

Pastor Sue's Message

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God has blessed our Sunday School by sending more children! We now have two classes in children's Sunday School: Preschool - 2nd grade and 3rd- 5th. I'm so grateful for God's provision and our faithful Sunday School Teachers. MUMC (Mequon United Methodist Church) is pressing on as we continue to reach out to the Mequon community and beyond, and teach our children, youths and everyone who comes through our doors the love of God and who they are in Jesus Christ. All those things we have been called to do by God are possible by your prayers, presence, service, financial stewardship and witness.

When we contribute financially to our church, we might think it is just money. But here is the thing about money. It has a way of turning something that is temporary into something that is eternal. Financial Stewardship, giving our money to God's ministry, is a way to change temporary things into eternal things. When we give money to the church, those pieces of paper that you put in the offering plate are used to provide for God's ministries so that MUMC can be available from Sunday to Sunday and between to share the gospel with anyone and everyone who comes through our doors. Our financial support also strengthens MUMC Outreach Ministry to share the gospel in action with those who are hungry, thirsty and marginalized. And lastly but most importantly we give because we love the Lord.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ said, **"You should have practiced justice, mercy and faithfulness without neglecting tithe."** (Matthew 23:23) Mark Twain once said, "I am not bothered by the parts of the Bible I don't understand. What bothers me are the parts of the Bible I do understand." Since we understand what our Lord said about what our giving should look like, I prayerfully encourage and challenge you to make a decision to tithe if you have not so done yet. Let us honor God with our tithe. Let us make a bold financial commitment to support God's ministry here at MUMC.

In Christ,

Sue Lee

**Who then is that
faithful and wise
steward ... ?**

Luke 12:42, KJV