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Dear Friends in Christ,

"Be Blessed, Be a Blessing". That's our stewardship theme for 2015. The theme of "blessed & blessing" is derived from the Bible story in Genesis 28:10-22, the story of Jacob running away after having stolen something valuable from his brother Esau. With nothing to his name, and no shelter, Jacob falls asleep with a stone as his pillow. During the night, he has a dream of angels ascending and descending a ladder stretching from where he is laying all the way up to heaven. In the dream Jacob hears the voice of God promising him a future filled with blessings. God also says that the blessings offered will be multiplied through Jacob to bless many, many others. When Jacob wakes up in the morning he decides then and there to make a commitment to God. Here is our opportunity to do the same!

"Be Blessed, and Be a Blessing". Count the ways you have been blessed! Beautiful countryside, abundant farmland, a nice home, loving families, deep friendships, and our lives enriched and enlivened by the love, grace and peace of God. Count the ways that our church has been blessed with faithful leadership, responsible management of our assets and resources, and a wealth of enthusiastic worshippers.

"Be Blessed, and Be a Blessing". As you peruse the Narrative Budget, see the many ways we have been a blessing to others. Count the ways that we have touched the lives of those in our church and in our community. Count the ways we minister to one another in times of need. Count the ways that we reach out in Christ's love to the wider world.

"Be Blessed, and Be a Blessing". Like Jacob, you can multiply your blessings! Enclosed is an "Estimate of Giving" card. We encourage you to return it to the church by November 9th, the Sunday when we celebrate and dedicate our commitments. You may place this card in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office in the envelope provided.

We are grateful for your faithfulness and commitment as we plan a new year of exciting ministry and mission at the Byron Presbyterian Church.

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*The Stewardship and Finance Committee
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