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*“Let us hold unwaveringly to the **hope** we profess, for he who promised is **faithful**. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward **love** and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another . . .”.* Hebrews 10:23-25

No one could ever have imagined the challenges we have encountered on our journey over the last 20 months—as a congregation, as a society and as a global community. We are grateful for the faithfulness of our Creator in guiding us through the storms and setting us on the right path. As we move **Forward Together** in love, we have every reason to be hopeful about our future, guided by the Holy Spirit, that what God calls us to do will be done and seen at St. Michael and in the surrounding community.

Although the journey has been trying, we are grateful for God’s abundant blessings, and we look forward to the opportunity to share with others. God has indeed been faithful. In the last year, we have been blessed by the development and availability of the vaccine to protect us from the threat of COVID-19. At St. Michael, He has brought us Pastor Stuart who has served admirably as a crucial bridge between Pastor Rick’s 30 years of service and the new settled Pastor we will call. We have been further blessed by the arrival of our new Music Director, Ryan Peteraf, whose talent and commitment has been a gift and a true joy. We are also thankful for Marisa Weisskopf who has recently accepted our Office Administrator role and has not missed a beat. We are grateful for the re-opening of our Church building, the ongoing work of our Ministry Teams and the continuing generosity of our Congregation.

We trust you will find this year's theme inspiring—it has been a long, difficult journey, but with the help of God we have navigated it successfully and we continue to move **Forward Together** toward the rising sun, with optimism for our future. Our intention in this 2022 Stewardship Appeal is, in the words of the writer of Hebrews, to “*spur one another on toward love and good deeds . . . encouraging one another*”. By doing so, we demonstrate this love by ensuring that moving **Forward Together** we grow our ministries to each other and the community through the generous giving of our time, talents and treasure.

With the above firmly in mind, we hope to inspire your generosity over the course of the upcoming three weeks of the campaign by focusing on the following:

1. *Our Gratitude for God's Faithfulness*
2. *How We Can Encourage One Another*
3. *Spurring One Another on Toward Love and Good Deeds*

During these coming weeks, we ask you to reflect on your personal giving situation, and prayerfully consider your financial giving to St. Michael in support of our Annual Budget for the coming year. Then, please complete and mail back the enclosed pledge card, return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate (or make your pledge on-line at www.StMichaelPA.com/pledge) no later than November 25.

Throughout the proud history of our Congregation, our members have consistently demonstrated their gratitude for God's blessings and lovingly recognized their responsibilities to support the St. Michael ministries by generously sharing their time, talents, and treasure. As faithful stewards, we joyfully move **Forward Together in Faith, in Hope, in Love** spurred on to demonstrate our faith by sharing our blessings, even more, as each new day approaches.

In His Service,

The St. Michael Stewardship Team

Steve Lacombe, Pastor Stuart Luce, Joe Martin, Lou Minella, Randy Stone, Kristen Young