## In Abundance, We Share!

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

- 2 Corinthians 9:8

We are people of abundance. We believe—we trust—that God provides everything we have, everything we are, and everything that we need to join into his work for the sake of the world. Yet, so often we find ourselves in a scarcity mindset where we worry and fret that we will not have enough, or, maybe even worse, that we are not enough.

The free gift of God's grace stands as a startling message of abundance in our world of scarcity. God announces that he knows us completely and loves us completely simply because we are. And, God invites us to use our hands and our voices to join into his good work in the world. Because God pours this dynamic love into us, we find that we overflow with love, abundantly sharing from what we have in thanksgiving for God's generosity and for the sake of our neighbors in need.

Last fall, your leaders here a Triumphant Love prayed, listened, and planned for our ministry this year. We found ourselves filled with this promise of God's abundance and inspired by the generosity of our congregation in support of his mission. So we challenged each other to give an additional General Fund gift in thanksgiving for God's generosity and in support of our mission to celebrate and share God's grace.

Specifically, the goal is to increase the General Fund income by \$65,000. The intent is to strengthen our foundation for ministry by adding \$35,000 to our operating reserves; increasing our ability to withstand emergencies as well as embrace ministry opportunities not identified in the approved annual budget. Additionally, \$30,000 would be used to ensure that our ministry teams have the funds needed to achieve their 2017 milestones.

Triumphant Love leaders have already committed \$15,000 to this purpose. Now, we are inviting the whole congregation to join us in this celebration of God's abundance.

You are asked to prayerfully consider adding your financial commitment toward the \$65,000 goal. Then either place your pledge/contribution in the offering plate or click on "pledge or give now"; noting "In Abundance We Share" with your financial commitment.

Ours is a dynamic and diverse ministry to our members, to our community, and to the world. Let us all celebrate together God's blessings through an additional gift that strengthens and grows our ability to change lives.

Yours in Christ!

Pastor Steve Troisi and the Stewardship Committee (Karen Peoples, Ted Reynolds, Doug Nelson, Gene Richards, and Vicar Candice Combs)