

Stewardship 2019
Giving Out of Gratitude

'He who supplies seed to the sower... will multiply your seed for sowing... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.'
- **2 Corinthians 9:10-15**

As a good father, God wants to give abundantly to us. Not just enough to get by -- He wants our cup to run over. And like the good mother of a child on Christmas morning, God delights in our thanking Him for his many gifts. One way to thank God is to give to others as we have been given to, who may in turn lift their own eyes to God in thanksgiving. So when we support the church generously, we are spreading God's message!

This year's stewardship program begins in October and runs for three weeks:

- Inspiration Sunday, October 14th
 - Readings
 - "Test Me"
 - "Priorities"
 - "The Blessing Boomerang"
 - Your individual stewardship packet will be available for pick-up. If you can't attend this service, your packet will be mailed.
- Celebration Sunday, October 21st
 - Readings
 - "Risk and Rewards"
 - "Seeds"
 - "Holding Too Tightly"
 - We'll bring our Estimated Giving Cards up to the altar to be blessed. If you forget your card, blank ones will be available at the service.
- Gratitude Sunday, October 28th
 - The Stewardship Committee will report the initial totals for 2019.
 - A drawing will held for everyone who's returned an Estimated Giving Card; three winners will dine at a favorite local restaurant

Why do we need Estimated Giving Cards? The projected totals help develop a church budget for 2019. Remember, financial gifts are about your personal approach to stewardship. Consider a percentage increase over last year or setting a plan for tithing (ten percent of your income). Your

gifts are confidential and seen only by our Financial Secretaries.

Also remember, stewardship isn't just sharing our treasure -- it's also giving our time and talent! Share those gifts by considering something new this year. Contact Pastor Lynn for ideas about how you might join with others to make our church more effective.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,

Stewardship Committee: Judith Austin/George Grengs co-chairs, Dana Dreyfuss, Shirley Ilgenfritz, Sue Rosen, Trish Simmons, Pastor Lynn Westover