

Stewardship Campaign 2011 - 2012

March 11,2011

Dear Members and Friends of CCC,

This letter comes to you to announce the start of the 2011 - 2012 Stewardship Campaign. The campaign starts when you receive this letter and will hopefully end on April 10, 2011 as a smashing success.

The campaign is a little different this year as we are not asking for funds to start new initiatives, but to bring us back to where we were two years ago before the recession started nipping at everyone's heels. The goal is to support the new Associate Minister position and restore the cuts that we have been forced to make.

Last year committees like Christian Education and Music had their budgets cut for the second year in a row. CE has lost a total of \$2000 in funding and Music has lost \$3000. We have cut Diaconate, Stephen Ministry, Communications, Prayer Shawl Ministry and Youth Group expenses. We have reduced spending by the Social Actions and Mission Committee by \$8000. Plus we have been unable to pay back the loan used to upgrade the bathrooms in the amount of \$26,000.

But ENOUGH of the BAD NEWS.

We as a congregation have it within our power, using the treasures, gifts and talents given to us by our dear Lord, to return this church's vital programs back to the level of funding needed. We are a church living up to its mission statement of "Taking Care of Each Other and Seeking to Care for Others" but with the capacity to do even more. The new Associate Minister can help spread our "Good News" further to the community. SAM can reach even more people to help and maybe conduct another family mission project. CE can reach even more children and adults. Stephen Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry and the youth groups can do new projects and move in new directions. The vitality of the church can be increased many fold.

What does it take this year to get the ball rolling? If every pledging individual or family could increase their pledge by \$3.00 per week, we would raise an additional \$23,400 which would restore the bulk of the cuts we have made. Cutting \$3.00 per week out of the household budget would mean giving a large cup of Starbucks coffee or the latest copy of People Magazine each week. If you look at the potential impact on the church versus what you would sacrifice, God would be smiling down on the results.

Not everyone on a fixed income may be able to increase their pledge; but those of you with a stable job might be able to do a little more, like \$6.00 per week to keep the average at \$3.00. If everyone sacrifices a little, the church benefits a lot. The outcome is up to you.

There is a pledge card enclosed in this mailing. Please give your gift the prayerful consideration it deserves. Please return the completed card to one of the members of the Stewardship Committee or mail it to the church to the attention of the Stewardship Committee.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, may God bless you and your loved ones.

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