

## Giving Generously starts with trust!

### May: Giving

*Generous giving is core to our identity as disciples. Jesus often challenged people to give generously for the mission of the church. Paul says, we are invited to enjoy the act of giving. So, we encourage one another to joyfully give generously to our ministries during this Easter season. Below are four stewardship challenges we encourage each other to practice.*

Challenge One (Quantity giving): We encourage one another to give an offering every Sunday during May. For some of us we are monthly givers, and for others we may give every other week or when we are in church. We encourage one another wherever we are on the spectrum to try and give an offering every week to remember that God is our provider and source of everything we have. Giving to us all the time.

Challenge Two: (Giving amount): We encourage each other to give 1% more than we normally give in a one-month period during the month of May. This challenge invites us to grow in faith and trust knowing that even though we may be giving more than we think we can afford, we believe that God will provide. If we want to challenge ourselves even more, we invite one another to try tithing (10%) our gross earnings during the month of May. If we already tithe, may we challenge ourselves to increase our giving's for the Sundays in May by another 2%.

Challenge Three: (Priority giving): We encourage each other to take the next couple of days to reflect on what kind of material things we like to spend our money on. Then we encourage one another to sacrifice one of those things and redirect the money to the ministry during the month of May.

*\*Thank you so much for participating in our Advent to Pentecost Discipleship Challenge. Our goal is that through this discipleship challenge we will develop and continue living out healthy spiritual habits that will help us love God and neighbor in our daily lives. And will help us as the body of Christ see that practicing generosity leads to an abundance of resources where we can do so much more for the community we are called to serve.*

*\*We also lean on God's grace as we participate in this Advent to Pentecost Discipleship Challenge, knowing that we are imperfect beings that will fall short from time to time. We also have faith in Christ Jesus that our salvation does not depend on what we do, but on what God does.*