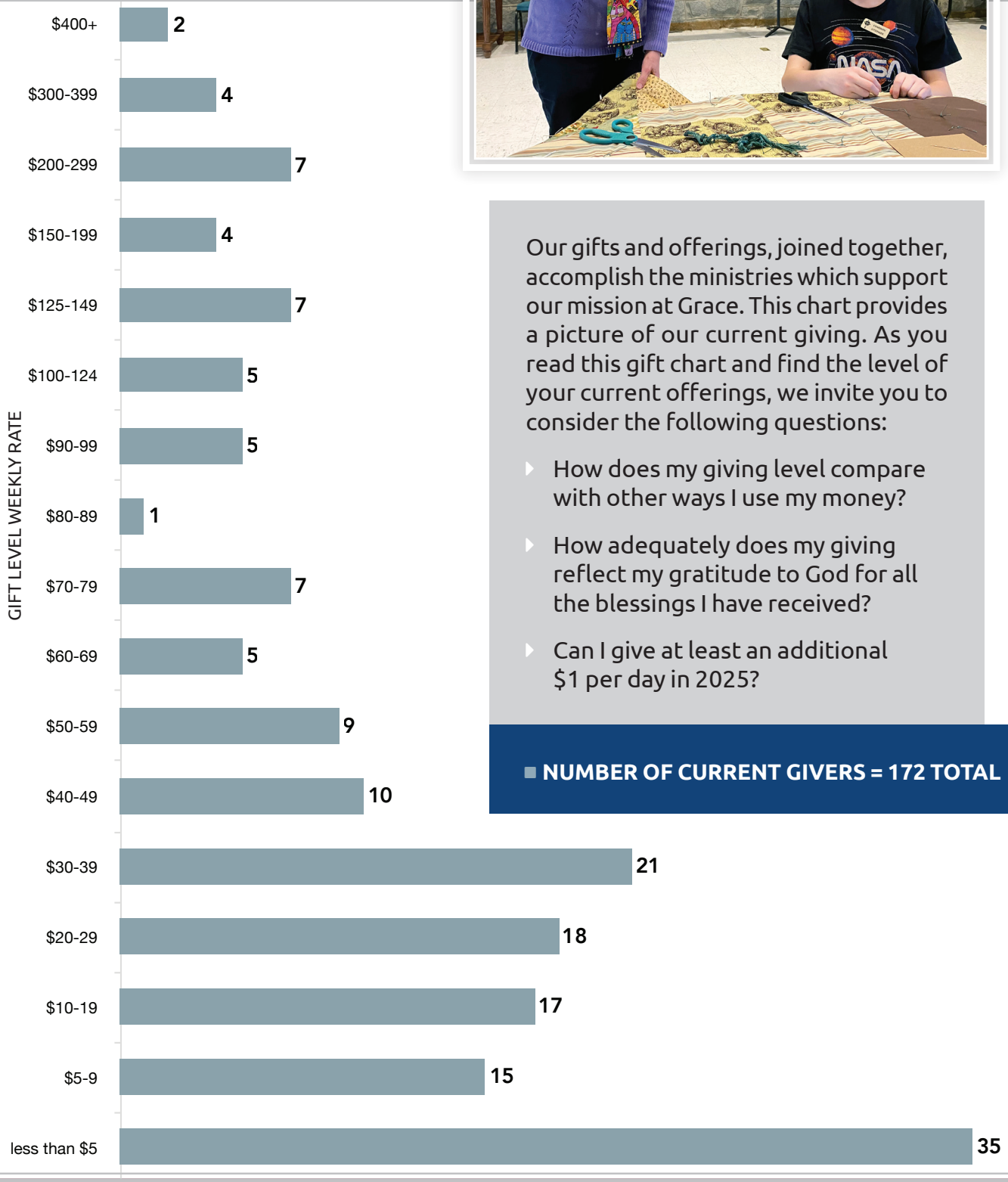

Our gifts and offerings, joined together, accomplish the ministries which support our mission at Grace. This chart provides a picture of our current giving. As you read this gift chart and find the level of your current offerings, we invite you to consider the following questions:

- 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?
- Can I give at least an additional $1 per day in 2025?

NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS = 172 TOTAL