

Stewardship Committee Report – Annual Meeting January 2020

When the Committee began meeting to develop this year's campaign, it was apparent that this year's campaign was going to be different than everything we have done before. Due to COVID, we met virtually, and we discussed how to hold a stewardship campaign in these troubled times.

We decided that instead of our typical brochure that is sent out we would instead have Vicki send a letter to the congregation. We felt that given all the struggles in 2020 that a more personal approach was needed, and we wanted to acknowledge that we know there is adversity that some are facing.

The campaign raised \$170,000, which was less than we had been hoping for. This is a decrease from last year, but many were able to increase their pledge amounts which helped tremendously. One of the main reasons for the decline is that we did not have the new pledging units to make up for some of those that we have lost.

Next year we need to make up this decrease as we cannot continue to use our savings to plug holes in the budget long term. Pledges of all sizes help us reach this goal. Sending in your pledge cards assists the Vestry in planning for the year as they then will know what they must work with. If you did not pledge this year, I humbly request that you consider a pledge for next year of any amount.

The committee is a wonderful group of people who have done a tremendous job this challenging year. Committee Members: Jeanette Neal, GG Michaels, Darlene Pazda, Bill Weisbeck, and Marc Ziegler. Campaign Volunteers: Peg Anderson, Tom Macy, and Carol Selin.

Next year Marc Ziegler will be taking over as stewardship chair. We are always in search of new members to our team. If you feel called to help in anyway, please let Marc or Vicki know.

Respectfully Submitted

Kate Macke