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Christian Stewardship



Stewardship: 1: the office, duties, and obligations of a steward.

2: the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially : the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

Did you get where it says "managing of something." To me this implies that we have decisions to make and are responsible for that which we are stewards over. Just like a manager of business is responsible for his/her division and workers, so we are with all that has been entrusted to us.

Stewards over what?

I believe it applies to everything we have been given. Our time, our money, our God given gifts and abilities and talents, our influence, it all comes from God. There are lots of Stewardship verses that illustrate to us how we should act, but my favorite is the Parable of the Talents since it gives such a great illustration of what a good steward does. Put simply, the good stewards were the ones who took

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Worship In October

Oct. 3— "If You Can Read This Sermon Title You're Too Close", Rev. Ernesto Sanchez, Scripture: Lamentations 1:1-6, Luke 17:5-10.

Oct. 10— "A Ray of Wholeness", Rev. Ernesto Sanchez, Scripture: Psalm 66:1-12, Luke 17:11-19.

Oct. 17— "On Hands and Knees", Rev. Ernesto Sanchez, Scripture: Psalm 121, Luke 18:1-8.

Oct. 24— "The Best of the Worst", Rev. Ernesto Sanchez, Scripture: Psalm 65, Luke 18:9-14.

Oct. 31— "School of Blessing", Rev. Ernesto Sanchez, Scripture: Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12.



"All tithes from the land, whether the seed from the ground or the fruit from the tree, are the LORD's; they are holy to the LORD." **Leviticus 27:30, NRSV**

Circle of Concern

Stewardship

For Bereavement:

For the Family and Friends of Carol Knapp. For the Family and Friends of all whose who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

For Guidance:

Lisa D., Barbara McAllister, Ray Gallo, Ray Clark, Maj. Don Cornwell stationed in South Korea, Cat Placement and Rescue, Christy Wood, Lois Wood, Michael Dellazizzi and family, Michael Amarati, Philip Demacos, Joanne, Robert C. Hiene, the Americo Family, Rose Conti and Dean Butera's mother, Bob Pignataro, Holly Nelson, Elizabeth Biederman's cousin, Jody, that Jody has a healthy delivery and Dylan has no kidney complications at birth, Don De LaVergne (Linda Werner's nephew), Kevin O'Donnell for comfort and healing over the loss of a loved one, Lisa Prince, the family of Alex Pearson, he is in nursing home, he is the father-in-law of Lenny Pearson, Joan, the Neuman family, Nancy Rogers for comfort and healing, Tom Bracken, Barry Burrell's sister, Wildredo Franco and Mary (co-worker of Betty Rice.)

These Who are Hospitalized:

Josh Boneventure, Christine Quinn's cousin Frank, Nana Grace, Nancy Marshall, Bertha Smith, Lee Hollowell, Mary Payne, Marvin Rice, Harry Watson, John Casale, Debbie Fiore, Patrick Diamond, Corinne Burdett (Linda Stawecki's mother), John Vanderzalm, Sharon Kaminski, Don Morissey and Louis Adone.

These at Home:

Betty Hansley, Joan Welsh, Joseph Weinzettle, Pat Carlson, Natalie Burnett-Lynch, Kathleen Chodorski, Kyra McCarthy, Debi DelRossi, Belle Barile, Tom Furman, Lisa Lopez, Dorotea Sanchez, Mary Jones, Mike Welsh, Timothy Oliva's Aunt Susan, John Krulger, Shelly Granger, Marie Lino, Marta, Donna Herrick and Philip Rudolph, Jytte & Nils Sorensen (Geri Sheridan's relatives in Denmark), Robert Dodge and Suzanne Olivotti-Dodge, Sandy Burrell and Ted Davies.

These who are in Rehab or Nursing Care Facilities:

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Kitty Brunner in Cedar Lodge Nursing Home, 6 Frowein Road, Center Moriches, NY 11934

Hazel Nargi in McPeak's Adult Home, 286 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue, NY 11772

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Nancy Rogers in I.C.F. , S. #1, wing C, 283 Route 25A, Shoreham, NY 11786

Connie Halliwell Bethany 202, Our Lady of Consolation, 111 Beach Drive, West Islip, NY 11795

Rachel Nason in McPeak's Adult Home, 286 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue, NY 11772.

Jesus asked us to feed the hungry and clothe those in need. Through our Food Pantry, Wesley Dinners and our annual Thanksgiving Dinner we are doing his will. Our Food Pantry under the leadership of Jim Miller feeds hundreds of people in the Patchogue area each month. Recently, Rotary Club of Patchogue provided a \$1,000 check to our church. It was divided between the Food Pantry (\$750) and Wesley Dinners (\$250). At the August Wesley Dinner, seventy people came to our church to be fed. They had a pleasant surprise when Barry Burrell brought twenty pizzas from Papa John's.

The Wesley Dinner steering committee consists of Barbara Becker (chairwoman), Carol Kirschner (food safety), Trudy Mansfield (volunteer coordinator), Steve Shadbolt (chef) and his assistant, Lenny Pearson.

Our annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner is coming up soon. Please begin thinking of your donation this year. Entire cooked turkeys, any of the trimmings, or dessert would be appreciated. The Wesley Dinners committee is planning to coordinate this year's dinner since it falls on their Thursday. Our friends at Rotary have volunteered to serve this year.

Chris Saas, our administrative assistant, collected and gave out coats at last year's Thanksgiving dinner. She is collecting them again for this year. Please donate any warm clothes and coats that our guests may need to survive another cold winter. Remaining clothes will be handed out at our December Wesley Dinners and through the Food Pantry.

Our Sunday School began with

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twenty-five students on Rally Day. It is great to see so many of our sons and daughters excited to be back with friends and eager to learn of Jesus' love. Superintendent Elizabeth Biederman, is buoyed by the good turn out and wishes that a number of good people would volunteer to be teachers or assistants. Please call Elizabeth at 730-8520 or talk to her after church.

The first Sunday of MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) was good for our young adults. Their dynamic leader, Carla Gibson, has planned exciting programs for the Fall. They went apple picking at Lewin's Farm in September. On Oct. 17, there will be a pumpkin picking event at a location to be announced. Carla would like to invite everyone to come to these events, enjoy the fun and get to know our youth. It is great to see them becoming more involved in so many facets of church life. They have served at the Wesley Dinners, Thanksgiving Dinner, flower sales, Palm Sunday Breakfasts, visiting shut-ins, etc. We have a great group of youth.

The Shawl Ministry recently presented shawls to Tom Bracken and Cecelia Alvarado, for her mother. Each stitch is done with a prayer for that person. My cousins' husband, Philip Crandall's shawl meant a lot to him and gave him great comfort in his last days. If you know of someone who needs Jesus' healing love, call Denise Whalen (730-3656 evenings) and give her the name. Denise would like to thank her shy knitters for their dedication in bringing comfort to so many in our church family and friends. She would also like to thank those who have so generously provided yarn for this ministry.

The parsonage has been a beehive of activity this summer. Our new pastor, Ernesto Sanchez, has done a lot of outside yard work. Ivette and pastor have painted inside the parsonage.

Thanks to Brenda and Ed Klingel for the installation of sixty feet of cyclone fence. It took the place of an old wood fence that was falling apart. For the past decade maintenance at the parsonage has been at a minimum. Trees have overgrown the garage and parts of the house.

Ray Henson took two truck loads of debris away from the parsonage. On two separate days Steve and Stevey Rice removed many trailer loads of tree trimmings and junk of previous yard sales from the garage. The yard looks great and just in time for the Sept. 25 all-church yard sale. Many thanks to Kevin Leahy, Bob Prince and Steve Rice for picking up donations.. Bill Loris provided a lot of items.

Through the faithfulness of one church family, the old boiler is temporarily repaired. The leaking section has been isolated and the boiler should get us through one more winter. The last four digits of it's serial number is the date of fabrication: 1911. It has served us well for almost 100 years. Like many of us feel, it is old and very tired.

Our Chinese Auction will be held on Nov. 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Centereach. June Barile is chairing. We need 250 new and/or saleable items. Please bring them to church as soon as possible so they can be registered and catalogued. Give them to June, Dave Hollowell or any Trustee. We have a lot of large baskets for those who might need one. More bas-

kets are always welcomed for coming events.

Our Stewardship Campaign will be in the month of November. This year we will have four Sundays. The first will have a thought provoking skit. The second Sunday will involve the testimonials of a couple of our good stewards as to why they love this church and what it means to them. The third Sunday will have one more testimonial and a special guest speaker to do an inspirational sermon. On the last Sunday we will present our tithes and pledges to Jesus Christ. During each service we hope that you will reach into your heart and think of your relationship with Jesus and our church.

Please pray with your faithfulness and give with your heart. May God keep and bless you.

—**Dave Hollowell, Stewardship Chair**

United Methodist Women

The monthly meeting for October will be held on Sat, Oct. 9, at 9:30 a.m.. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments are always served.

We will be planning our annual holiday fair, which will be held on Sat, December 4th, from 9:30 – 3. There will be a number of vendors selling lovely gift items, as well as a baked goods table, White Elephant table, gift baskets. A continental breakfast and lunch will be available. All women of the church are invited to help out or participate in some way. It really is joyful to work together to raise money for the missions and ministries of UMW.

—**Barbara Becker**

**Healing Prayer Service,
Sunday, Oct. 17 at 7p.m.**

Celebrate your life! Witness for your faith!

Stewardship (from Page 1)

“risks” and action in order to multiply what they had been given. The bad steward was the one who out of fear decided not to take a risk and was called lazy as well.

Well this brings up another scripture...

Luke 12:48

...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Stewardship Lifestyle

Our finances tend to be the key area that people refer to when speaking of stewardship. It might just be because money is often one of the thorniest things for people to give. Well my friends that used to be the case for me. I was okay when it came to giving my energy, time, or sharing my abilities, but money was not something that I was interested in giving away. That is probably why God had to work on me for so long to help me lose my attitude!

My Mom was always the one to remind me that I came into the world with nothing and therefore would leave with nothing. Here's a challenge for you. Begin looking at all your possessions as merely being “a loan.” This has helped me begin to see myself more as a “steward” rather than a “possessor”.

Stewardship of a Violin

A friend once said that he was talking to a well-known violinist about his violin. The violinist had mentioned that the violin was a couple hundred years old and worth many hundreds of thousands of dollars. The interesting

point from the conversation was the way the violinist viewed himself as a steward of the instrument. He knew that many great musicians had played the instrument before he was even born. He was also not naive to think that he would be the last to play the fine instrument. He understood that it was just temporarily passing through his hands.

The violinist's outlook on his violin has really helped me get a better understanding of the role possessions should have in my life. Changing my thinking in this way has affected how I handle my money and even my weekly buying decisions. It's not that having possessions is a good or bad thing just that it needs to be in the proper perspective.

What are your thoughts on stewardship? What has helped you become a better steward?

Installation Service for the Pastor

On Sunday, Nov.7, at 4:00 p.m., we will hold a formal installation service for Rev. Ernesto Sanchez. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Adrienne Brewington, will speak.

Local clergy, elected officials, community members, and of course, the entire congregation will be invited. Planning for this event will begin soon. The only question is, because of the time frame, should we hold a reception before the service, serving desserts, coffee, fruit, etc. or have a pot luck supper after the service? Please let me know what you think. I hope everyone will attend.

—Barbara Becker

Thanksgiving Dinner

As you know, for the last three years, our church has provided a free Thanksgiving dinner to the community. This year will be the fourth and perhaps busiest. Sign up sheets for food donations as well as opportunities to help at the dinner will be going up soon in Wesley Hall. Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. We also hope to have a free coat give-away as we did last year. The food, fellowship and the warm coats mean so very much to our neighbors who live on the edge of disaster.

—Barbara Becker

Help The Cats

June Barile, who is chairing our Chinese Auction on Nov. 4, is also a supporter of Cat Rescue & Placement, Inc., which is holding a Chinese Auction, also at Knights of Columbus, 41 Horseblock Rd., Centereach, Oct. 6, 6:00 p.m.. Admission is \$6. She would appreciate your support.



GOD PROVIDES

The deadline for the November issue of **TheLINK** is Oct. 15. Please e-mail your copy to gbhoag@optonline.net.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 11:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.—Family Fun Day, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital
3 10 a.m.— Communion Worship/Sunday School <i>Counters: Linda Werner and Dave Hollowell</i>	4 7 p.m.—AA	5 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	6	7 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	8	9 9:30 a.m.—UMW
10 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m.— Finance <i>Counters: Lenny Pear- son and Linda Stawecki</i>	11 7 p.m.—AA	12 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	13	14 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School 7:00 p.m.—Healing Service <i>Counters: Debbie Kolacki and Kate Weber</i>	18 7 p.m.—AA	19 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	20	21 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	22	23 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.— Defensive Driving Class
24 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m.— Trustees <i>Counters: Brenda Klingel and Joanne Shadbolt</i>	25 7 p.m.—AA	26 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	27	28 5:00—6:00 p.m.— Wesley Dinner 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	29	30
31 10 a.m.—All Saints Worship/Sunday School <i>Counters TBA</i>						

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U.S. Poverty Increase Is A Church Concern

The number of Americans living in poverty has climbed, and The United Methodist Church is looking for ways to help.

A report released Sept. 16 by the U.S. Census Bureau shows that 14.3 percent of the population in 2009 lived in poverty, up from 13.2 percent the previous year.

“The new census bureau figures are distressing in a country as creative and prosperous as the United States,” said Thomas Kemper, chief executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. “However, we are not surprised because our work puts us in touch with many of those who are the faces behind the statistics.”

According to the census, 43.6 million people lived below the federal poverty level in 2009, up from 39.8 million in 2008 — the third consecutive annual increase. The report set the threshold of poverty at an annual income of \$21,954 for a family of four last year. The poverty rate was down for people over 65 years of age, but children were hard hit.

The number of people in poverty is the largest in the 51 years for which poverty estimates are available, the report said.

Families of all kinds have lost in this economic picture.

The statistics confirm what anyone who works with the poor already knows, said the Rev. John Hill, director for economic and environmental justice at the United Methodist Board of Church and Society.

“Our brothers and sisters on the economic margins are being battered by the current economic crisis,” he said.

Crisis relates to two United Methodist emphases

United Methodist church leaders closely watch the poverty statistics because the denomination has a global emphasis on ministry with the poor. The Board of Global Ministries has a leadership role in the church’s engaging in ministry with the poor.

Mary Ellen Kris, a consultant to Global Ministries, said the latest figures reflect negatively on the United States, as the world approaches the 10th anniversary of United Nations Millennium Development Goals. One of those goals is to reduce poverty and hunger significantly by 2015.

“The Millennium Goals apply primarily to those living in ‘extreme poverty’ on less than \$1 a day, most of whom live in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia,” Kris said. “But the fact that poverty persists, and is

growing, in the U.S. is a depressing omen for the rest of the world.”

The United Nations has eight Millennium Goals, which also include universal primary education, reduction of child mortality rates, and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. Kris said a review is in progress of how far the world has come in meeting those goals.

In the U.S., poverty doesn’t just affect people’s standard of living. It also can have consequences for their health. Stamping out killer diseases by improving health globally is another United Methodist priority.

The eradication of poverty and the promotion of health are longstanding Methodist commitments, dating from the ministry of founder John Wesley in 18th-century England.

The United Methodist Social Principles state: “In spite of general affluence in the industrialized nations, the majority of persons in the world live in poverty. In order to provide basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, and other necessities, ways must be found to share more equitably the resources of the world.”

—Elliot Wright, UMNS

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Wesley Dinners

With the serving of the Sept.23rd meat loaf and mashed potatoes dinner, we completed our 8th Wesley Dinner. Beginning in February of this year, we have provided a free meal on the fourth Thursday of every month, from 5 to 6 p.m. Under the direction and culinary skill of our chef, Steve Shadbolt and his able assistant, Lenny Pearson, the meals have been nutritious, tasty and plentiful. We have a group of regular guests, which is gradually growing. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who set up, serve, clean up and of course prepare the food. They truly understand the meaning of faithful servanthood as lived by Jesus.

During the summer, we served meals that didn't require using the stove or oven—sandwiches and salads in July and pizza and salad in August. Thanks to Papa John's for preparing 20 pies with a variety of toppings at a very reasonable price. Special thanks to Barry Burrell for making all the arrangements.

We have been blessed by generous donations, large and small, that have enabled us to sustain the cost of these meals ourselves. In the very near future, though, we will be applying to Island Harvest for food and equipments supplies and exploring other resources. Profound thanks to all who help.

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