

## **STEWARDSHIP AT SHERWOOD**

**“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”** (Matthew 6:21)

We are grateful to God for the many blessings in our lives. As expressions of our gratitude and our faith, we offer time, talents and treasure to support the mission and ministries of Sherwood.

Being a good steward means using your gifts and resources faithfully. We encourage you to think of giving to the church as a spiritual discipline that expresses your thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given you and deepens your relationship with God.

**Regular Stewardship** is the practice of returning to God a portion of all that God has given us. Annual pledges are one part of the generosity and stewardship that sustain our parish life.

**Personal Stewardship** is the regular participation in the community of Sherwood Church. As a community, we are all parts of the whole. We share our worship; we support those in need and we celebrate our accomplishments. The first step in personal stewardship is your participation in the Sunday service by joining with the congregation in the readings and hymns and sharing your energy brought to you by the belief in God and Jesus Christ as our saviour. Personal Stewardship is also the participation in Lay Ministry such as assisting in the service of the church. Many opportunities exist.

**Extraordinary Stewardship** involves the special occasions that arise in the life of the parish that call us to give beyond our pledge. This encourages us to experiment with sacrificial giving in order to help the parish realize an especially important goal. A capital campaign is the best example of extraordinary giving.

**Legacy Stewardship** is the method in which we address the matter of distributing the accumulation of our lifetime. This is the opportunity to leave a planned gift that constitutes a legacy to generations to come. Planned giving is a generous and effective way of promoting the future of Sherwood Church. When you make a bequest or contribution of any size to Sherwood through your planned giving, you become a member of the Legacy Society. Methods of Planned Giving include, but are not limited to a bequest through your will or trust of cash, stock, or real estate or proceeds from a life insurance policy.

Please prayerfully consider how you might participate in all forms of stewardship.