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Dear Friends,

An Anglican Vicar once described the notion of being a “Blessing Machine.” He said that is what the Church is (or should be) and what we are all called to be. But how can we be a Blessing Machine? Perhaps, said another way, why is it that we are called to be a blessing?

First, we have to remember that God is the ultimate Blessing Machine, from whom all that we have has come – the earth, the stars and all creation. Accordingly, we are blessed to share His blessing alongside our other fellow creatures.

Second, we have to trust in God and in ourselves that, by helping others, our own lives will be made more complete. To do this, we must truly connect with each other. This takes courage, because we have to let someone into our own life to do this. We are blessed to share our own blessings with others.

Third, we cannot turn away from God's blessing when someone else offers it to us. Let them make their life better, too. We are blessed to be able to receive blessings from others.

Lastly, we know that a life of generous blessing allows us to generously give back a portion of such blessings to God's Church. We all know this. And Paul tells us to do so cheerfully! We are blessed to be a generous blessing.

Please consider how much you can share with others, through the Church. Consider as well the many blessings you have received as a result of God's grace. And, as we asked last year to 100% of the congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, please respond, even if it is just a note to say, “I'm here and willing to pray for The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.”

Be bold. Please let our church know what you can do, what you can give. Be brave.

Be a Blessing Machine.

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Commission