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DEFINING CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP*

Where do we begin when defining Christian stewardship? It begins with the grace of God in Christ. We are Christians because of what Christ has done for us on the cross. Stewardship (what I do as God's child) is not the cause of salvation, but a response to it. God in His goodness thinks so highly of us that he trusts us to administer that which belongs to Him. A steward is free to deal independently on behalf of his master; at the same time, he is completely dependent upon his master.

Christian stewards understand the privileges and responsibilities that they have in all the relationships of life. Christian stewardship impacts our relationship with God, with our neighbors, with ourselves and with all of creation. Why is it so important to define Christian stewardship accurately? Without a proper understanding of the fullness and richness of Biblical Stewardship the life-changing nature of Christian stewardship is lost.

In his book, *“What Do I Own and What Owns Me?”* Daniel Conway writes, “Stewardship means letting go of my independence, my ego, my need for control, and my desire to be someone. True stewardship means that I depend on a good and gracious God for who I am and what is mine – because they are all gifts to me.”

In a quiet moment of your day meditate upon this question: Is the way I am investing the time God allots for me, the abilities God gives me, the resources God entrusts to me and my very life pleasing to the Owner?

It would be most helpful to determine the congregation's needs so I would welcome all of your suggestions. So please take the time and reflect on a couple of questions:

1. When you hear the word “stewardship” what comes to your mind first?
2. Describe in your own words “stewardship's bigger picture”

I thank you for entrusting the privilege of serving you as your stewardship chairperson.

Nan Falsetti

*Portions of this article were taken from, “Faith Aflame: Stewardship Primer 4”

We welcome Nan to this position and thank her for saying yes to serving our congregation in this way. She is looking for commission members—please join her.

We are also in need of a Youth Commissioner and a Fellowship Commissioner. These two positions can work together.


Don't forget the **FOOD PANTRY** during the summer months. Our fellow town members need help all year round.

Please check the expiration dates—there was one in the box recently dated 2008 !! They cannot accept expired items. Also a reminder there is a list posted that details what they want the most. Medicines, vitamins and minerals are not accepted either.

As noted in the NED summer newsletter there now is a New England branch of **Orphan Grain Train** in Terryville, CT. This organization is similar to Feeding Children Everywhere. They also collect hygiene kits and school kits and cash donations for supplies and shipping. Their grand opening is on June 1 at 4:00 pm at 22 South Main Street, Terryville.



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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	10:30am—Communion Worship Service CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	2	3	4 8:00 pm—A.A.	5 10:00 am—WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	6	7
8	9:00am-Sunday School & Conf. 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am—Communion Worship Service	9	10	12 8:00 pm - A.A.	12 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	13	14
	15-9:00am-Sunday School & Conf. 9:15am-Adult Bible Class BREAKFAST 10:30am – Communion Worship Service	16	17 7:45pm— Board Meeting	18 8:00 pm - A.A.	19 10:00 am—WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	20	21
22	10:30am - Communion Worship Service	23	24	25 8:00 pm - A.A.	26 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	27	28
29	10:30am – Worship Service LUNCHEON FOR PASTOR KLAUCK	30					

SERVING PAGE FOR JUNE

	6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29	7/6
Ushers:	L. Hamilton C. Hamilton B. Tompkins C. Tompkins	E. Davis E. Davis C. Woodside A. Golino	B. Dice C. Dice J. Kloos	T. Renz E. Davis E. Davis C. Woodside	D. Kish C. Kish F. Bok J. Bok	L. Hamilton C. Hamilton B. Tompkins C. Tompkins
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ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS

<i>Ed & Judy Davis-June 3</i>	Tyler Berendsohn	June 13
<i>James & Nanette Falsetti-June 10</i>	Timothy Lehmacher	June 18
<i>Alex & Liz Thomson-June 15</i>	Jennifer Soto	June 18
<i>Russell & Sandra Lowry-June 23</i>	Jessica Blackman	June 20
	Kristin Bresmon	June 20
	Patricia Tompkins	June 20
	Courtney Smith	June 24
	David Haber	June 24
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		June 25
		June 28
		June 29