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Consecration Sunday Is Coming!



October is our month to focus on stewardship. I know! Conversations around money can make us a bit uncomfortable, but we won't grow in our image of God and generosity if we avoid them. Once again we will be using Consecration Sunday as a resource for our stewardship. At its core is a biblical perspective of money and giving that does not center on merely paying the bills. Rather, we view our financial contributions as a marker for how we are growing spiritually and in our relationship with God through the support of the church's mission and ministry. The Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program is a great way to teach these biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship.

Consecration Sunday is based on the philosophy that the giver gives for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Have you ever thought of your growth in generosity as a marker of your growth in faith? Wherever we have begun this journey, wherever we are now, the goal is to be like the one we follow, Jesus Christ, who unselfishly gave everything on the cross. When Consecration Sunday arrives the question will be asked, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" We answer that question based on a desire to grow more and more into the image of the Christ who sent us.

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's mission and ministries of nurture, outreach, and witness. Everyone who attends has the opportunity to fill out an Estimate of Giving Card if they feel the Spirit's urging. Even if you don't plan to fill one out, come anyway. There will be a great speaker in worship that morning and a wonderful lunch to follow. Who knows how the Spirit might work in worship that day? Our guest leader, Rev. Alan Felton, will be there to walk us through the whole process if you feel so called to make that covenant between you and God.

During the month of October, we will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events with the help of our wonderful Consecration Sunday team and church leadership. I know that they will take every opportunity to inform, inspire, and invite everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Consecration Sunday is on October 29th and I cannot wait to celebrate with you as we see the way God is at work here at Englewood UMC!

Pastor Nathan



Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:

Jean Bailey and family upon the death of her brother-in-law, John Samuel Bailey III on August 23, 2023.

Thank You

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

My family and I would like to thank you for the prayer shawl that was given to my father, Roy Thompson, as he undergoes treatments for his cancer. We also appreciate all the prayers being sent to him. Please continue to keep him as well as our family in your daily prayers.

Sincerely,

Hayden Glenn and family



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|------------------|----|---------------------|
| 01 | Caroline Howell | 14 | Christopher Mooring |
| 02 | Sydney Hodges | 15 | Jamison Langley |
| 03 | Nancy Geeting | 16 | Allen Mooring |
| 04 | Lynn Nettnin | 17 | Betty Benson |
| 04 | Ta'reasure Owens | 18 | Grayson Hicks Dye |
| 05 | Betty Alford | 23 | Clyde Gallop |
| 07 | Hunter Clay | 23 | Jerry Rodwell |
| 08 | Rex Honeycutt | 25 | Faye Ames |
| 08 | Carol Ludwig | 26 | Denise Conrad |
| 08 | Jeff Smith | 29 | Alene Hagwood |
| 12 | Keith Collins | 29 | Chris Miller |
| 13 | Dan Fogarty | 31 | Nichole Ayers |
| 13 | Shannon Fogarty | 31 | Hayden Glenn |
| 14 | Carole Coats | 31 | Mark Lee |

Please note...If your name does not appear on the birthday list, it is because we do not have this information in our records. We ask that you let the church office know the month and date of your birth so our list will be complete. Thank you for your help in updating our records!

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP



The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4th and Wednesday, October 18th.



The deadline for receiving information to be included in the NOVEMBER Newsletter is Thursday, October 19th!



TRUSTEES CORNER!

Being a good steward of what God has given us can be divided into so many things...money, time, talent, and resources that God has given us. As we head into the month of October where we will be celebrating Consecration/Stewardship, it is so important to be diligent in making sure that doors are closed and lights are off before we leave. Not only are we saving energy but we are saving the wear and tear on HVAC units that are trying to cool/heat other areas where doors are open and their units aren't on.

In keeping with our concerns for the safety of church and congregation, we are hoping all will use the code to enter our building, but just in case you forget, and to make sure that visitors are welcomed, we have greeters at each entrance. Thank you for being alert to our needs and volunteer to be a greeter. Just call Lu Czar to say YES!

Trustees are: Jack Ellis, Lea Ann Nichols, Lee Pullen, Jerry Lee Ezzell, Lisa Hicks, Terry Woodley, Brian Collins, Janet Hagan and Barbara Batts.

Stewardship Campaign Update

YTD Stewardship Pledges*	\$268,664
YTD Stewardship Giving (Actual)	\$246,137

**Annualized monthly average from \$403K Stewardship Campaign Pledges*

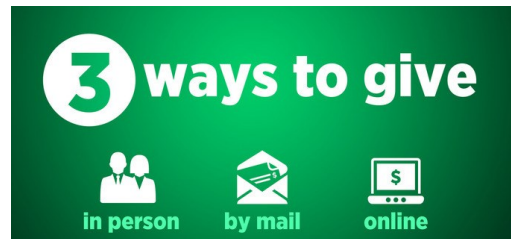
Financials as of August 31, 2023

YTD General Fund Deficit (\$19,593)

**Annualized monthly average from \$403K Stewardship Campaign Pledges*

"I feel blessed to be able to tithe. I also enjoy sharing music, teaching Sunday School and helping with the many ministries we support. In all these things I feel God has called me to share my time and love with others."

- Lu Czar





United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith News

October 17 10:00 a.m. Women of the Way - Aldersgate Classroom
 October 17 6:00 p.m. Lydia's Sisters' Circle - Fellowship Hall
 Bring bag supper. Dessert and Drinks will be provided.
 Program: Rev. and Mrs. Stan Brown will speak about their tornado experience
 Hostesses: Sally Spreder & Linda Pridgen



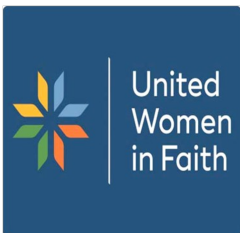
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday, October 3 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Fellowship Hall (Blankets)
 Tuesday, October 10 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Parlor

Shawls and blankets will be placed on the altar rail for blessing on Sunday, October 8th.



Do you know someone who would be comforted by receiving a Prayer Shawl or a Blanket? Forms are available on the table outside the church office for you to request shawls/blankets. You may call the church office at 252-443-2926. You may also contact Betty Poplin at 252-985-0950.



Women of The Way Circle

After a summer recess, the Women of the Way resumed their meetings on September 19th in the Aldersgate Classroom. Sharon Roth gave the devotion on "Burned Biscuits" with the takeaways being "learning to accept each other's faults and celebrating each other's differences as an important key in healthy, lasting relationships. Laying all parts of our lives at God's feet gives us a relationship that will never be broken."

The program was presented by Christy Warrick, CRPC, financial advisor at Edward Jones. Her presentation included information on how to Outsmart the Scammers, how to spot red flags that indicate fraud, and resources to use to protect yourself and your family.

The circle continues to support Faith Christian Ministries with food products and The Lighthouse with paper products. Members are asked to bring these products to each meeting. Terrie Buckner can be contacted to purchase dishcloths at any time.

We will again participate in the Backpack Buddies Program supporting 30 children at Williford School. The annual Brunswick Stew cooking will be Saturday, October 7th in conjunction with the Yard Sale. Members were asked to sign up to help with this project.

After the circle meeting concluded, members gathered in the Fellowship Hall to tie tags on multiple Teddy Bears to kick off the **Wilma's Teddy Bear** project. These bears will be placed in the church pews in October so that any member can take one to help them through a difficult time or give to someone who needs a hug.

The United Women in Faith is open to all women of the church, and we invite you to come join us in the Aldersgate Classroom at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 10:00 a.m.

FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - OCTOBER NEEDS

Thank you for continuing to support this Outreach project by donating food to feed the hungry in Nash County. Starting Sunday, October 1st, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Canned Ravioli, Spaghettios, etc.** Just pick up an extra



item or three when you shop and drop them in the LOVE Cans located beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH".

It's such a small thing for you to do that will mean so much to others. These food items will help stock their food pantry throughout the month of October. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.

United Women in Faith Brunswick Stew Sale

The Englewood United Women in Faith will be cooking their fabulous Brunswick Stew on Saturday, October 7th!



Billy Hunt & Dan Vaughan Cooking Stew - November 4, 1989

It is not too late to place your order for stew!!! You may place your order in the church lobby on Sunday, October 1st or through the church office during the week by phone or email. The cost of the stew is \$10.00 per quart. The pre-sale orders will be ready for pick up on October 7th at 12:00 p.m. under the Bell Tower.

The stew will also be available for the public to purchase at the Yard Sale at 11:00 a.m.

Remember this is the one primary fund raiser for United Women in Faith and we appreciate your support!!



**October
is
PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH**



Ministry is an amazing call, full of great joys and significant moments in people's lives: officiating weddings, presiding over funerals, seeing first-hand how lives are changed for Christ.

But it's also full of tension: intense conflict, unrealistic expectations, relational strain, and, at times, soul-aching loneliness.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and we have a wonderful pastoral staff with **Rev. Nathan Wittman** serving as our Senior Pastor and **Rev. Savanna Becker** as our Minister of Christian Education. Please take time to offer them thanks this month with a kind word or gesture. We appreciate all they do!!!



ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST MEN

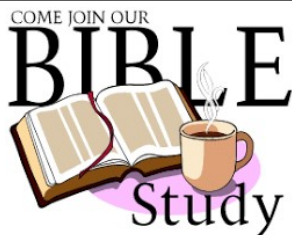
The Methodist Men will meet **Tuesday, October 3rd** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We would normally meet Tuesday, October 10th but changed the date because the Fellowship Hall will be used as a polling site for the municipal election on that date. **Please note the new date, October 3rd, on your calendar.**

Our speaker will be the Reverend Adam Hamilton, Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Reverend Hamilton founded the Church of the Resurrection in 1990 and it is today the largest United Methodist Church in the nation with more than 15,000 members.

Reverend Hamilton addressed the North Carolina Annual Conference this past June giving his view of where we are as a mainline denomination and where we are going as we work our way through the issues of same sex marriage and ordination of homosexual persons. The loss of churches through disaffiliation (308 in our North Carolina Conference) has generated concern over what the United Methodist Church will look like after the General Conference that will be held in 2024. We will view a video recording of a portion of Reverend Hamilton's presentation.

So mark your calendar for October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. We will have a meal prepared by one of our members very reasonably priced at \$5.00 (free for first time visitors). See you then!

Peter Varney



**Thursday Evening Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - Room 4**

Led by Doug Geeting, Retired UMC Pastor

Our Bible study continues as we ponder together, the many aspects of our faith and history. We find God's grace and love touching each of us. It's interesting, learning facts about the Bible and that realm in which "we live and move and have our being." As always, if there is a specific topic, book of the Bible, or something you have always wanted to learn about and discuss; I am more than happy to lead a discussion on that. Please let me know if you will be attending so I will know how many copies of the material we need to provide. Email me at dgeeting@me.com or call 540-841-2900. Thanks and blessings!
Doug Geeting



Caring Card Ministry

Many thanks to those of you who are bringing cards for this ministry and sending cards, also! The Caring Card Committee reminds you that an assortment of cards are available in the narthex and on the table in the hallway outside the church office. We invite our entire church family to take some cards and send them to someone who needs to hear from a friend! We have permanent members we send cards to and we will send cards to any friend or person you love! Please contact Christian or Nancy with a name and address and the Caring Card members will mail a card immediately. It makes such a difference in the lives of those who are receiving them!



Reminder: AGAPE Christmas Boxes

We are excited to once again have the opportunity to prepare a special gift for the children in Armenia that might otherwise receive nothing. Please remember to bring the filled boxes to the church to be blessed during worship on Sunday, October 8th before they are taken to the MERCI Center. You may also drop the boxes off in the church office during the week. Thank you for participating in this wonderful Christmas Shoebox Program for the children of Armenia.

The Outreach Committee

LAITY SUNDAY AT EUMC

Mark your calendars. . .



We will be observing
Laity Sunday on
October 15th.
More information
will follow in
This Week at EUMC.

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP



Our Autism Groups will be meeting in October.

The EUMC meeting is the last Friday of the month, and our Bailey Group meeting will be held on the second Friday of the month.

Please contact Barbara Batts at 252-450-5000 if you would like to volunteer. We need food servers and childcare providers for our EUMC Group.

Thank you loving all of God's children!!

CONSECRATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 29th

Trunk or Treat

Get in on the fun this Halloween with our Trunk-or-Treat!! On Sunday, October 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. our parking lot will be filled with vehicles decorated for Halloween. Families will be invited to bring their children around to collect candy, vote on their favorite trunk, and receive information about our church. It's going to be a great time!

Here's how you can help:

- Sign up to decorate your trunk or hand out candy! The form and all information you need is available at www.inglewood-umc.com/trunk-or-treat.
- Volunteer to work at a table representing our church - greet families, give instruction, and hand out flyers. We need at least 2-3 people to run this very important booth.
- Donate candy! If you can't help with the event but want to help make it fun, you can donate candy for us to hand out to the children. Bring donations to the church or give them to Savanna.
- Invite the children and families you know to come and participate!



Pilgrimage 2023

PILGRIMAGE: NOVEMBER 10-12

Pilgrimage is an annual United Methodist youth conference hosted by the North Carolina Conference, and it's one of our favorite youth traditions. Hundreds of United Methodist youth from across the state will come together for worship!

This year Pilgrimage is being held here in Rocky Mount on November 10-12.

We'll have sessions on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, and Sunday morning. We'll also have fun activities during the afternoon on Saturday between sessions.

It's going to be an awesome weekend!! Youth in grades 6-12 who wish to participate need to sign up by Sunday, October 22nd, to participate.

If you need a form, please contact Savanna.

CELEBRATE WINTER
All Ages (3-12) Winter 2021-22



Children's Sunday School

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join us on the children's hall for a time of learning, fellowship, and fun on Sunday mornings at 9:30! Our younger children will have a special activity in our nursery, while our older children journey through the Bible one week at a time. Our theme for October is FAITH! Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
October 1	Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 12:1-9)	Jeannie Gibbs
October 8	God's Promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6)	Rita Vickers
October 15	Abraham's Visitors (Genesis 18:1-14)	Debbie High
October 22	Isaac Is Born (Genesis 21:1-7)	Savanna Becker
October 29	Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:19-28)	Savanna Becker



Children's Church

Our children and adult leaders are having such a wonderful time learning about God's Word in Children's Church during worship on Sunday mornings! Children are invited to join us in worship with their families at 10:30 a.m. After a special children's message just for them, our children can go back to the children's hall for more awesome activities! Parents can pick up children on the children's hall after worship ends.

During Children's Church time, we have a Nursery for infants through Pre-K, Children's Church for K-3rd Grade, and Tween Church for our 4th-6th Graders.

Children's Church Schedule

This year in Children's Church we're going on a Bible Hero Adventure, focusing on a different hero in the Bible and what they teach us about God. These imperfect people will point us to our perfect Savior, Jesus, who loves us all and can use all of us to serve God's kingdom! In October we're learning all about PETER!

Date	Topic	Leader
October 1	God gives us strength to do what He's asked us to do	Beth Ezzell
October 8	Jesus asks us to follow him	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
October 15	You need to know Jesus, not just know about him	Savanna Becker
October 22	God gives us courage in our weakness	Jessica Ezzell
October 29	Salvation is a gift that Jesus freely gives	Savanna Becker

Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

Our Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood) is an opportunity for our children and their families to get together and explore our faith in fresh ways. The CAFE is for families with children in 5th grade and younger, and is designed for grownups to stay and enjoy the activities with us.

Our next CAFE will be on Saturday, November 18th at 10:00 a.m. Our theme is "Church Friendsgiving"! We'll celebrate the joy of being church friends with crafts, snacks, and other activities that focus on being thankful. We hope we'll see everyone here!



CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER



Our Children's Ministry will be selling Christmas cards as a fundraiser for our programs. But these aren't just any Christmas cards...The designs are made from the handprints and footprints of our very own children! We know you'll love sending these cards to your friends and family this Christmas, especially knowing it is supporting such a wonderful cause!

Each set of cards contains 12 Christmas cards with 6 different designs (2 of each design in a set), along with envelopes. There is a beautiful design on the front of the cards and a meaningful Christmas message inside. The cost for each set is \$15.00, and this will go toward our Children's Ministry programming (VBS, Saturday Morning CAFE, Easter Egg Hunt, and other special activities). You can purchase these cards from the church office, Savanna, or from a Children's Ministry representative in the church lobby before and after worship each Sunday in November. Thank you in advance for supporting our children!

Youth News

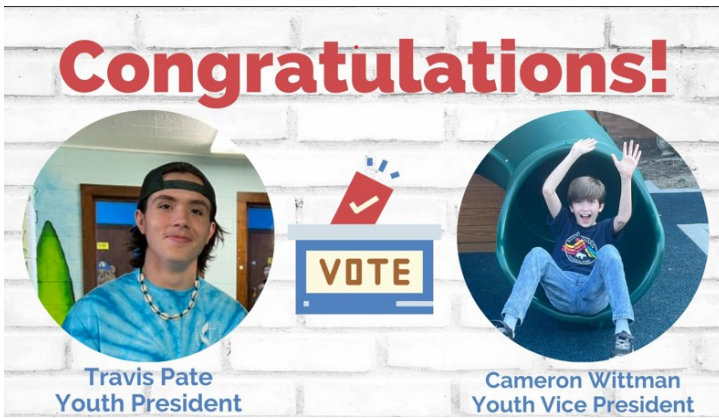
UMYF OCTOBER SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>October 1</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 p.m.	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group - Saints Sunday
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>October 7</i>	7:00 am - Noon	Yard Sale Fundraiser
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>October 8</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 p.m.	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>October 15</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>October 18</i>	5:30 pm	Pancake Supper Fundraiser
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>October 22</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>October 29</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Fifth Sunday Fellowship & Worship Trunk-or-Treat

UMYF Dinner Signups

Our UMYF meets on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for dinner, Bible study, games, and fellowship. If you are able to provide a meal for our UMYF one Sunday evening, our group would really appreciate your help! You can either bring the meal or donate financially toward our meal fund. The sign-up list is in the church lobby. Thank you for your ongoing support of our UMYF!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Provided By</u>
October 1	Pizza	Barbara Batts
October 8	Mexican Food	_____
October 15	Comfort Food	_____
October 22	Breakfast for Dinner	_____
October 29	No Meal Needed	



New Youth Leadership

Congratulations to our new Youth President, Travis Pate (12th grade) and Vice President, Cameron Wittman (7th grade)!! Travis and Cameron are both faithful members of our youth group and are so excited to have this opportunity. Because they already serve as wonderful leaders and examples within the group, we know they'll do an awesome job in these new roles. If you see Travis or Cameron around, be sure to congratulate them!

YARD SALE / BAKE SALE

Our Fall Yard Sale is coming up on Saturday, October 7th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You can reserve your own spot to sell items for only \$10 by calling the church office, or you can donate items for the youth group to sell. Please bring your donations to the room behind the Fellowship Hall (furniture and large items) or Room 5 across the hall. If you're able to sort your items into categories we have organized in there, that would be a great help! All proceeds from the yard sale benefit our Youth Mission Fund.

In addition to the yard sale, our children are accepting donations of baked goods for a bake sale on that day! If you are able to bake cakes, cookies, muffins, brownies, or any other goodies, please bring your items to the church kitchen by Friday, October 6th. Thank you for your support!





Wilma's Teddy Bears

Wilma's Teddy Bears have all been tagged and are patiently waiting to be dedicated on Sunday, October 1st. After the service, they will be placed throughout the church waiting for someone to take them home to comfort and love. Or you can pass them along to someone who really needs a "beary" good hug. Wilma's Teddy Bears were started in memory of Wilma Rundell, who has done this project before at another church. We are so thankful for Wilma and all that she did for Englewood UMC!

YOUTH PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Can you smell those delicious pancakes cooking? You will soon! Our next Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser is coming up on Wednesday, October 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious pancake supper and support a fantastic cause - our Youth Mission Fund!!

Our menu for the Pancake Supper is pancakes with syrup, sausage patties, fruit, milk, and juice...YUM!! The cost is \$7 per meal. All proceeds benefit our Youth Mission Fund, which supports youth missions and activities throughout the year. (We will not be offering a drive-thru option this time, but you can still get your meals to go! Simply come through the serving line, and we'll fix your meal in a to-go box rather than a plate.)

The deadline to sign up is Monday, October 16th. You can pay ahead of time or when you arrive at the church. You can sign up using the form included in your worship program, by calling the church office at 252-443-2926, or online at www.inglewood-umc.com/pancakes.



YOUTH PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 5:30 P.M. | COST: \$7 PER PLATE

Chili Cookoff

Sunday, November 5th

Get ready for a rematch! We're bringing back our EUMC Chili Cookoff on Sunday, November 5th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some delicious chili cooked by fellow EUMC folks and vote on your favorite. This year we'll be adding a Cookie Contest as well!! With all that delicious food, it's bound to be a good night! There's no cost - just bring your appetite and be ready to have some fun. We hope we'll see you here!!

If you'd like to sign up to enter your chili and/or cookies in the competition, call the church office or let Savanna Becker or Phyllis Woodley know. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!!!



ATTENTION ALL PRAYER WARRIORS



Consecration Sunday will be held on October 29th (see Pastor's article for more details). Consecration means to make holy or to dedicate to a higher purpose. And each year we gather to consecrate our gifts of our time, talents and financial resources for the coming year.

In the spirit of our renewed faith and witness through our personal calling to give, we need EVERYONE to consciously, intentionally and regularly pray throughout this stewardship season.

We ask you to pray for renewed hope, renewed commitment and renewed energy for the fullness of our personal journey of faith and witness. In the time leading up to this special Sunday we pray that we will be encouraged to seek God's wisdom of our time and financial resources. Giving should come not from guilt or compulsion, rather, it should stir a personal feeling of joy knowing that no matter what we consecrate to His higher purpose it will be blessed and multiplied by our Heavenly Father.

To help guide us in our spiritual journey and prayers through this month, here are a few passages on which to reflect and a prayer that, in addition to your personal words of prayer, may help uplift and glorify our stewardship journey together.

Exodus 25:2 – Giving with a willing heart.

²“Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me an offering; from every man whose heart makes him willing you shall receive the offering for me.”

1 Chronicles 29:1-4 – Giving back to God what God has given to us.

¹And David the king said to all the assembly, “Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great; for the palace will not be for man but for the LORD God. ²So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones, and marble. ³Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God: ⁴three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house.

Psalm 37:21, 26 – Giving generously.

²¹The wicked borrows, and cannot pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives; ²⁶He is ever giving liberally and lending, and his children become a blessing.

“Gracious God,

We come before you with humble hearts, seeking to grow in generosity, just as you have shown us your boundless love and grace. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may see the opportunities to give and serve others in our daily lives. Teach us to be cheerful givers, not seeking recognition or praise, but giving from a heart overflowing with love for you and our fellow human beings.

May our generosity be a reflection of your love and a source of blessing to those around us. We ask for your guidance and strength to become more like your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us all. In his name, we pray. **Amen.**”