

Bulletin Blurbs: Generosity

A few short blurbs you can use to get congregation members thinking about giving generously

As we try to live a life that reflects Christ, it's important to recognize that our churches are made of individuals from various backgrounds that are on their own journey. Some of us like different types of worship or music. Folks at different stages of life have different needs and concerns. One aspect we can all consider together is our pathway to generosity. **How do you express generosity in your daily life?**

We learn generosity from the people closest to us when we are young. Our parents and other relatives model generosity through their daily actions of providing for our needs, comfort, and love. Our extended church families also teach about generosity. **In what ways did you experience generosity in your family or in your church?**

So much of our lives revolve around the school year that it feels like a second New Year. Even though we might be sorry that summer is coming to an end, we feel so much possibility opening up in front of us – so much potential. Beginnings give us a new slate to start fresh or try something new. **How can you develop a gratitude discipline this fall?**

When we take a moment each day to experience gratitude and experience the moments that fill us up, we are better able to be generous with others and with ourselves. **What are you grateful for today?**

We teach that stewardship is “using the gifts God has given to do the work God calls us to do.” It is our privilege to use all of our gifts from God, to be good stewards of them and to be accountable for them. Generosity is built through relationships, it's not transactional. We try to remember that to be generous we also need to offer the grace to allow others to be generous to us – otherwise we're robbing us both of an important experience. **Have you allowed someone to do something generous for you recently?**

Generosity is a practice. It's the act of being generous that's important and that powerful transformation within us when we allow ourselves to get out of the way and practice generosity. **How have you shown others that you care for them?**

When we teach good stewardship practices we talk of giving of our time, talent, and treasure on a regular basis. The work of ministry is to find the way that we can each be generous in our time using our talent with our treasure. What we want to fully develop is a way to cultivate impulses that become generous habits – a new way of life. This is the pathway of generosity to inspire us all to be givers – those people who are ‘other focused’ – and not only keepers who are centered on themselves. **What gifts have you received that you most treasure?**



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