

## **Growing in Grace and Generosity: A Year of Faithful Stewardship**

**September**                    \*Kick-off Sunday/Re-dedicate ourselves to the church's mission.

\*Sign- ups for small groups, classes,

\*Peace and Global Witness offering interpretation and promotion; choose local portion recipient.

\*Development of narrative budget with expenses distributed across ministry/mission areas, including building use and personnel time.

**October**                    \* Peace and Global Witness Offering received/World Communion celebrated

\*Celebrate Mission! Highlight outreach, service, mission trips with video, storytelling in worship, and celebration meal together (include mission partners if possible)

\*Kick-off annual campaign; send letter with narrative budget.

\*recruit and schedule stewardship "storytellers" who share the impact of your church's mission on their lives and faith, for each Sunday until Commitment Sunday.

\*send out third-quarter statements of giving

**November**                    \*Commemoration of the Faithful Departed in worship; publicly thank members who have made provisions in their estate planning for legacy gifts to the church.

\*Receive and dedicate generosity commitments (pledges); send thank you notes to each person who made a commitment; schedule follow-up phone calls if necessary

\*Give thanks in worship for God's gifts to us

\*Announce total of Peace/Global Witness Offering and thank donors

\*Organize Christmas in-kind giving/events (e.g. Socks of Love, Angel Gifts, backpacks/supplies for released women, etc)

**December** \*Announce total of generosity commitments, public thanks to donors.

\*Christmas Joy Offering interpretation; receive offering on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

\*Designate recipient (could be the church itself, for a special initiative or project.) for Christmas Eve offering (often there are lots of visitors at this service)

**January** \*Annual meeting and budget presentation. Include number of service hours; number of individuals involved in weekly worship services; gifts of time and talent given in support of the congregation's mission. Give thanks for God's providence shown in the year just past; thank leadership team and staff.

\*Ordination/Installation of officers. Give thanks for all those who give time and talent to govern, oversee ministries and mission, and coordinate ministries of compassion.

\*Report total of Christmas Joy offering and thank donors

\*Send out year-end financial giving statements

**February** Youth lead "Souper Bowl" of Caring in support of hunger ministries.

\*One Great Hour of Sharing interpretation during Lent

\*Publicly list and thanks all members who serve through the wider church (presbytery committees, task forces, special initiatives, commissioners to presbytery assemblies, Presbyterian Women, synod, and General Assembly service)

**March** \*Include a recipient of the local portion of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering as "storyteller" during worship.

\*Schedule “storytellers” describing the impact of the church’s ministries/mission for faith formation.

**April** \*One Great Hour of Sharing offering received Palm Sunday

\*Stewardship of Creation/all church clean-up and/or environmental awareness action

\* Prepare for Summer of Service experiences and plan summer mission trips. Begin interpretation and recruitment

\*Send out first-quarter financial giving statements

**May** \*Report total of One Great Hour of Sharing and thank donors.

\*Schedule “storytellers” in worship telling of the impact of music/arts/worship on their lives and faith

\*Plan for Pentecost Offering (received on Pentecost Sunday); designate local portion recipient

\*Summer mission trip(s) fundraising

**June** \*Publicly list and thank all members who serve on the boards of charitable non-profits.

\*Schedule “story-tellers” and impact of participation in Summer of Service

\*Report total of Pentecost Offering and thank donors

**July** \*Interpret *Per Capita* and designate a Sunday for receiving each member’s *per capita* payment.

\*Send out second-quarter financial giving statements

**August** \*Bless backpacks for returning students, teachers; collect school supplies/backpacks for neighborhood children/schools

\*Planning for annual campaign

\*Representative Nominating Committee begins identifying people to serve as elders and deacons