

Year-round Stewardship That You Can Do!

132nd Annual Council

WHATEVER YOU HAVE IS
ENOUGH... FOR A miracle.

February 10, 2024

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January New Year's Resolutions

- Handwritten *Thank You* notes
- Spiritual Gifts Discovery tool for all
- Start Giving Away the Plate (Cash)
- Energy Audit of your facilities:
 - look for saving\$ from leaky windows, etc.
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly

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February *Caring for Our Loved Ones*

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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

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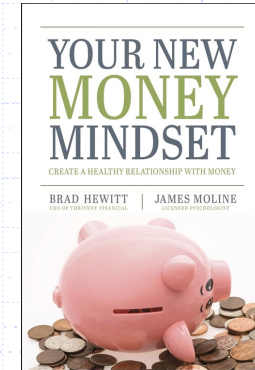
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- Youth/children: "Souper Bowl of Caring"
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly
 - Reviews last year's program

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March

Spring Cleaning!

- Study: *The Soul Of Money*, Lynne Twist
- Lent: Outreach Offering/Service project
- Handwritten Thank you: Lay ministers
- Keep Giving Away the Plate (Cash)
- Good Friday offering: Jerusalem
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly
 - Previews programs for Annual Response

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April

God claims Earth and everything in it

- Membership classes:
 - with introduction to Stewardship
- Clean up around the grounds!
- Observe Earth Day, "Creation Cycle"
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly
 - Selects Annual Response prgm: timeline

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May

Giving Thanks for Our Families

- Mother's Day observation
 - Special Offering for Women's ministry
- Thank you's to ECW/Women's ministries
- Offer family game or movie night
 - *Better yet*: Talent Show!
- Offer "Welcoming New Members" liturgy
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly

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June

Summertime!

- Thank You notes to all pledgers:
 - "With your support..." transformation story
- Offer bank draft, on-line giving, smart phone, e-Pay options
- Leaders: *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate*, J Clif Christopher
- Vacation bulletin board for travelers
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly

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July

Rest, Relaxation and Refreshment

- Host a Vacation Bible School:
Open Doors material
- Parish-wide picnic/cookout
- Sermon/story of transformation
- Preach about using our Spiritual Gifts
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly
 - Prepares for fall ingathering (Ann. Resp.)

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August

Back To School

- Blessing of the backpacks
- Leader appreciation Sunday
- School supplies drive for local school
- Keep Giving Away the Plate (Cash)
- Vestry/et al: *How Your Church Family Works*, Peter Steinke
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly
 - Recruit and mentor new members

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September

Offering Our Life and Labor to God

- Money Management class repeat
- Spiritual Gifts Discovery tool
- Ministry/Mission Fair: where to serve
- Parish retreat to Diocesan Conf. Ctr.
- *Ministers in Worship* training day
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly
 - Annual response work underway

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October

Harvest time!

- Launch the Annual Response program
- Book study: *One Simple Act*, Debbie Macomber or similar book
- Offering for *World Hunger Relief*
- Preach on money/being a “steward”
- Weekly stories of transformation
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly

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November

Now Thank We All Our God

- Luncheon/Workshop: *While In Health: Preparing for Final Things* (wills, etc.)
- Ingathering of pledges/Pray over cards
- Ecumenical/community Thanksgiving worship service
- Keep Giving Away the Plate (Cash)
- Thanksgiving meal outreach?
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly

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December

Advent – Beginning A New Year

- Advent Quiet Day: reflection/rest
- Advent Tree for Needy Children
- Promote alternative Gift giving ideas:
 - *Hundred Dollar Christmas*, Bill McKibben
- Winter Discretionary Fund Appeal
- Stewardship Committee meets monthly

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Resources



- www.stewardshipoflife.org
- Google search for "year-round stewardship ideas"
- www.tens.org

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One more thing...



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