

**FOLLOWING WHERE THE  
SPIRIT LEADS:**

Today ends Hope's Stewardship campaign, and we will bless our pledges before the church for the coming year.

Giving to the church is a deep commitment to provide whatever resources are needed to support God's will and plan.

Our theme for this year was "Following Where The Spirit Leads", and as we are all blessed with spiritual gifts, we must consider that "giving" is one of those gifts.

When we are blessed with the gift of giving we discover new ways that our money, time, and energy can best be spent. From 2nd Corinthians in the Message: "I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving."

So, consider today your spiritual gift, and explore the ways you can use it in your life. Do others see evidence of your giftedness at home? At work? In all your relationships? God always finds a way to use whatever we are willing to give, whatever we are willing to do, and when God wills it, all we have to do is be willing, and hold on for the ride of our lives!

Having pledges allows the church leadership to project, and to plan for the next year. Planning a budget is an exploration of the will of God at Hope so that

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS



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## CHURCH NEWS

**PLEDGE DEDICATION TODAY** -- Following where the Spirit Leads has been our theme for this last month as we have talked about the way we use and share our gifts. Today pledge cards will be presented with our offerings, dedicated for God's work here at Hope Church. If you need a card there are some in the foyer. If you are considering new ways to use your gifts feel free to make an appointment with the pastor for further conversation. There are so many ways to respond to God's blessings!

**INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE** -- After 11 people were shot and killed at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh in October our pastor expressed our concern and dismay to our neighbors across the street at Temple B'nai Israel. As a result, we discovered that there will be an Interfaith Prayer Service this Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 at St. Catherine Catholic Church, 1955 S. Belcher. The service will blend support for our Jewish neighbors and gratitude to God at this time of Thanksgiving. Pastor Ginny Ellis will participate in the leadership of the service. Let's attend this prayer service and show our connection with people of many faiths.

**" PARENTS NIGHT OUT"** – Outreach Ministry would like to host a "Parents night out" on Saturday Dec 22nd.

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"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities  
brilliantly disguised as impossible situations."

–Chuck Swindoll

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we may continue to meet the needs of our congregation and all those we endeavor to minister to.

Our worship, all our missions, and our outreach to the world around us require funding, but moreover, commitment, to assure that we will continue to please God and reap His many blessings!

The more we invest in this process up front, the more we will reap in the end. God will multiply our efforts like He did with the loaves and the fish, and all will be well fed.

In the beginning, God gave us dominion over all creation, and our job as stewards is to be responsible, to protect, and to maintain creation throughout our lives. Like the song says: "They will know we are Christians by our love", love for God, love for each other, and love for our neighbors.

May we all joyfully follow the Spirit as we are led!

**Tim Larance, Elder**

Babysitting will be free. Parents can Christmas shop without the interference of kids under foot and have peace of mind that they are safe.

To be able to give parents this treat we will need volunteers to help care for the children, maybe 5 or 6 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. If you're interested, please let us know by contacting Barbara Johnson, Vicky Reed or Linda Thompson.

### CHURCH MEETINGS COMING UP

Sunday	11/11	11:30 a.m.	B & G meeting after Service
Monday	11/12	10:00 a.m.	Missions meeting R5
Tuesday	11/13	07:00 p.m.	"Starry Night" play rehearsal
		07:00 p.m.	Interfaith Prayer Service at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Belcher Rd.
Wednesday	11/14	05:45 p.m.	WNA prepared meal
		06:30 p.m.	PW Evening Circle
		07:00 p.m.	Bell practice
		07:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday	11/15	10:00 a.m.	PW Morning Circle
		07:00 p.m.	"Starry Night" play rehearsal
Sunday	11/18	10:15 a.m.	Kirkin' O' the Tartan

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