



Stewardship Message: Preparing for Commitment Sunday

This week we offer information as we prepare for
Commitment Sunday, November 14th.

In the fall we start to gather

In Emerald Hills tinged with glints of harvest.

Families we're born to, and families we make.

A joyful reunion of hope and home.

In the fall we rise together

In jeweled blues, a curved receiving line of grace

As we rise up, we hear the music.

And in its notes we sing our gratitude.

-- Margaret Melozzi

In the coming weeks you will receive a letter asking for your financial support for the work of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The envelope also contains a Giving Estimate card to capture your expressions of time, talent, and resources. We mark our collective commitment on November 14th, known as Commitment Sunday, by returning the completed card during services.

In practical terms the annual parish budget can not be accurately built until the giving estimates are tallied and realistic numbers captured. Given the slowdown with the US Postal Service we plan to offer new and easier ways to contribute. Please don't be shocked if you glance down the pew and notice someone pledging online during the service.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: the creative Stewardship response to covid 2020 was to provide homemade pimento cheese or stew to everyone who completed their Giving Estimate. The Stew Crew (thanks to Frank Fee) will be back on November 14th to share the yummy treat again this year. The added bonus is that any left-over stew is placed in the kitchen freezer for pastoral care visits. We have perfected Waste not, Want not at Church of the Good Shepherd.

As we near Commitment Sunday you are asked to consider not giving any more than what you believe your prayerful discernment has revealed that God wants you to give.

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.