

Dear Friends,

Long before iPhones, people took pictures with a camera that used a roll of film and a flash. A rendering was taken in a split second and could take many tries, even many rolls of film to capture a moment. The film was developed in a dark room and was transformed into a series of snap shots. There was no Adobe Photoshop and it took many things working together; light, a good subject, the right angle, skill and a bit of luck to create the perfect image.

Stewardship season is upon us, and it too is a process of development. Stewardship is church vernacular for financial giving and with so many things competing for a share of our financial resources, it's a hard ask. I get it; the very word itself can feel outdated...but the meaning behind it is unchanging. Pledging is an act of faith; we entrust our resources not into things, but into people. Maybe that is why this church has been around for over 300 years; many generations of parishioners have worked together shedding light on God's promise through our outreach. We are the product of generations of living snapshots of God personified by those living the Christian Life.

As current ambassadors for St. David's Church it is incumbent upon each of us to invite people to get involved everywhere and all the time - God's work, our hands. To continue building and growing to do His work requires a financial commitment from everyone. It takes a 100% effort from the congregation working together in over 122 ministries to reach out into the world and into our own community.

The Stewardship goal for 2019 is 100% pledge participation. Yes, that is right. One hundred percent. Impossible? Nothing is impossible with God. What does that mean? It means that those of us in our community who are currently pledging, should keep on pledging. It means that those of us who are giving, but not pledging, should pledge. It means that those of us who do not pledge and do not give, should pledge and give. Pledge to your own ability, but remember, every gift matters as every life matters to God. Developing a covenant of giving is our response to ensure His mission as we engage in ministry and service.

We say it all the time and it's true, many hands make light work. There are 800 family units active at St. David's so that's our goal, 800 pledges. We will do Outreach in our local communities and companion ministries in 2019, however it's up to you as to how much of it we will do.

Thank you for your continued generosity and love of St. David's Church.



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