November 2026

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Can you believe Thanksgiving and Advent are already here? Every year seems to go by a little faster. As I look back on 2026, I'm grateful for the ways you've shown up for one another, for the prayers you've offered, and for the time and care you've given so freely. It's a joy to be part of this church family with you.

Seeing God at Work

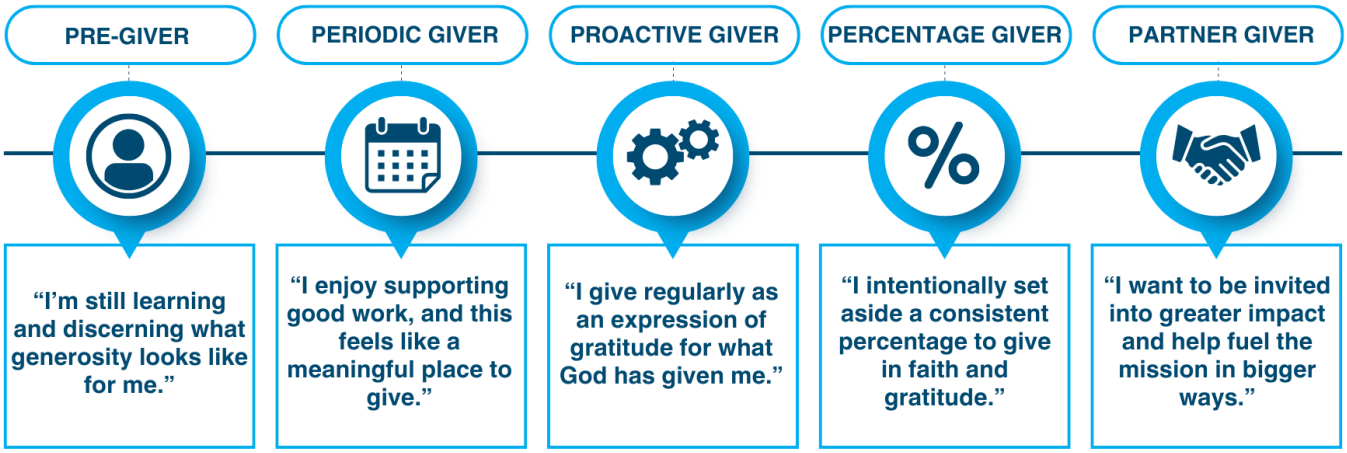
One of the things I love about Good Shepherd is how often God works through simple acts of faithfulness. A number of new families joined our church this year, and one of the things that helped them feel at home was as simple as someone remembering their names. I was also encouraged to see 17 new small groups form through our study of Romans. I'm excited to see what God will do as more of us open Scripture together, pray for one another, and grow in our faith.

I've also seen what can happen when we give together. This year, you gave more than $100,000 to send 12 young adults to Zambia and support Prisca and PLAEP. You also gave $250,000 toward remodeling our church kitchen, a space that creates amazing fellowship and provides meals to the community. Thank you for making both of those things possible.

When I think about 2027, I'm excited for more people to find the same welcome those new families found and to have a place where they can get to know others and grow in their faith. That's at the heart of our mission to invite all people to grow into a Christ-centered life in God's family.

Taking the Next Step in Generosity

Giving is an act of discipleship and a matter of the heart. As we prayerfully decide what to give, we learn to trust God with what He's entrusted to us. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



As you look at the graphic, I invite you to think about where you are on your generosity journey. If you've never given before, your next step might be to make a first gift. If you already give, it might be to give more regularly or to increase what you give as you're able. As you pray, ask God what a faithful next step might look like for you.

An Invitation to Give

As we come to the close of the year, I invite you to make a year-end gift to support the ministry we share at Good Shepherd. In past years, we've included pledge cards with this letter. As the ways people give have changed and fewer pledge cards come in each year, we've decided not to include them this year. I still encourage you to prayerfully consider your giving for the year ahead. You can give in person at church or online at gspc.org/give.

Thank you for the ways you give, serve, and make room for others. I'm grateful for what God has done through you this year, and I'm looking forward to what He'll do among us in 2027.

With gratitude,

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