



*In the name of our Loving, Liberating, and Life-Giving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit*

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We hear the above words each Sunday as Fr. Brian echoes our Presiding Bishop's words of God as loving, liberating, and life-giving. As we enter our 2022 Stewardship program, we pause to look into that calling and reflect on how we as individuals and we as a congregation are called to be loving, liberating, and life-giving with all that has been shared with us.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry shares, "Someone once said, 'When you look at Jesus, you see one who is loving, one who is liberating, and one who is life-giving.' We as a community of people are committed to living the way of Jesus by helping this world become one that is loving, liberating, and life-giving."

As the feet and hands of Jesus, we reflect on the many ways we reach out to our community gathered and our larger communities we live in and share our faith. How do you see and connect to our ministry of "reflecting God's love to all from within the heart of Castle Rock"? The past 18 months have been challenging to say the least, but they have also been wonderful opportunities of love, liberation and have been life-changing for so many. We remained connected and worshipping as a community, we have built our faith online and in-person, we have continued to reach out and share in life-giving ways through backpacks, boxed meals for Oakwood, the community garden, continued ministry and sharing at St. Clare's, and liberating people from isolation, fear, sorrow and more through pastoral care and Stephen Ministry. We have been made stronger and shared/reflected God's love in so many ways. Thank YOU!

As the Vestry starts to look towards 2022 and how God is calling us to love, to liberate, and to share life with those we minister to and with, we are very excited about the possibilities and our call. With the addition of our Christian Formation Director, Kimberley Hubbs, we know our children, youth and family offerings will be enhanced and we will reach out in new ways to the youngest amongst us. We also know that the elders in our congregation are foundational, and we continue to work with and for them in loving, liberating and life-giving ways.

So, we invite you to share your story of love and walk with us as we reflect God's love into our communities through your continued ministry and financial support. It is our goal for 2022 to increase our annual giving by 5-7%. In the next few weeks, you will be hearing more about ways in which you can make a difference as we share our abundance God has given us with the church and the world around us. Join us as we strive to be loving, liberating, and life-giving in new and exciting ways in the coming year.

In Christ's name

*The Stewardship Committee and Fr. Brian Winter+*