

## 'Tis the Season for Stewardship

Even though we may be challenged to gather in this time of pandemic, the financial needs of our church continue. Each week I will submit an update on our annual giving effort known as stewardship. Yes, I will be talking about money as parishioners need to know how funds are used. The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing your time and talents and volunteering for ministry and mission. It's about extending yourself to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity.

The important date to mark is Sunday, November 14 or Commitment Sunday, the collective gathering of commitment cards. Giving is in direct connection to blessings received in response to a loving God.

How can you prepare for this vital event in the life of our church since stewardship is the role of every member of our parish?

### Overview:

- ❖ **Theme** for the 2021 Stewardship Campaign: ***Cultivating our culture of generosity***
- ❖ **Goal:** *Casting a vision of generously giving and graciously receiving so great in scope and spirit that all may thrive in an environment where the essence of everyone matters.*
- ❖ **Guidance** from the Letter of James 1:17  
Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
- ❖ Begin your personal reflection of why you love the Church of the Good Shepherd. Anyone willing to share their testimony will be welcome so don't be shy. We value time, talent, treasure and testimonies.

With gratitude for your intentionality in cultivating our culture of generosity,

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