

Stewardship Committee
Report to Congregation Council
May 2010

The Stewardship Committee met on April 27, 2010.

The Committee received a presentation from Judy Collins, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator, about ways to broaden the fall stewardship initiative to include a “time and talents” dimension as well as the traditional focus on “treasures” and completing financial commitment cards for the next year. Ms. Collins agreed to work with staff, Council and other committee chairs over the next few months to update Trinity’s time and talents form so that it is available for use during the fall initiative.

The Committee will be using one of the LBW’s offertory prayers as a theme for the fall stewardship initiative:

*We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - **ourselves, our time, and our possessions**, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

The “Talent, Time, Tithes” area of Trinity’s webpage will be updated over the next few months to reflect this theme and the language of offering “ourselves, our time and our possessions”.

The Committee will be focusing during the fall initiative on increasing participation in Simply Giving.

Some concern was expressed by the Committee that it may be difficult to accurately measure the outcomes of stewardship outreach efforts if Trinity’s membership roll is not current. It is not clear at this time whether there is a process in place to remove from the roll individuals who have not communed or contributed for any length of time.

Articles are being published in the May *Trinity Parish* and *Trinity Today* (a week or two before each bi-monthly mailing of envelopes) about the new method of offering envelope distribution implemented in 2010.

The Committee agreed to offer the “10-10-80” zipper pulls left over from last fall’s stewardship campaign to other congregations via the Lower Susquehanna Synod’s “Carings and Sharings” e-newsletter.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on May 25, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Leber, Chair