



October 18, 2020

Dear Church Family,

Stewardship season is approaching. It is time to look with hope at what 2021 might hold for ourselves, our church, our country, and our world. We have chosen the phrase: “Christ, the hope of our changing world!” from the church mission statement as our theme for the 2021 Stewardship campaign. As Christians, we can trust that Christ is with us as we experience the ups and downs of life. He is with us all hours of the day and through the seasons of the year. During worship, the focus will be on three gifts from Christ that are each a source of hope. These are strength, love, and grace. Stewardship season is the time to show our gratitude for these gifts by pledging to share our time, talent, and treasure with the church during 2021.

Enclosed, you will find a calendar for 2021. We hope that you will use it as a reminder to be hopeful for the coming year. On the reverse side of the calendar, you will find a prayer written for 2021. We would like to know what the congregation’s prayers are for 2021 so that they can be incorporated into worship during stewardship season. Please write out your prayer(s) for 2021 on the enclosed cards and use the enclosed envelope to return them, or email your prayer for 2021 to stewardship2021@gmail.com.

Because in-person gathering is limited at this time, we will be doing more communication by mail and holding a virtual stewardship event via Zoom. Please see the schedule below and the enclosed flyer. In a few weeks you will receive a second mailing which will contain the campaign brochure, information about the 2021 challenge budget, time & talent forms, and a pledge card for your household.

Blessings,

Your Stewardship Ministry Team – Amy Rossetti (Moderator), Liz Fulton (Elder-Trustee), Art Gust, Buzz Roberts, Fred Shefte, Coleman Ward

2021 Stewardship Campaign Schedule of Events

- November 1** **First Stewardship Sunday**
Morning Worship Focus – The Gift of Strength
- November 8** **Second Stewardship Sunday – Challenge Sunday**
Morning Worship Focus – The Gift of Love
Let it Shine – Virtual Time & Talent Show 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
We will highlight the talents of our congregation and the work of our ministry teams. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. At the conclusion of the event there will be a brief presentation of the 2021 Challenge Budget and an opportunity to ask questions.
- November 13 & 14** Please come by the church to receive **communion elements** to be used on Dedication Sunday. Elements can be delivered to you upon request. You may also drop off your completed time and talent forms and pledge card at this time. Time and Talent forms and pledge cards may also be mailed or completed online.
- November 15** **Third Stewardship Sunday – Dedication Sunday**
Morning Worship Focus – The Gift of Grace
Communion will be celebrated.
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