



Dear Members and Friends of Holladay UCC

Believe it or not, there is more to Holladay UCC than just what you see on Sunday morning! There are the Wednesday Community Dinner, Youth Groups, Community Outreach, The Prayer Shawl Group, Operation Sandwich, Holladay Pre-School, and much more.

All of these things are planned and prepared by leadership and staff who are deeply committed to our becoming who it is God is calling us to be. The ministry and mission of our church take place because of the spiritual *and financial* gifts our members and friends choose to offer. These are the resources that fuel our mission; and yes, it does cost real money to provide these spiritual things!

What we choose to give is our choice, influenced by the value we perceive in Holladay, on what we have been blessed to receive, and many other factors. We are encouraged to give something out of thanksgiving for what God has done, and as a sign of faithfulness and commitment to be a part of the good things that God is continuing to do in our world. We have been given the gift of Jesus' example and are invited to respond to what God has given us with generosity of our own.

To make that gift means making a decision to give something away that you might use for something else. To do that may require choosing to not buy a fancy coffee, or deciding to pack a lunch for work instead of buying lunch. The amount may seem insignificant, but did you know that a gift of just \$5 every week can help cover 25% of the church budget to support the Homeless Youth Outreach of the church. Your gift matters. It matters to you as the giver, and to the church as a resource for mission.

As a congregation, we are entering a time of deciding what we will contribute monetarily in the coming year. The practice of exercising financial stewardship is a spiritual discipline and a way to grow our faith. There is joy to be found in practicing generosity and it begins with a simple step of a pledge to contribute.

Our theme this year at Holladay UCC is the UCC denomination's theme "Journey to Generosity." We hope that you will join us on Stewardship Sunday (November 12) with your pledge and that you will join us supporting the mission of the church, both internally, and beyond. The gifts we bring will make good things happen. Thank you in advance for being a part of it. The enclosed pledge card can also be mailed back to us. As always, your loving care and pledged support is what enables us to meet the budget needs for the coming year.

Blessings,

Holladay UCC Church Council