

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY



My weekly, monthly, yearly gift
to the ongoing ministry of
St. Andrew's UMC.

Giving has always been a mark of Christian commitment and discipleship. The ways in which a believer uses God's gifts of material goods, personal abilities, and time should reflect a faithful response to God's self-giving in Jesus Christ and Christ's call to minister to and share with others in the world. Tithing is a primary expression of the Christian discipline of stewardship.

Are you ready to grow one step in GENEROSITY?

No. I am (we are) not ready to commit at this time.

YES. I am (we are) ready to commit as follows
to the General Fund – Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2012:
\$ _____ every Week Month Quarter Year
For an Annual Total of \$ _____ to the
General Fund.

Check all that apply:

- This is a tithe (10%) of my (our) income.
- This is _____% of my (our) income.
- In the years ahead, with God's help, I (we) will step up toward tithing.

Giving will be a priority in my (our) life, growing to include the following:

- Giving will be the greatest joy in life.
- If I miss a Sunday, I (we) will give twice as much the next week to keep faith with my commitment.
- I (we) will move closer to tithing (10%) each year.
- The check to the church will be the first one I (we) write each month.



Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5 NRSV)

The Apostle Paul said, "In the same way, my friends, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God." (Romans 7:4 NRSV)

"...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. (Galatians 5:22-23 NRSV)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____



2012 Spiritual and Financial Commitment



INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



Do you want to mature your faith by learning with others in community?

- No, I know all I need to know, or am interested in knowing.
- Not this year, but I hope to re-order my priorities to make room for intentional faith development starting next year.
- Yes, I will find a time and place for daily prayer, including meals.
- Yes, I will visit a Sunday School class, Bible study or small group and find one which works best for me and plan to attend regularly.
- Yes, I will join or start a small group, Bible study, or Sunday school class.
- Yes, I will make a plan for being more regular in my personal devotional time, and find a partner with whom I can be accountable and share what God is teaching me.
- God is calling me to be an intentional, lifelong learning disciple by: _____

PASSIONATE WORSHIP



Are you ready to grow in your worship habits?

- Today, I am not ready to make a commitment.
- Yes, I will increase my worship attendance from _____ to _____ times a month.
- Yes, I will make attending corporate worship the highest priority of my week.

- Yes, I will come to worship with the prayerful expectation of encountering the living God. I will engage my intellect and my heart in worship.
- Yes, I will actively prepare my heart, mind and soul before attending worship. I will arrive on time or early and be well rested so I can offer God my best.
- God is calling me to change my worship habits to include: _____

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE



Are you ready to grow in your hands-on service to the Lord?

- No, I am not ready at this time.
- No, I am not ready yet, but I will be searching for ways that I can serve the Lord.
- Yes, I will commit to at least one "hands on" mission activity sponsored by the church this year.
- Yes, I will find a mission where I can offer my gifts regularly on a monthly or weekly basis.
- Yes, I will look into participating in a short term mission trip.
- Yes, service will be a priority in my life, growing to include the following: I will look for ways to give my time and strength to serve the Lord. I will serve with joy and gladness. When I feel the Lord inviting me to greater levels of sacrifice and service, I will answer, "Yes, Lord, send me."
- God is calling me to risk-taking mission and service (something I would never consider doing but for my relationship with Christ) in the following area:

RADICAL HOSPITALITY



Will you welcome others in the same way God welcomed you into the family of faith?

- No, today I am not ready to encourage others in the journey of faith.
- Yes, I will joyfully welcome the stranger, even if it requires that I give up my seat in worship, park farther from the entrance, move to a different worship service or otherwise inconveniences me.
- Yes, I will actively welcome those who appear to be different from myself and those who may not follow the same "rules" that I do. I will seek ways to accommodate and include newcomers.
- Yes, I will intentionally seek genuine friendships with those who may not know Christ or have a church home. I will look for opportunities to invite them to St. Andrew's.
- Yes, I will learn to be an active listener so that I might encourage others to share their faith journey and questions. I will be willing to humbly share my own faith journey if it might provide encouragement, comfort or inspiration.
- Yes, radical hospitality will become a priority in my life. I will endeavor to live so that others can see Christ's welcoming love in me. I will watch for the stranger and invite them to worship and other ministry activities. I will be praying for specific people and their faith journeys.
- God is calling me to practice radical hospitality by:

