



Dear Fourth Family Members and Friends:

To really appreciate the tapestry pictured on the cover you have to open the brochure all the way and hold it out at arm's length. Its message too offers a completely different meaning when read in its totality. To me this illustrates an important lesson in our Christian stewardship. For the full and true life and ministry of Christ's church to be known one has to stand back from the daily routine to see the bigger picture. That's a major benefit we can gain from this year's stewardship theme: "Weaving the Fabric of Faith."

In Colossians 2:1-5 the Apostle Paul expresses his wish for the church that it would be "woven into a tapestry of love." It is my prayer too, that each and every member of 4th Presbyterian Church would recognize how each one's unique gifts are being woven together with all the other individual strands of faith to create a beautiful tapestry of God's grace and love.

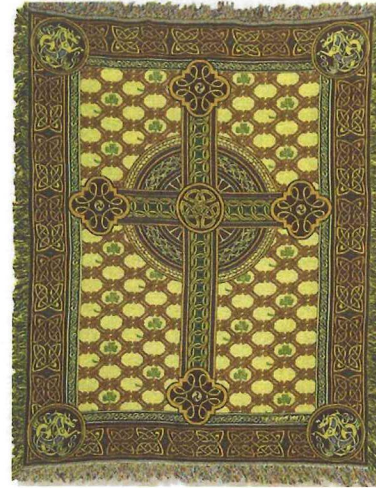
Christian Stewardship is not just about giving our financial gifts, although that is important. Christian stewardship is about seeing the bigger picture, reflecting on God's world, on our individual lives and how we use the time we are given. It's about our use of the gifts and abilities with which God has blessed us. The purpose of our annual stewardship effort this year is to help each member of our church step back and consider the question: "How will Christ weave my individual strands of love and faith, my talents and gifts into the beautiful fabric of faith being created here at 4th Presbyterian Church?"

Faithfully,
R. Bruce Meyer, Interim Pastor

DOLLARS NEEDED TO FULLY FUND THE CURRENT MINISTRIES OF FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN 2012

ESTIMATED NEED FOR 2012 = \$1,050,000
2011 Budget = \$1,030,000

TOTAL NUMBER OF GIVING UNITS = 417



HELP CREATE A "TAPESTRY OF LOVE" INCREASE OUR ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE!

DO YOUR VERY BEST

1. **Prayerfully consider what IS the very best you can do to show your gratitude to God.**
2. **Make a written commitment to yourself** to demonstrate your gratitude by filling out a commitment card and returning it to the church or placing it in the offering during either worship service on **December 4, 2011**.
3. **Consider** making your 2012 contributions electronically. (See enclosed instructions.)
4. **Make a commitment to yourself** to support your church's ministry with your **prayers**, your **presence** and your **participation** as we seek to move Christ's Mission forward.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

This is an important time in our lives as Christians and as members of Fourth Presbyterian Church. During this Advent Season we are reminded that we are people living "Between Times"—between Christ's first coming and the time when He will come again. We have been entrusted with so many gifts and resources, and we are called to use them wisely and in a manner that reflects our gratitude to God's great love for us. In another sense our congregation is also "Between Times"—between the retirement of a senior pastor of our Church and the time when we call a new one. Especially during this time it is vitally important for each of us to make a contribution of our time, talents and financial resources to the life and mission of Fourth Presbyterian Church. If each of us will do our best to contribute to the best of our ability, however great or small that may be, the Fabric of our Faith and of our congregation will be that much the stronger.

A commitment card for 2012 is enclosed with this brochure. We need for each member to complete the card and return it to the Church in the enclosed self addressed return envelope, or with the offering during one of the worship services on Sunday, December 4. Our committee is convinced that we can do better as a congregation in making a commitment of our financial resources to the Church. We believe that responsible stewardship is not simply trying to meet a budget number, but rather doing the best that we can to give back to God a portion of the gifts we have received, responsively and sacrificially.

In addition to the commitment card you will also find enclosed instructions which enable you to make your contributions to the Church electronically if you prefer.

Please pray for our Church, that God will continue to bless and strengthen this congregation so that we may be a blessing to others.

Weaving the fabric



of Faith