



The Second Page

A detailed look at the mission
of Bethpage Presbyterian Church

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Stewardship Ministry Area

Psalm 24:1 - *"The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."*

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is discipleship. It is the care and use of all that we have been given by God and is often explained in terms of time, talent and treasure. The gift of time is just that — a gift. None of us know exactly how much time we have been granted on this earth. In the time that we have, we are asked to use that time effectively by continuing the mission of Jesus Christ throughout our days. We are all blessed with so many talents and yet we may not know they exist. Talents are found in your personality, your interests and in your skills. Your use of talent for the work of God can be one of the most personally fulfilling opportunities of your lifetime. Finally, treasure is a gift and also a burden. While it is not wrong to enjoy many of the luxuries life has to offer, justice requires us to consider the needs of others as we enjoy the gifts we have been given. We should all give according to what we have been given. Rather than gifts of equal size, gifts should be based on equal sacrifice. One way to know when you are making the right gift is when you stop making excuses for its size and stop trying to rationalize why it is enough.

The results of the Mission Study revealed that 95% of our church membership believes it is a priority to educate adults on the meaning of stewardship. The Stewardship Ministry Team plans to accomplish this task through educating the congregation via:

- New member classes
- Bulletin inserts
- Beth Page articles
- Testimonials
- Bulletin boards
- Sunday School classes
- Worship services

For the past two years, Bethpage has participated in the "Grow-One Sunday" stewardship program. "Grow-One Sunday" is a spiritual-growth program as well as a financial campaign. It is based on the biblical theology of the "need of the giver to give" for his or her own spiritual development, not on the "need of the church to receive" in order to balance its budget.