RENEWING OUR PURPOSE

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2025





SERVING CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

Our purpose is renewed as we join in God's work in the world. The work most particular to Grace is that of campus and community, where we find ourselves as we step out of the church doors. In 2024, our ecumenical connections have flourished in WELCM – students from Episcopalian, Baptist, LCMS, ELCA, Catholic, Charismatic, and nonreligious backgrounds are participating! Additionally, our Outreach Partnerships are going better than ever. Mary Vettorel, our newest and youngest member of the Outreach Committee, shares her experience:

"I have been involved at Grace in lots of ways, and I wanted to get more involved in the ministry we do in the community, so I joined the Outreach Committee last year. At first, I was a little intimidated, because I was still in high school when I joined, and I thought the committee would consider me 'just a kid'. But, in the time I've been involved, the committee has valued what I have to say, and I am learning that what I have to say does matter.

In March, we selected our 2024 Outreach Partners. It was really interesting to see how the Partnership selection process happens – how we consider Grace's gifts and the needs the partners have - rather than just seeing the outcome. I was even able to contribute my personal experience to help us make a choice. I had a friend in high school who participated in Better Bound Bookstore's program, working there while we were in school together. He explained the program to me back then, how the program teaches kids the skills they need for adulthood. He graduated the year before me and went on to college. When Better Bound came up as a Partner option, I shared my connection, and everyone agreed that this was a good way to support kids in our community. It felt good to have my opinion taken into account, because I still felt a little awkward about being the youngest, but it turns out my opinion mattered.

Now I'm an Outreach liaison for Better Bound, and I took a tour and learned about the curriculum they use for life skills. I think it's cool that the kids run the online store process from start to finish, that they have ownership in the process that helps them. Because of our partnership connection, I saw where our grant money went, and how important our grant was for Better Bound. I'm glad to be part of a variety of ministry as an Outreach member, and I'm looking forward to doing more."

In addition to our ongoing commitment to ministry outside our building, we will be renewing our purpose of being God's House for All People in this place. From January to August 2024, we donated the equivalent of $39,308 through community building use! In 2025, we will continue to serve as a home for Family Promise guests and a meeting space for primary purpose groups, care of creation organizations, and Scouts. We will open our doors to voters and parade-goers. We will support artistic endeavors including theater, quilting, and crafting. And we will welcome all children of God into the WELCM house and program.

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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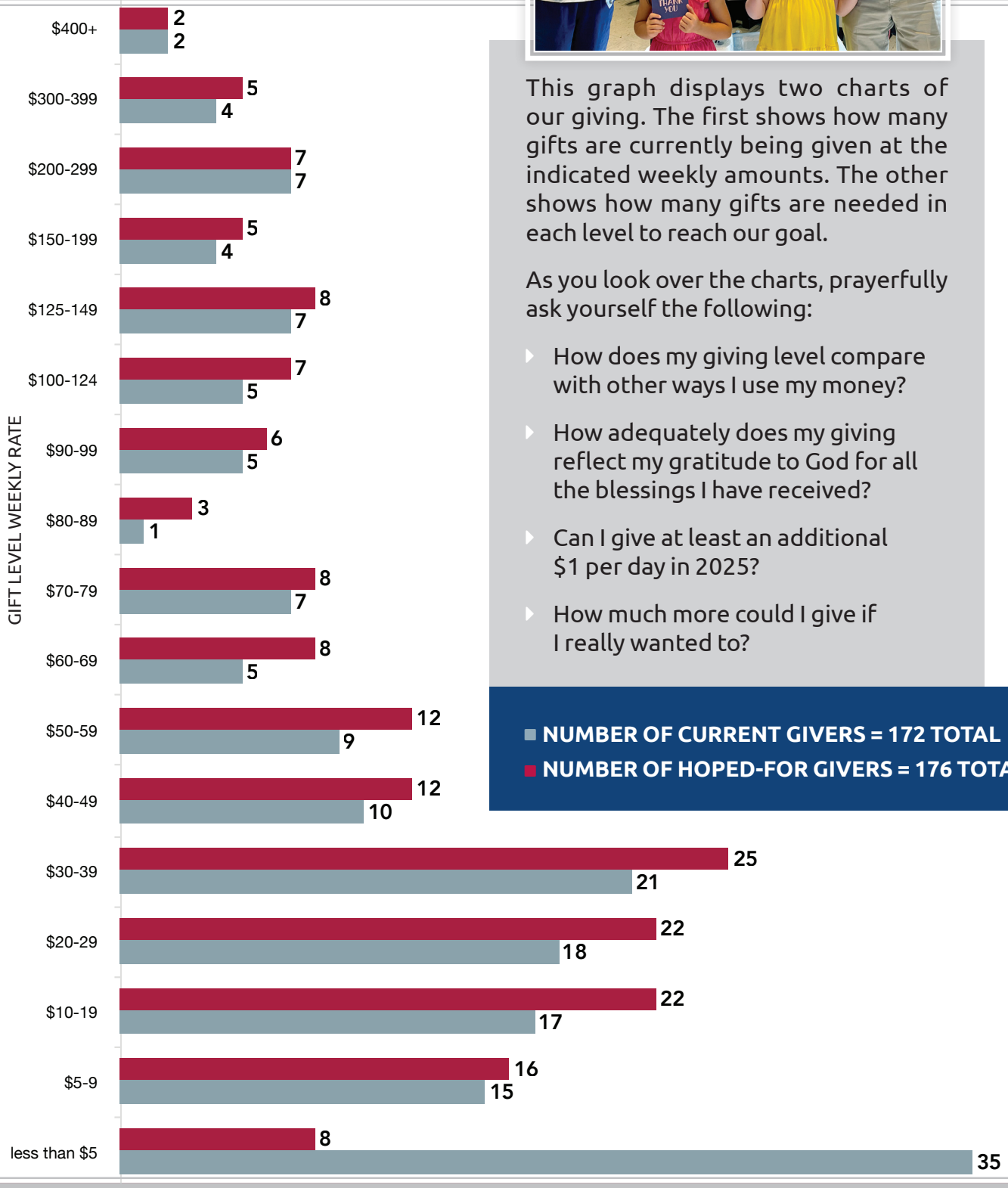
RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR





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?
- Can I give at least an additional $1 per day in 2025?
- How much more could I give if I really wanted to?

NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS = 172 TOTAL

NUMBER OF HOPED-FOR GIVERS = 176 TOTAL