

## **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT (Sunday, October 26, 2025)**

Hi, my name is John Paci, I'm currently the chairperson of the Stewardship Committee. The annual Stewardship Campaign is ongoing with the theme "**Dreaming God's Dream - No Gift Too Small. No Dream Too Big.**"

The insert in today's bulletin mentioned the Church as Innkeeper. This relates to the story of the Good Samaritan. While the Samaritan the hero of the story, the Innkeeper not only provided the building, but also did the hard day-to-day work of nursing the traveler back to health. We can think of ourselves that way. The building isn't our church. Our church is all of us doing the day-to-day work in caring for its future.

If you look at your annual pledge and break it down to a monthly or weekly number, you can find your percentage of giving. What if you added one more percent? What if we all did that? You can extend that all the way out to the traditional tithe amount of 10%. Wow!

On the [Step-Up chart \(page 2 of this linked document\)](#) you can see the weekly amounts given by each pledging unit. I'm asking that everyone consider "stepping up" to the next step. If nothing else, we need to contend with the effects of inflation, but maybe even consider going higher than that. I'm sure you're aware of inflation over the past few years. You should take that into account on your pledge. If you can step up to the next level, I'm asking you to do so.

**Consecration Sunday is November 9, two Sundays from now.** On this day, we will gather to submit our pledge cards for the upcoming year. I ask that we all be there to join in solidarity. *Lady Elect has agreed again to bake pies for that day in celebration.*

Together we can be like the Innkeeper, doing the day-to-day work so we can keep **Dreaming God's Dream.**