



Giving in Grace

We are beginning a 3-year stewardship program **“First We Give of Ourselves”**. This program is divided into three parts.

- **Giving in Grace** - Year one
- **Giving in Gratitude** - Year two
- **Giving in Generosity** - Year three

Our recent Capital Campaign addressed specific needs our church had that were not part of the budget. It is hoped that these improvements will help us to “Share our Faith and Secure our Future”. It provides a foundation and a structure to facilitate the work we need to do.

We now need to share our faith. We need to recognize our available resources (time, talents, and finances). Then as good stewards, we need to formulate a plan as to how these resources can best serve God. It is not God taking something from us. We recognize that all we have and all that we are, comes from the Grace of God. It is not something we deserve, or something we can earn, but something which is freely given by God. It is our responsibility to be good stewards of it. It is how God can use us to further his work. This year we will be focusing on Giving in Grace. The Stewardship Team has come up with three components we feel are important to focus on.

- Bringing the Spirit of Christ to Our Community
- Serving God’s People in Our Community
- Learning and Working Together in Grace

Too often stewardship is thought of as that dreadful time of the year when the church is asking for money. It is true that financial security and stability are crucial to our existence. But it is so much more. We are called to identify our resources, to grow our faith, and then share our faith and spread the Good News. It is not a one Sunday event. It becomes our daily living and as such it strengthens our faith. It brings life and vitality to our church so that we might share it.

We invite you to be a part of this journey. Join us in the celebration of gifts God has given us. As individuals we may have limitations in our response. But each and every one of us has been given unique gifts or talents. On this journey, join us in discovering how the Grace of God has impacted our lives. Together we can learn from each other, support and encourage each other, and make a difference in the world.

Your Stewardship Committee,
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