

Stewardship

Stewardship embodies the careful and responsible management of the things entrusted to our care.

As in the Parable of the Talents we are to take the risks and actions needed to multiply what we have been given.

In doing so we order our lives and resources to fulfill our purpose of **making and deploying disciples who put God first.**

David tells his son Solomon,

“Acknowledge the God of your father and serve him with whole hearted devotion and a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind our thoughts.” (1 Chronicles 28:9)

The Journey

For some, the journey to become generous is slow, the result of steady teaching and study.

For others, there are moments of radical transformation that jolt us into giving generously.

Sometimes we have to work to find our way into being generous.

Other times it is simply an intentional act of obedience. When we learn generosity is what God expects, we simply do it.

Our prayer is that you will find where you are on this journey of reflecting God's gifts by being generous.

Commitment is the little choices we make every day that determine who we are.



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Our Commitment As United Methodists

As United Methodists there are specific commitments we share. Among these is our pledge to support the church with:

- our prayers
- our presence
- our gifts
- our service
- our witness

These five areas of commitment are the way we organize our lives to put faith into action. Chandler United Methodist Church offers multiple opportunities to assist us in fulfilling our commitments.

Generosity

Generosity is a matter of action, intentions and heart - the grateful outpouring of gifts to others out of our love for God.

For Christians, to imitate Jesus means we incorporate into our lives reflections of his generous gifts of compassion, healing and advocacy for those in need.

The magnitude of the sacrificial self-gift made by Jesus to the world still engages and inspires our generosity.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The Church

The Apostle Paul reminds us of the unpredictability of life. Those now giving out of abundance may someday require the generosity of others. Thus, Paul regards generosity expressed in church offerings as a proof of Christian love.

Paul points out this character trait is exemplified by Christ who, **“though rich, for your sake became poor”** (2 Cor 8.9).

Generosity is the challenging attitude of being willing to give and do more than the minimum. Paul points out when we see our gifts and efforts changing lives the result is joy and a desire to become even more generous.

Gifts

Our membership commitment to uphold the church through our gifts is a thankful response for all God has given us.

We must be good stewards of everything that God has entrusted to us.

Fulfilling this commitment so other lives can be blessed causes us to live a different kind of life by reordering how we direct our resources.

At Chandler United Methodist we are using the gifts and offerings received for life changing local, national and international ministries.

Commitment is following through on what you said you would do after the feeling you had when you said it wears off.

