

## **Guilford College United Methodist Church**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that 2026 is just a few months away. Yet, the coming of a new year brings excitement and new opportunities as we center ourselves on the mission and ministries of our church. Our focus for the new year is: "Every Heart Matters, Every Gift Counts."

These words remind us that stewardship is not only about what we give, but about who we are in Christ. Each of us is a beloved child of God, and every offering we make – no matter the size or shape – strengthens our church's ministry and brings glory to God.

**Stewardship** is simply taking care of something that has been entrusted to us by someone else. We are stewards of all that God has entrusted into our care. We give back to God in gratitude for all the He has given us and entrusted to us.

In the life of our congregation, we think about giving in three ways: **Time, Talents, and Treasures.** 

- **Time** those moments we devote to worship, prayer, study, and fellowship with each other, as well as those acts of service that often reach far beyond the walls of our church. Every moment devoted to God's work makes a difference.
- **Talents** Sharing those unique gifts and abilities God has entrusted to each of us to strengthen the Body of Christ. It could be a call to leadership, or teaching, and even those practical skills necessary for sustaining and growing the local church.
- **Treasures** God has entrusted each of us with financial resources that we give in gratitude and faith through regular giving, offerings and generosity. Our treasures literally sustain the mission and ministries of the church.

During the month of October, we begin our focus on Stewardship and the three pillars of time, talents and treasures. As you pray about your giving for the year ahead, and keeping in mind that our ministry budget and ministry needs are likely to increase next year, we ask you to reflect on how you can share more fully in each of these three areas.

As a spiritual discipline, and as an expression of your commitment to Christ, please complete both the Giving Card and the Serving Commitment sheet included in this mailing. Please return both the card and the sheet to the church by dropping it off at or mailing it to the Church Office, or by bringing them to worship on for before Laity Sunday on October 26th.

Digital options are also available through the Church website at www.guilfordcollegeumc.org or via your REALM online database account.

As followers of Christ, we believe Stewardship **IS** the church. It is more than just a month. Stewardship is an action, made in faith, that engages each of us to live more fully for Christ and the mission He lays before us. Your commitment makes a difference not only within our congregation, but also in the wider community that experiences God's love through us.

Lastly, we could not end this letter without thanking each of you for the generosity and faithfulness you have shown and continually offer to the mission and ministries of Guilford College United Methodist Church. May each of us, individually and as the Body of Christ, more fully proclaim - by our words, our prayers, our fellowship, and our action - that **Every Heart Matters**, and **Every Gift Counts**.

In His abundant Grace and Blessing,

## Your GCUMC Stewardship Committee

