

Stewardship Team

Stewardship is not an annual exercise to meet a budget and finance programs. Rather, it is an expression of thanksgiving, a celebration of God's gifts and graces encountered daily in our lives. We "praise God from whom all blessings flow", and stewardship is one part of that praise. Eugene H. Peterson, in paraphrasing from Galatians in *The Message*, the New Testament in Contemporary Language writes, "Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives." Stewardship is one of those details, and as such is an extension of our very faith.

I invite you to join us in this thanks-giving! Anyone can help with stewardship. For example, you can help shine the spotlight on the many ways that individuals and groups in our parish serve God through their various ministries. Communication is an important part of stewardship, and we could always use more help there. If you are the type that enjoys a party, we also need help planning the fall celebration of Thanksgiving! Perhaps you would like to lead a Christian Education program for adults or children involving stories of giving and receiving. Other ideas? Just let us know! Please contact the committee chair whose name is on the contacts list.

By the way, a full section of this website is devoted to Emmanuel's stewardship effort. You can find the link on the top menu bar.

Emmanuel Church Vestry Stewardship Covenant

- We believe God is asking us to be faithful to Him and to not value our worth by our possessions, but by our usefulness in God's kingdom, and in return, God promises to love us and provide.
- We commit to the joy of intentional service in thanksgiving to God for His generous gifts to us, and we pledge to the goal of tithing in our walk with God.
- We invite the people of Emmanuel to join us in this journey of faith.