

STEWARDSHIP – YEAR ROUND!!

Every year about this time an initiative comes into focus - Stewardship. We hear sermons and receive teachings and read articles about the importance of Stewardship in the life of the church as well as in the life of each believer. Of course, it has not been an accident that this focus takes place at the same time that the church needs to build a new operating budget for the coming year. And so, we are invited to make a pledge that indicates what we as families and individuals will give to the church for the coming year. These pledges are then used by the church to project and plan a new budget, identifying areas of ministry that will grow or necessarily be reduced because of financial abundance or constraint. Right now the church is asking us to complete our pledge cards by October 31st, when we will celebrate the Ingathering.

That HAS been the reality we have experienced at St Philip's. However, our Stewardship Ministry is working to generate the sense of Year-Round-Stewardship (YRS). YRS is an initiative to help us as members of St Philip's and followers of Jesus Christ to learn and accept the reality that our lives, the life of each believer, is in fact a life lived in Stewardship. A simple example is the Ministry Minute that takes place each Sunday in our service following The Peace. We are learning about a different ministry each week. A ministry that has a special and unique focus...a ministry that you may find is calling to you, to invest your time and your talent. A ministry that will allow and enable you to exercise the gifts that God has given you. Such is an act of faithful Stewardship.

Stay tuned, you will hear much more about Year-Round Stewardship in the coming year!