

Stewardship 2017

*Joining together on a journey of Christian faith,
we seek to be Disciples of Christ and to share God's love
in our community and around the world.*



Through these doors...

Discipleship & Fellowship



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Nurture & Mission



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Giving opens the doors of faith...

Dear Fort Hill Family,

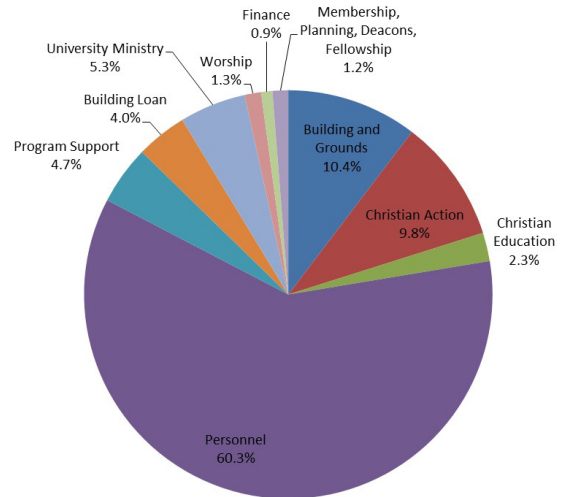
I ran into Laura last fall as she was coming out of a marathon renovation committee meeting that had focused on picking just the right doors for each section of the building. Laura made a comment that perhaps we could incorporate doors into this year's stewardship campaign. That seemed like a bit of a stretch, but I decided to give it a try.

So what do doors have to do with stewardship? Doors provide access. So my first thought was that Fort Hill's doors provide us with access to many experiences and activities. We pass through these doors to worship, to have fellowship, to participate in discipleship, to nurture, to engage in mission, to give thanks for our many blessings.

But doors are not just one way. Doors provide us with an opportunity to go out and serve others, to be Disciples of Christ, to provide support to those who are in need. Doors provide access to the outside world.

I think we can readily identify doors at Fort Hill that we would associate with worship, spiritual growth and service.

So is stewardship a door? Perhaps a better analogy is that stewardship is a key. There is a tendency to simply view stewardship as a means to keep the doors open. But there has to be more to stewardship than that. Matthew 6:21 tells us "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



2017 Asking Budget: 5.7% Increase

The real purpose of stewardship is not to simply meet needs, but rather to fulfill a need in us to acknowledge our blessings and to return a portion. Stewardship gives us the opportunity to glorify God, grow spiritually and serve others. Stewardship unlocks the doors of worship, spiritual growth and service.

In I Timothy 6:18: we are instructed to "do good, be rich in good works, generous and ready to share". Please give prayerful thought to your pledge for the coming year.

In Christ,

Wayne Madison, Stewardship Ministry Chair

Why the increase?

Of the 5.7% increase 2.5% is in personnel targeted to cover mandatory increases in medical insurance, cost of living raises, and a staff that is at full strength for the first time in quite a while. The rest will cover renovation loan payments and other minor budget adjustments.

Commitment Sunday: November 6th

You may pledge by:

1. Bringing your pledge card forward at either service on November 6th,
2. Returning your pledge card by mail, or
3. Pledging online at: <http://www.forthillchurch.org/worship/online-pledge-card>