

Sunday
10:45 am Hebrews 10:25 Group
10:45 am Adult Sunday School

Monday
6:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm OES

Tuesday
6:30 am Men's Bible Study
11:15 am Women's Bible Study
4:30 pm Prayer Gathering

Wednesday
10:00 am Sisters In Christ
5:45 pm Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm Bells
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday
11:00 am Women's Bible Study
4:30 pm Awana Training

Saturday
9:00 am Appreciation Breakfast

There will be an
Awana
training day
for those
interested in
helping with the
children of Grace.
Thursday,
October 14
at 4:30 p.m.
Please sign up!

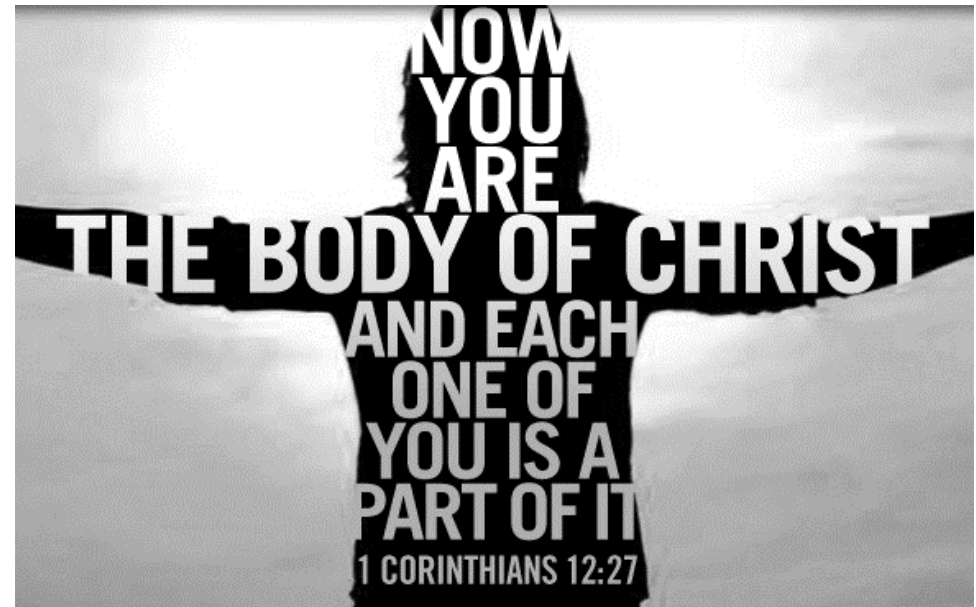
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Giving Income: \$11,389
YTD Operating Income: \$488,055
YTD Operating Expenses: \$607,023

Discussion Questions on 2 Corinthians 8:1-12

- 1.) What difference does it make that Grace United Methodist Church is in the community?
- 2.) In what ways is faithful stewardship like a flowing river of grace?
- 3.) Read v. 9 again. In what ways did Christ becoming poor enrich our lives?
- 4.) What are the most important gifts the Lord has given you for which you are grateful?
- 5.) Why is love a better motivator for faithful stewardship than guilt or obligation?
- 6.) What was the greatest challenge to you personally when you heard the invitation to grow in financial stewardship so as "to excel in this grace of giving"? (v. 7)
- 7.) Did the message stimulate any new action for you in regard to your financial stewardship?

“A Called Community”



DECATUR *Grace*

October 10, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *We Sing Glory to God*

Praise and Prayer

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #160 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Congregational Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Anthem *Lord, Here Am I*

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Hearing and Responding

Scripture & Message

***2 Corinthians 8:1-12**

“A Called Community: Called to Faithful Stewardship”

Rev. Sig Bjorklund

Invitation to the Offering

Malachi 3:10

Offertory Anthem *Let Me Be Your Servant, Lord*

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn**

UMH #399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Congregation please stand as able

Liturgist: Beth A. McLaughlin

Choir Director/Organist: Arlis DeJaynes

Sermon Notes

“A Called Community: Called to Faithful Stewardship”

2 Corinthians 8:1-12

If we take the Lord’s Word through Paul the Apostle to heart, what do we learn about faithful stewardship of what we have?

Our _____ is _____.

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Our _____ is _____.

1.) Become a _____.

2.) Become a _____.

3.) Become a _____.

4.) Become an _____.

Congregational Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

(Time for personal prayer)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we give you thanks for the fullness of your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all you have made.

We praise you for your creation and your care for it and for all the rich blessings of this life.

We thank you for providing abundantly for all our personal needs moment by moment, including this very moment.

We worship you for your faithfulness in providing our financial resources, our material goods, and every gift we were endowed with when you created us.

We offer you gratitude for every spiritual gift you have given us by your Holy Spirit at our second birth and beyond.

Above all else, we thank you for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

We pray that you would give us such an appreciation of your love and mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives.

Instill within us a deep desire to care for your creation as good stewards.

Teach us to share freely, lovingly, and willingly all that we have been given with those in need.

Strengthen our resolve to use what you have given us in service to others.

By walking together before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, may our congregation shine forth with the love of Christ.

As we pool our financial and material resources and as each of us does our part in the Body of Christ, may we be built into a spiritual house in which you dwell by your Spirit.

We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory now and always. And now we turn to you in dependency as we pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us...

(The Lord's Prayer follows)

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