



Treasure

“Don’t hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it’s safe from moth and rust and burglars. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being. (Matthew 6: 19-21 MSG).

As Christian believers, we know that, everything belongs to God “Look around you: Everything you see is GOD’S—the heavens above and beyond, the Earth, and everything on it.” (Deut.10:14 MSG). Even though God owns all things, God entrusts us with a portion of His possessions. Therefore, we are to be good stewards of what God gives to us. How are we to know whether we are good stewards or not so good stewards? 1Peter 4:11 tells us that we are good stewards when we use all that we are given to promote God’s best interests - “so that in all things God may be glorified.”

I know in life there are many things we need to be “good stewards” for, but I want us to consider three things that God has given to each of us that we need to faithfully and dependably use to glorify our Master.

The first area where we need to demonstrate good stewardship is the use of our **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**. Peter declares that each of us has received a “special gift.” Therefore, there is not a single member of the Church of God who has not received a gift from God. These gifts enable us to ‘serve one another’ in the Church. These gifts grant us the ability to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters. Each gift represents a ministry that God calls us to perform within the congregation. We all have different gifts and each gift is important. None is more important than any other, but it not until we actively and intentionally “employ” our special gift are we “good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

The second area where we need to be good stewards is in the use of the **TIME** God grants us. Even though the duration of our life seems very long when we are young, the truth is, life is short. As a result, we need to frequently ask ourselves, am I being a good steward of the precious time that God continues to give to me?

Paul writes, in Ephesians 5:15-16, *“Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time...”* (NRSV) Are we, as good stewards, investing time in activities that promote God’s interests and glory? Are we investing time now in activities that will pay dividends in eternity? How much time do we devote to drawing closer to God? How much time do we give ourselves to prayer and studying and meditating on the Word of God? There really is not anything more vital than deepening and strengthening our relationship with God.

The third area that we will consider is our stewardship of **MONEY**. It is very easy for us to forget that what we think of as our money is actually God’s money. The income that we have is given to us by our God to meet our basic needs but above all, to promote God’s interests and glory. For us to be good stewards of the money God has entrusted us with, we need to ask ourselves three questions-

1. Do we use God’s money righteously?

Realizing that the money we have belongs to God, we do not want to use our money to purchase anything or invest in anything that we know is unrighteous. As good stewards, we are called to use God’s money righteously.



2. Do we use God’s money prudently?

The Day will come when God will hold us accountable for how prudently we used the resources entrusted to us. God will certainly hold us accountable as to whether or not our spending matched kingdom priorities and values. Jesus often talked about how we use money today will directly determine the quality and quantity of treasure we will enjoy in eternity. Does our budget reflect an eye on eternity or simply one in keeping with the way of the world? As good stewards, we must use God’s money prudently.

3. As stewards of God’s money do we contribute an appropriate amount to God’s kingdom?

God’s people- you and me- are encouraged scripturally to make a generous monetary contribution or offering toward the work of God. As good stewards, we put God’s interest and glory first...even in the offering on Sunday morning. God expects His cut of our income - the income that He gives us - to come first. He promises that if we - in faith - put Him first, He will make sure that we will have “all sufficiency in everything.” My sisters and brothers, it is a GREAT privilege to be chosen by God to be His stewards.

On Sunday, October 18, Bellevue Heights UMC launched its stewardship campaign with the emphasis on “Treasure.” This is based on the teachings of Jesus as it relates to giving from the “Sermon on the Mount” (Matt. 6:21). We graciously welcome the use of your God given gifts, a little more of your time, and your generous financial contribution. Therefore, I urge you to reflect prayerfully upon the various ways God has been and continue to be generous to you as you seek to discern the ways in which God is calling you be good stewards of God’s manifold grace.

Shalom

Pastor Andy M. Anderson

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

At the roast beef dinner on October 17th, the UMW bazaar sold craft items, books, baked goods and decorative items. The proceeds totaled \$540. A big thank you to bakers, crafters, and all other donors and customers who created this successful bazaar. Thanks also to all who helped on the stage.

On Tuesday, October 27th, at 7:00 pm, Hope/Joy Circle will host the UMW meeting where we will enjoy dessert and book reports from the UMW reading list.

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HEARING DEVICES

For anyone who might have difficulty hearing the pastor’s sermon or any other part of the service, we have hearing devices that fit one’s ear. Please ask any usher or even “me” (Jeffrey Morey).

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The children are walking in with more smiles and are continuing to have fun while they learn throughout the day. We have had many outside days of morning playground time and, when inside, we are making great use of our Imagination Playground. We do still have 2 openings in our 4 year old program, so feel free to have interested families **call Kathy 475-2344.**



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Our Election Day Bake and Craft Sale on Tuesday, November 3 is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Nursery school and church families support the program by baking and crafting items to be sold throughout the day while polls are open. You can help with donated items or by signing up to work a shift at the sale or by stopping in to shop on Election Day. **Please also invite your friends to support us too!** If you are interested in helping to work, bake or craft, please **call Kathy Tornatore at 475-2344** for more details and to sign up or just see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

We are in full swing and enjoying these busy, beautiful days! We hope you are making the most of these lovely fall days, too!

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Heating Season Approaches

Just a quick note from the Finance Committee: Now that heating season is upon us, please remember that our church heating system is broken up into zones and not all zones are heated all the time, so it is important to keep doors closed when you leave a room or the Fellowship Hall. Also each zone is controlled with a preprogrammed thermostat and if you are cold, you can obtain heat by pressing the 3 hour occupied button.

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THANKS AND A PLEA FROM LINDA PARTON

I would like to thank folks I have asked to be liturgists for the past year. Now I need to ask any other folks to help out with being liturgists. It involves reading the selected Bible reading(s), greeting the congregation and asking for announcements. There may also be other items to do as per the Pastor. Thanks in advance. If you have questions, please call Linda Parton at 469-3460.

CITY-WIDE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The City-wide Leadership Team met at James Street UMC on Tuesday, October 13th. The following occurred:

- BJ reported a strategy to pause during the summer and early fall to allow congregations and clergy time to get acquainted, and time for several congregations to become more stable, to “stop the free fall and decline.”
- He reported greater stability in each of the congregations and an increase in church school attendance and worship, almost double at Erwin First and increasing in others.
- Our purpose is “to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the city of Syracuse.”
- The Leadership Team set Wednesday, Oct. 28th, to begin Hand2Plow study, prayer and relationship building for clergy, one representative from each congregation, and members of the Leadership Team. The group will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
- Set Saturday, Nov. 21 to start monthly gatherings of members of all the congregations for study, prayer, relationship building, and visioning “new ways of being the church.”
- Confirmed Saturday, Nov. 7, for planning a youth ministry for 13-18 year olds. It is hoped each congregation will have a youth representative on the planning team.
- The Mission Team reported on plans for the spaghetti dinner at UUMC on Friday, Nov. 13, a fundraiser for Brown Memorial ministries. Time 5:30-7:00 pm. Tickets will be sold by each congregation and at the door.



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- Confirmed plans to incorporate in order to receive and disperse funds. Each congregation will elect members to the Board of Directors.
- All men are invited to the Methodist Men's breakfast at Wegmans in Fairmount, 7:15 am, Wed., October 21. Speaker is Mr. J. Francis Manning, OCM BOCES' District Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer.

S.W.U.M. CHRISTMAS STORE ITEMS:

Men:

S to 4 XL – Tees, Sweats, PJs
Slippers, socks – all sizes
Underwear, boxers – all sizes
Thermal underwear – all sizes

Young girls: Dolls, jewelry,
art kits, toys ages 6-12

Young boys: Trucks, cars,
baseballs, basketballs, art
kits, toys ages 6-12

Women:

S to 4XL – Shirts, sweats, hoodies, PJs, jeans
Slippers, socks – all sizes
Underwear – all sizes

Teen Girls:

12 to 20 – hoodies, sweats, tees, PJs, underwear
Socks, slippers – all sizes

Teen Boys:

12 to 20 – tees, hoodies, sweats, PJs, underwear
Socks – all sizes

Kids/Girls & Boys:

2T to 18 – tees, hoodies, sweats, PJs, underwear, jeans, coats or jackets
Socks – all sizes

Babies:

Anything for babies 6 months to 24 months
Ages 3 months to 24 months

Toiletries:

Towels, washcloths, blankets, sheets, pillows, laundry soap, laundry baskets, shampoo, lotion, conditioner, dish soap, bar soap

Kitchen:

Coffee pots, can openers, stew pots, large soup pots, pots & pans, dishes, silverware, baking pans, mixers, cooking utensils, blenders

Men: Screwdriver & socket sets, flashlights, work gloves, black electrical tape, shovels, shaving kits, razors, deodorant

Teen Girls: Make-up kit, nail polish & remover, emery boards, perfume, headphones, hair accessories, jewelry kits, MP3 players or iPod, art supplies/drawing kits

Teen Boys: Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, handheld games, skateboards, MP3 players, headphones

Family Games: Wrapping paper, scotch tape, shirt boxes, gift bags

Life, UNO, Sorry, Skipbo, Yahtzee, Monopoly, etc.



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November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you!!!



Please notify the office by phone or e-mail with additions or corrections.

01	David Ianuzi	18	Lawrence Hamlin III
	Lily Veronica Prisco		Meghan Doss
	Nicholas McIntyre	20	Devon Schmidt
	Sarah Dancks		Morgan Posewitz
02	John Sleeth	22	Andrew Russell
	William Travis		Christopher Lind
03	Gregory Riebel		Gordon Spooner
	Jean Roseamelia	23	Phyllis Sherwood
05	Mary Beth Lewis	24	Danny Cole
06	Elaine Lasda		Jeff Yucha
	Kenneth Parton		John Cherundolo
	Timothy Cowin	26	Margaret Welch
07	Bonnie Parton	27	Linda Randall
	Pamela Hubby		Barbara Keating
08	Eric Behnke	29	Robert Nogash
	Matt Crenshaw		Sara Mathews
10	Eric Anderson		Joshua Mattice
11	Craig Yoder		Alex MacKnight
12	Sam Haines	30	Carol Travis
13	Voigt Archer		Robert Steele
15	Maureen Foran Mocete		Linda Snow
16	Archie Spencer		
17	Ashley Lorraine Mahoney		
	Jennifer Attfield		

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Don't forget **HOME COMING SUNDAY** on November 8th. Worship at 9:30 am; dinner and fellowship following in Fellowship Hall. Call reservations to the office (315) 475-0011.



Youth Activities

The planning group has decided to hold a “Fall Festival” for all city youth on Saturday, November 7th, from 4-6:00 pm at Bellevue Heights. It will be a fall-themed gathering with food, pumpkin painting, food, stories, food and lots of fun. All youth 13-18 are welcome and are invited.

Future dates:

Sunday, November 15th – Place & activity TBA

Sunday, November 22nd – Place & activity TBA

If you have any questions, please call:

Diane Dermody or Laura Mattice

Walking Lesson: Trashing Our Environment

(By Maxine Adams)

“Then God surveyed everything He had made,
Savoring its beauty and appreciating its goodness.”
Genesis 1:31 (The Voice Bible)

Discarded Styrofoam cups, plastic cups, paper cups,
Dropped cigarette butts, cigar butts, cigarette boxes,
Paper food wrappers, Styrofoam food boxes, rotting food,
Aluminum cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles underfoot,
Plastic bags, paper bags, broken glass everywhere,
Old batteries, lost hubcaps, discarded car mats,
Soiled diapers, broken flip flops, and unmentionables,
God looked over all he had made and he wept.

“The Master was furious. You are a pathetic excuse for a servant!
You have disproved my trust in you and squandered my generosity.”
Matthew 25:26 (The Voice Bible)

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SYRACUSE WESTSIDE URBAN MISSION (swum) FUNDRAISER

Cold weather, falling leaves, and getting back into the swing of things has been on the minds of the City-wide Mission Team. We have decided that we will cook and host another **Spaghetti**



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Dinner with the proceeds going to SWUM. This event will take place on **Friday, Nov. 13th** at University UMC from **5:30-7 pm**. There will be a new twist this year as the team decided to offer take-outs. There will also be parking attendants if you need assistance. Tickets will be available at the end of the month and can also be purchased at the door. **Family up to 7 people \$25, Individual \$6, Children under 10 \$3.** This was a really awesome dinner last year; not only did we raise over \$1,000 for SWUM, but all the workers had a great time getting to know one another. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone wanting to join us. Any questions? Feel free to contact Carol Karins at 422-7486.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER:

Nov. 1 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Day: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44 or Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Nov. 8 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost/Homecoming: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127 or Psalm 42; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Nov. 15 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113; Hebrews 10:11-14(15=18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Nov. 22 – Last Sunday after Pentecost: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Nov. 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

COFFEE HOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

November	Worship
December	United Methodist Women
January	Trustees
February	Staff Parish
March	Christians in Action
April	Friends in Faith and Fellowship
May	Choir
June	Finance
July/August	Congregation Signups
September	Church Council
October	Youth Group

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER:

Head Usher – Jim Morgan
Regular Ushers: Steve Mattice, Ozzie Mocete, Andy Monds

GREETER:

Dawn Daggett



NEIGHBORHOOD – COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Strathmore Speaker Series will host the Strathmore Artisans Annual Arts and Crafts Sale on Saturday and Sunday, November 21st and 22nd, in our Fellowship Hall. Over the years, this event has outgrown individual homes and the fire barn in Onondaga Park. The event is free of charge and highlights the creative talents of our neighbors. To accommodate the event, we will include our neighbors in our coffee hour that Sunday. Feel free to browse at that time. More information will follow as this group prepares for the event.

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FREE CONCERTS

Temple Concord proudly presents the 2015-16 **Regina F. Goldenberg Cultural Series**, a monthly series of FREE concerts performed at Temple Concord, 910 Madison Street, Syracuse - open to everyone! All performances unless otherwise noted are on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Free parking in the Temple lot, on the street, or 1200 E. Genesee St. Medical Building lot.

November 17, 2015 –**Soprano Kathleen Roland, Gregory Wood, cellist, Ann McIntyre, violinist, Maryna Mazhukova, pianist** will present a program of two of the great composers of the 20th century, Jean Sibelius and Dmitri Shostakovich. The ensemble will perform the dynamic *Seven Romances on Poems of Alexander Blok*. This year is the 150th anniversary of the birth of Jean Sibelius and, in his honor, they will also perform *Malinconia* for cello, and *Opus 90*, Sibelius’ final song cycle.

December 15, 2015 – **Ben Daly, piano**. Ben Daly is a 16-year old junior at Fayetteville-Manlius High School. Currently studying with Andrew Russo, he has won many local piano competitions, and has been accompanist for school vocal ensembles and musicals.

We will update this list each month through May 2016.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:



Patricia and Michael Wojenski	11/09/1979
Madelyn and Dale Hornstein	11/12/1988
Susan and Alfred Nielsen	11/24/1973
Tim and Deb Durham	11/11/2011

Please notify the church office, either by email or phone, of any necessary changes.



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Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

On Wednesday, October 21st, 11 men met with Mr. Peter Hunt, Principal at BOCES. Wednesday, November 18th, we will meet at Fairmount Wegmans at 7 am. Our speakers will be Ms. Kelly Venturini, Director of Development—Annual Giving & Scholarships—Onondaga Community College, and Mr. Mike Metzgar, Director of OCC’s Workforce and Economic Development Program.

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Roast Beef Dinner a Great Success

Thank you to all the bakers, waiters, cooks, dish washers, table setters and everyone else who worked on the dinner. We served about 302 people in the dining room and another 115 opted for take-outs. The profit of about \$2000 is used for the benefit of the church general budget.

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SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION

COME ONE, COME ALL:

- WHO: Bellevue Heights UMC Circle of Concern
- WHAT: Spaghetti Dinner and Auction - Silent & Live
- WHERE: Bellevue Heights’ Fellowship Hall
- WHEN: Saturday, February 27, 2016
Dinner at 5:30 PM; Auction Preview at 6:30 PM
Auction from 7:00-9:00 PM

You will be receiving a call for a donation of a basket, food, craft or a service.