

January 31, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ:

The month of February holds special focus on stewardship of our financial gifts and the offering our time, talent and service. Please consider the question of what gives our lives meaning. The promise of fuller meaning in life is available to all through faith, trust and love in God and Jesus Christ.

**FAITH** - "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."  
Hebrews 11:1

**TRUST** - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

**LOVE** - "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you have received." 1 Peter 4:10

We recognize that all abundance which we enjoy comes from God. The time of focus on stewardship is an opportunity to assess our faith commitments and act in response to God's abundance entrusted to our care. What are you able to share of God's abundance?

Hudson United Methodist Church has many blessings. We are financially secure with a balanced budget including a paid-off line of credit. We are welcoming new people in worship, study and fellowship. New staff enabled by "Invest in Our Future" is leading Family Ministry and service for all our age groups. We are launching 2018 as a year of turning outward with service and mission by building UMCOR relief kits in February, joining First Serve with other Hudson area faith groups in September, and continuing acts of love and service locally, and nationally with ASP.

The mission of Hudson United Methodist Church is to "Go into the world and share the light of Jesus Christ ...with worship, study, service and spiritual growth." By stepping up your 2018-2019 commitment, and returning the gifts and blessings flowing through hands and hearts, we will grow our mission. Prayerfully consider your financial pledge and return the enclosed pledge form. You will join with our church family in providing resources that positively impact the annual operating budget and ministries of the church. The church's fiscal year extends April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please join us by returning your pledge form on **Consecration Sunday, February 25th** and growing the opportunities of our ministry with an outpouring of God's abundant faith, trust and love. A celebratory meal in the Christian Activity Center will take place following Sunday School at 11:45 a.m.

We join you in Christ's Service,

Tom King, Stewardship Chair

Hoyte Wilhelm, Senior Pastor