

## 2020 Stewardship Campaign

How do you run an effective Stewardship Campaign in the middle of a pandemic when you are not able to see each other face-to-face and worship services are “virtual”? That is the question, isn't it? Because of this challenge and still not having a pastor in place, the session set the stewardship goal at \$60,000, the same as 2019.

In September, a mini-committee of Patti Stephens, Judy Fiorentino and Dick Stephens pulled together the first mailing for early October. Patti wrote the first letter, Dick got the mailing list together, and Judy helped with folding letters and stuffing envelopes for the initial snail-mail. Bernie Brown, Rich Connell and Dick Stephens each took a turn delivering a stewardship message in the worship services in October when we were able to worship in the sanctuary as well as live-stream. November 8 was our target for receiving pledges, either in the mail or in the plate. As small in numbers as we are, it never ceases to amaze me of the strength of support that our congregation shows. By the November 8th target date, we had about 75% of the pledges in. A 2<sup>nd</sup> letter was sent out to those who had not yet replied and, by mid-December, we had all but a couple of the expected pledges in and were within a few hundred dollars of our goal. I am pleased to report that as of the first week in January we have received pledges totaling \$61,648 from 26 giving units. As I said, we are small in numbers but our support is very strong.

Thanks to: Rich, Bernie, Patti and Judy.

Dick Stephens

For the Stewardship committee