

Stewardship Ministry  
Minutes  
August 19, 2021

Present: Lori Babbey, Nancy Bubenzer, Karen Carmany (chair)

Members of the Stewardship Ministry gathered to continue planning for our annual fall stewardship invitation. Members had been asked to review the materials included in the “Rooted in Love” stewardship resource packet and view the Extravagant Generosity Video Series to offer feedback.

**Proposed Stewardship Calendar:** Members settled on the following dates for our annual Stewardship invitation:

**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** - Stewardship Invitation Launch (includes passing out stewardship pledge packets, stewardship sermon, the first of four “**Rooted in Love**” bulletin covers and accompany insert, member testimonial and opening video “What Happens When You Give “.

**Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** - 2<sup>nd</sup> of four “Rooted in Love” bulletin cover with accompany insert, member testimonial and video “We Give.”

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> of four “Rooted in Love” bulletin cover with accompany insert, member testimonial and video “Cheerful Giver.”

**Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** – 4<sup>TH</sup> and final “Rooted in Love” bulletin cover with accompany insert, DEDICATION OF PLEDGES, followed by fellowship hour hosted by the Stewardship ministry.

Karen will seek Pastor Amy’s input regarding the above schedule, indicating ministry members felt the above schedule lends itself best to a more concise approach to our overall stewardship invitation.

TESTIMONIALS: The following members were suggested to offer testimonials: **Patrick Mason, Crystal Shanley, Donna Hess, Ben and Carol Dunlap, Pete Johnson and Sarah Ketchum, Wayne Schneider, Linda Morris, Kelly Gifford, Al Barber, a UYF member.**

Those offering testimonials might address any of several following questions:

- Where do you see the love of our church changing lives?
- How has the love of our church changed your life?
- What “roots” you in our congregation?
- Where do you see our church make a difference?
- Why are you making a personal commitment to pledge to the church?
- How and why do you support our church financially?
- How do you decide what to give?

Karen will seek Pastor Amy's suggestions for names of members that might be effective in this role.

**Stewardship Video Clips:** Members viewed several stewardship video clips and settled on three videos found on You-Tube: What Happens When You Give, We Give, and Cheerful Giver.

**Mission Spending Plan:** In preparing a proposed mission spending plan for the 2022 year to be included in member pledge packets, Karen will ask all ministries and committees to answer the following questions:

1. How has your ministry/committee "lived out the mission and vision of Kent UCC this past year?"
2. How will your ministry/committee "live out the mission and vision of Kent UCC in the coming year (2022)?"

From the responses received, the stewardship committee hopes to prepare a **narrative** mission spending plan with accompanying pictures to inform and encourage members to offer their **time, talent and treasure** so that Kent UCC may continue to make a difference in the lives of others in our community and beyond.

**Next Meeting: TBA....** Karen will communicate with Pastor Amy to learn when she is able to best meet with us to continue our further planning. We all acknowledged we may find we will once again be virtual by the time our fall stewardship invitation kicks off; however, our testimonials could easily be switched from "in-person" to being "taped", our accompanied videos can easily be inserted in a virtual worship experience and all stewardship pledge materials could be delivered and/or mailed to members, as was the case last fall.