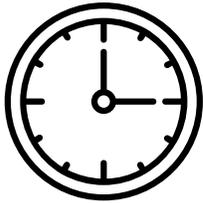


Family Stewardship Worksheet

Autumn is a time of year we talk about stewardship at church. Stewardship means to take care of something--we are stewards of our homes, our pets, and even our planet. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to be good stewards of the Church, which is the body of Christ. The Bible stories we read in worship tend to talk about generosity and charity, and at the end of November we spend an entire day giving thanks for all the blessings of our life (at Thanksgiving). As we give thanks in this season, and all year round, it is appropriate to think about and plan for how we can pass along the blessings we have received.

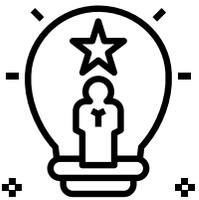
In church, as we talk about how we can be good stewards, we talk about gifts of TIME, TREASURE, and TALENT. What does that mean?



We give gifts of TIME when we serve God and help others. Spending time at church, or helping others in service in the community are gifts of TIME. Sometimes, gifts of time are among the most important!



We give gifts of TREASURE when we give away our money or something that belongs to us to help others. The church uses money to keep the buildings clean, safe, and open and available to serve others. We can also give away our things to someone else in need.



We give gifts of TALENT when we use our gifts to serve God and help others. If we can sing, we can join the choir. If we are artistic, we can draw and picture praising God. If we have knowledge, we can teach others. We can pray for one another and serve others--these are gifts of TALENT.

Stewardship means taking care of of the church and the world with God's help. Use the space on the back of this sheet to consider the ways you are able to help take care of the mission and ministry of our church on behalf of Jesus Christ for the coming year.

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Name: _____

I am grateful for blessings I have received, and for God's great goodness:

I / We promise to be a steward of the church by:

- Bringing an offering of money to church
- Bringing items to the local food pantry and/or thrift shop
- Sharing food with others at church in fellowship
- Helping with a special mission project like Episcopal Relief & Development or United Thank Offering
- Helping in the worship service by: _____
- Helping to clean or fix something at church
- Praying for those in our congregation, community, and the world
- Other gifts I have to offer: _____