

During the next several weeks, each of us will be asked to count our blessings and think about being grateful for God's grace in our lives. We will also be asked to think and pray about how we will respond to the incredible love of God that we experience in and through our ministry together here at Resurrection.

We will be asked to support the mission and ministry of our parish with a financial pledge as we remember that the One who loves us so much continues to give and to give to us through the great gift of his son, Jesus Christ.



May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Abundant blessings . . .

The Reverend Ron Keel
Rector

A Prayer of Reflection when you carefully consider your 2012 Pledge:

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, grant us grace that we may acknowledge that all things come from you.

Open our hearts to learn that it is in giving that we receive, and as we honor you with our substance, enjoy the grace that you have promised us.

Three ways to submit your 2012 pledge:

1. Complete and return the pledge card provided by the church
2. Go to the Resurrection website, print the online pledge card, complete and return it to the church by mail or by placing in the offertory plate
3. Simply e-mail your pledge to the Treasurer at treasurer@episcopal-bluesprings.org

**Commitment Sunday and
Blessing of the Pledge Cards**

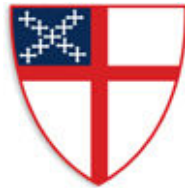
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Questions?

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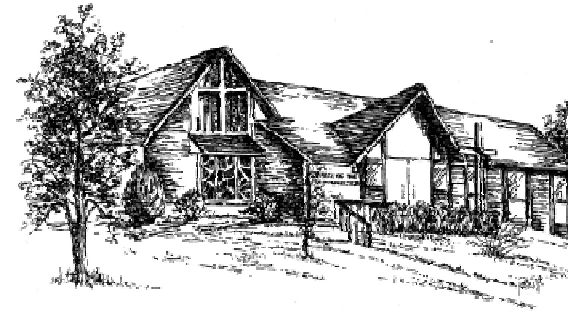
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Stewardship 2012
COUNTING
OUR
BLESSINGS

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STEWARDSHIP 2012: COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

2012 Annual Giving Goal:

\$165,000

Our 2012 Annual Giving Goal represents an 8% increase over *total budgeted* 2011 income and reflects the monies needed to support the real operating expenses of Resurrection for 2012. Our success in reaching our goal significantly impacts the ability of Resurrection to carry out our ministry. The majority of our church budget is funded from pledge income with the remaining coming from loose plate offerings and in-kind gifts.

- Our 2012 Stewardship wish is for all Resurrection families to make an Annual Giving pledge, no matter what the amount. Last year this figure was 60%.
- In 2011, pledges ranged from \$100 to \$10,000
- Pledges of all amounts are received with gratitude. The average pledge in 2011 was \$2,362.

Please consider making a generous pledge. Our expenses for 2012 will include expected increases in insurance and compensation costs for our full-time clergy as well as higher utility and operating expenses. Reaching our goal will ensure our vibrant programs and services will continue to transform lives within our parish community and beyond!

Where does the money go?

Budget 2011	
Stewardship Gifts	\$141,000
Loose Offerings	\$12,500
Total Revenues	\$153,500
Diocesan Programs	\$22,000
Clergy (including benefits)	\$81,000
Utilities	\$10,000
Building & Grounds	\$11,200
Insurance (property/casualty)	\$7,000
Worship (including nursery/music)	\$17,000
Education, office expense and other	\$5,300
Total Expenses	\$153,500



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Stewardship also means for you to actively identify your own gifts and talents. Engage them passionately at Resurrection as you strive "to Know Christ and make Him known with Joy, Faith, and Service."

Stewardship is part of everything we do and everything we are:

- Participate in some form of spiritual growth and renewal
- Attend public worship regularly
- Serve in our ministries joyfully
- Give financial support to our Parish

How to Give:

- **GIVE FIRST FRUITS.** Give God the first part of your income. When you pay your bills, write a check to the Church as both an offering and reminder that all things come from God.
- **GIVE PROPORTIONALLY.** Give in proportion to the income you receive, not a specific dollar amount. Proportionate giving challenges both the rich and the poor.
- **GIVE REGULARLY.** The habit of regular, pledged giving serves as a reminder of God's generosity and helps shape our souls. Pledged giving also allows the Church to plan its ministries.
- **GIVE QUIETLY.** Our purpose is to please God, not others. Dollar amounts will vary, but each of us is sharing with God, through the Church, out of what God has given us.