

Message Series: “Rethink Generosity”

Message: “Generosity Is Personal!”

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” *(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)*

Jesus was the most generous person who ever lived!

1. A life
2. A vision
3. A community
4. A commitment
5. A future!

“Since I know, O my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these things; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make their offerings willingly to You.” *(1 Chronicles 29:17)*

Today we will receive a special Commitment Offering at the end of the service, where you will be invited to place your “Estimate of Giving” card on the altar. The decision about what each of us will do is personal, extending from our relationship with God, the ways we have experienced God’s blessings and our own commitment to the life, mission and ministry in and through the First United Methodist Church. Alone, most of us can make little impact upon our world, but together God has called us to great things. In 2 Chronicles, they came together to build the temple as a great structure to honor God. We seek to build a life together and a Jesus-led mission that will change the world. *Making disciples of Jesus Christ, who will love God, love others and serve the world.*