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Fall Appeal 2018

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Dear North Charleston United Methodist Church,

Stewardship is an important aspect our lives and the life of our church. As we begin the fall appeal, there are several questions to consider:

- Why is Christian stewardship important? What is it really about?
- Why should we strive to become better stewards?
- Why is it important for me to make this formal commitment to God through the church?

Christian stewardship is simply the using of everything that God has entrusted to our care in ways that honor and glorify Him. Many of us have come to see stewardship as a commitment of our financial gifts. Our financial gifts are only one aspect of Christian stewardship. God calls for much more than a commitment of our financial resources; He wants similar commitment of our time and our talents. He has entrusted time, talent, and treasure to each of us to be used for the building of His Kingdom on earth.

Here are two basic steps that will help us grow into the good stewards that God wants us to be. The first is to embrace the concept that everything we “have” is on loan from God. The only thing that God truly gives us to own is our relationship with Him. We leave everything else in this life behind when we shift into the next life. The second step is to come to an understanding that committing back to God a portion of God’s gifts to us does not diminish, but rather enhances, our lives as we grow closer to Him. Life is much better when we let go of the struggle to grow our own material earthly kingdom. Generosity is the key to breaking free in this world!

Many ask question like: “Why do I need to fill out a commitment card?” “Can’t I continue to do what I have done in the past?” Isn’t this between God and me?” We believe that the process of self-evaluation and a formal annual recommitment to God will strengthen each of us in our daily Christian lives. You will be blessed as your relationship with Him deepens, and our collective individual focus will result in a stronger and more vibrant North Charleston UMC!

Upon joining North Charleston UMC, we all made a pledge of our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service to the Church. Please prayerfully consider the ways in which you can fulfill this promise as you make your discipleship commitments of time, talent, and treasure. We are all incredibly blessed to be a part of the Body of Christ. We are better together. And when we can come together and commit together, that is when love can really begin to create change. So, let us each commit and make change together!

Faithfully serving alongside you,

Rev. Richard Reams
Senior Pastor

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North Charleston United Methodist Church Leadership Stewardship Statement

We believe stewardship is:

- A covenant relationship with God that begins in prayer and calls us to engage the Gospel
- The call to follow the example of Jesus Christ to love one another and care for our neighbor
- The belief that we are called to give proportionally of our time, talent, and treasure, with tithing as our goal

With God's help we commit to:

- Lead our congregation in fostering and strengthening our commitment to Jesus Christ
- Actively participate in nurturing a proper understanding of stewardship throughout the congregation
- Use our time and talents to uphold the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
- Give our time, talent, and treasure on a proportional basis, striving toward, to, and beyond the tithe

We encourage you to work together with us, as we encourage each other to:

- Deepen our relationship with God through prayer and engaging the Gospel in study
- Trust in the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in growing our commitment to Jesus Christ this year
- Renew our vows to uphold the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
- Use our gifts by participating in the ministries of North Charleston UMC at home and in the world.
- Give faithfully and proportionally of our time, talent, and treasure.

Signed by your leadership,

Worship Ministries

“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.” -Psalm 34:1-3

This ministry offers many opportunities to serve God and his church by providing a welcoming and meaningful worship experience for members and guests.

Please consider sharing your time and talent in the following ministries:

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

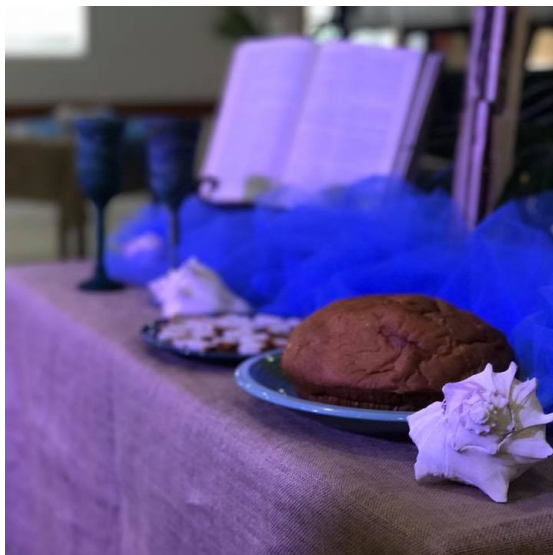
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Acolytes and Crucifers
- Flowers
- Communion Preparation/ Cleanup
- Communion Serving
- Altar Care
- Pew Care
- Lay Readers
- Sound Technician

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Greeters
- Communion Preparation
- Communion Servers
- Offering Collection
- Hospitality Team
- Sound Technician



Acolyte in traditional service.



Communion in the Current



Altar and Communion setup in the traditional service.



Music Ministry

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.” -Psalm 100: 1- 2

The mission of the Music Ministry at North Charleston United Methodist Church is to glorify and serve God. Service to God through the music ministry is generally expressed as service to the congregation of a church. Encouraging believers, supporting the sermon, praising and worshipping God through song are all responsibilities of a music ministry.

Please consider sharing your time and talent in the following ministries:

Chancel Choir Choral Singer

Choir Hand bell Ringer

Instrumentalists

*woodwinds, brass, string, guitar, percussion

Sound Technician

Drama



The Current Band.



Chancel Choir in traditional service.

Formation

Adult Ministry

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” -Romans 12:2

Discipleship, or stewardship of our lives, involves not just knowing about Christ, but knowing Christ through a personal relationship and over time becoming more Christ-like. This is the basis for the transformation of our lives and the transformation of the world.

Please consider sharing your time and talent in the following ministries:

Adult Sunday School Teacher

Adult Sunday School Substitute Teacher

Adult Bible Study Leader

Small Group Leader

MEN'S MINISTRY

Small Group Leader

Men's Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

United Methodist Women (5 groups)

* Anita Way Circle

* Watson Johnson Circle

* Anna Bell Williams Circle

* Elizabeth Vickery Circle

* Pat Reynolds Circle

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

Short Term Study Leader

Small Group Leader



United Methodist Women



Men's Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group



Small Groups



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Children's Ministry

"But Jesus called to them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.'" -Luke 18:16

The children's Ministry at North Charleston United Methodist Church exists to help children learn about God. This ministry strives to teach children to be active in the church and to practice giving in their homes, community, and world. We offer a space where the love of God is ever-present and a place where everyone is encouraged to love God and one another through worship and fellowship in a safe environment.

Please consider sharing your time and talent in the following ministries:

Sunday School Teachers:

Available on a once a month basis

- * Art Teacher
- * Science Teacher
- * Music Teacher
- * Cooking Teacher
- * Storyteller/Drama Teacher

Nursery Worker

Available on a once every 8 weeks rotation

Children's Mission Day Adult Chaperones

Children's Events Volunteers

Busy Bag Coordinator

Children's Church Leader

Children's Church Room Helper

VBS Teacher: Craft, Story, Video, Science

VBS Music Leader

VBS Food Committee Helper

VBS Registration Helper

VBS Nursery Helper



Children's Mission Day



Community Work.



Community Easter Egg Hunt



Vacation Bible School



Formation

Youth Ministry

“Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” - 1 Timothy 4:12

The purpose of the youth ministry at North Charleston United Methodist Church is to create passionate followers of Christ who believe wholeheartedly that changing the world is not only do-able, but they can do it. This ministry seeks to provide a safe and comfortable space in which youth can discuss, learn about and even challenge their faith in a community that is united in seeing the name of Jesus become famous in North Charleston. We wish to provide a family like atmosphere where students will learn through doing as much as through listening.

Please consider sharing your time and talent in the following ministries:

Sunday School Teachers:

Available on a once a month basis

- * Bible Study Leader
- * Meal Providers
- * Chaperones for trips
- * Sunday Morning Discussion Leader
- * Sunday School Room Helper
- * Wednesday Night Discussion Leader
- * “Grandparents”



Mission & Outreach Ministry

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” -Hebrews 13:16

The Mission and Outreach Ministry seeks to lead North Charleston United Methodist Church members to reach “the least of these” in our community and around the world. The ministry serves others with love through mission, outreach, and witnessing.

Please consider sharing your time and talent in the following ministries:

MISSION

- Respite Care
- Red Cross Blood Drive Donors and Organizers
- Blessing Box Donor and Coordinator
- Turkey Brigade
- Angel Tree
- Walk for Water
- Girl Scouts
- Salkehatchie Mission
- Children’s Mission Days
- School Partnerships
- United Methodist Mission Trips
- Justice Ministries

OUTREACH

- Prayer Walks
- Neighborhood Block Parties and Festivals
- City Christmas Parade
- Family & Children Events
- Partnering with Tae Bo Fitness Classes
- Welcoming Team



Prayer Walk



Turkey Brigade



Harvest Festival Community Block Party



Congregational Care Ministry

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

-Galatians 6:2

Opportunities abound for members to reach out to one another. Congregational Care can be as simple as extending a word of welcome to a visitor, writing a personal note of concern, or encouragements for a church member going through a loss, or developing a long-term relationship with someone dealing with personal crisis.

Please consider sharing your time and talent in the following ministries:

- Prayer Team
- Grief Response
- Bereavement Ministry
- Upper Room Distribution
- Homebound Visitors
- Caring Ministry



Other Ministry Opportunities

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another; as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” -1 Peter 4:10

The church offers a variety of ways in which persons may share their time and talents, from answering phones to greeting people or chipping in with busy work.

Please consider sharing your time and talent in the following ministries:

- Fill-In Receptionist
- Office Helper
- Photographer
- Bulletin Board Designer
- Proofreader





Pastor— Richard Reams

Member Connection and Children Director— Allison Wind

Music Director/Organist— Robin Rogers

Worship and Youth Leader— Garrett Culbertson

Nursery Provider— Kim Drake

Church Secretary— Jeannie Lanier

Custodian— Dustin Chavis

Learning Center Director— Brenda Campbell



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