Year-round Stewardship That You Can Do!

Stewardship University – 2013

December
Advent – *Beginning A New Year*

- Advent Quiet Day: reflection/rest
- Book study: *How Much Is Enough,* A. Simon
- Promote alternative Gift giving ideas:
  - *Hundred Dollar Christmas*, Bill McKibben
- Angel Tree for Needy Children/Families
- Winter Discretionary Fund Appeal
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly

January
New Year's Resolutions

- Handwritten *Thank You* notes
- Spiritual Gifts Discernment for all
- Leaders: *Ask, Thank, Tell,* Charles Lane
- Energy Audit facilities: look for $aving$
- Begin planning for VBS (or by March!)
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly

The least used rubric in the *Book of Common Prayer*

- *The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.*

BCP, page 445

February
Caring for Our Loved Ones

- Offer a Wills workshop for all ages
  - *Funeral planning / Planned Giving talk*
- Offer money management program

Money Management

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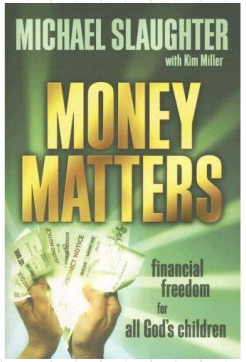

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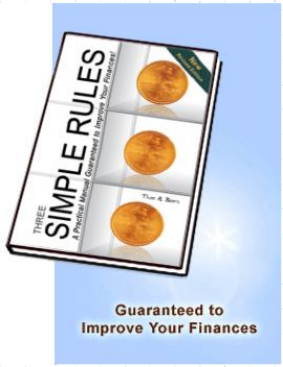

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February
Caring for Our Loved Ones

- Offer a Wills workshop for all ages
  - Include funeral planning forms
- Offer money management program
- Youth/children: "Souper Bowl of Caring"
- Lent: Outreach Offering/Service project
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly
  - Reviews last year's program

March
Spring Cleaning!

- Membership classes:
  with introduction to Stewardship
- Book: *The Soul Of Money*, Lynne Twist
- Handwritten Thank you: Lay ministers
- Good Friday offering: Dio Jerusalem
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly
  - Previews programs for Annual Response

April
God claims Earth and everything in it

- Intergenerational clean up day!
  - *Provide a fun lunch and thank you*
- Observe Earth Day, "Creation Cycle"
- Offer family game or movie night
  - *Better yet*: Talent Show!
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly
  - Selects Annual Response program: and sets the timeline

May
Giving Thanks for Our Families

- Mother's Day observation
  - Special Offering for Women's ministry
- "Thank you": ECW/Women's ministries
- *Welcoming New Members* liturgy (3x)
- Book: *Rich Church, Poor Church,* by J. Clif Christopher
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly

June
Summertime!

- Stewardship Conference: June 8, 2013
- 2nd Thank You note to all pledgers:
  - "With your support…" transformation story
- Provide bank draft, on-line or *e*-giving
- "Vacation bulletin" bulletin board
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly

July
Rest, Relaxation and Refreshment

- Host a Vacation Bible School:
  Open Doors: LeaderResources.org
- Parish-wide picnic/cookout
- Sermon/story of transformation
- Preach about using our Spiritual Gifts
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly
  - Prepare for fall Annual Response (ingathering)

August
Back To School

- Blessing of Teachers and backpacks
  - *Invite area school students, teachers*
- School supplies drive for local school
- *Leader Appreciation* Sunday
- Book*: How Your Church Family Works*, Peter Steinke
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly
  - *Recruit and mentor new members*

September
Offering Our Life and Labor to God

- Parish retreat to Chanco on the James
- Spiritual Gifts Discernment for all
- Ministry/Mission Fair: where to serve
- *Ministers in Worship* training day
- Money Management class repeat
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly
  - Annual response ready to launch

October
Harvest time!

- Roll out the Annual Response program
- Book study: *One Simple Act*, Debbie Macomber
- Offering for ERD; World Hunger Relief
- Preach on money/being a "steward"
- Weekly stories of transformation
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly

November
Now Thank We All Our God

- Luncheon/Workshop: *While In Health: Preparing for Final Things* (wills, powers of attorney, funeral plans, etc.)
- Ingathering of & Prayer over pledges
- Ecumenical/community Thanksgiving worship service
- Thanksgiving meal outreach?
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly

December
Advent – *Beginning A New Year*

- Advent Quiet Day: reflection/rest
- Book study: *Free of Charge,* Miroslav Volf
- Adopt Needy Children/Families
- Winter Discretionary Fund Appeal
- Stewardship Ministry meets monthly

...*and you start over again!* Best Wishes!!

Resources

- Stewardship University: Resource List
- www.tens.org

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship

One more thing…