STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

October 22, 2023

Stewardship Series Beyond the Offering Plate: A Holistic Approach to Stewardship

"A different, but related, metaphor emerges from the Nguni Bantu languages of southern Africa: ubuntu. Translated roughly, "I am because you are," the metaphor... points to a more radical interdependence... reliant simply on the fact of incarnation.... Creation as a whole, depends on the fullness of everyone else's incarnation." -Margaret P. Avmer

Jubilant Fanfare **GATHERING**

Kevin McChesney

Stone Church Ringers

Pastor Cindy WELCOME

Abide with Me/Nessun Dorma PRELUDE

arr. Jack Dempsey

Anthony Bullett

*CALL TO WORSHIP Tara Yorke

One: Come, children and parents, siblings and grandparents; come neighbors and friends,

All: Let us worship together as one Body!

One: Come, you who love singing and you who teach, you who are caring, you who speak,

All: Let us worship together in one Spirit!

One: Come with your different gifts, your different work; come with your different hopes, your different dreams,

All: Let us worship together the one God!

One: Come all of you; come each of you,

All: Let us praise the Lord as one!

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 12: 4-12 **Common English Version** Sandy Loughlin

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Simple Gifts

arr. Valerie Anderson

Stone Church Ringers

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Ben

HOLISTIC STEWARDSHIP

Cory Buterbaugh & Pam Grugan,

Witness Team

SONG

In My life, God, Be Glorified^

Bob Kirkbatrick

In my life, God, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, God, be glorified, today.

In my heart, God, be glorified, be glorified. In my heart, God, be glorified, today.

In my gifts, God, be glorified, be glorified. In my gifts, God, be glorified, today.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Pastor Cindy

CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen^

John Stainer

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 12: 14-27

Mike Ford

Common English Version

MESSAGE

In This Together

Pastor Ben

*Song

In Christ There Is No East or West^^

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*SENDING

Pastor Ben

POSTLUDE

How Great is Our God

arr. Lloyd Larsen

Anthony Bullett

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Let us know you were here!



Volunteers Needed for ACGB

The Alternative Christmas Gifts Bazaar is coming! It will be held Dec. 2, 10:00-3:00 in Ellis Hall Ballroom on Juniata's campus. It's a fabulous, fun affair and we need help:

- Volunteers to work 2-hour shifts on Dec. 2, as greeter or cashier or staffing a vendor table;
- Help around 8-9 am to help vendors move in and set up..

If you want to volunteer (and we hope you do) please do **one** of the following things:

1. Contact the church office by Oct. 28 at 814-643-3390 or stonechurchofthebrethren@gmail.com. Please let us know what you're volunteering for and when you're available.

2.Email Ruth McDowell at <u>rebmcdowell@mac.com</u> or call at 973-902-1678 with the same information.

3. Complete this form: https://tinyurl.com/ACGB2023

Any questions? Call or email Ruth at the email and phone number above.

Thanks a bunch.

Your ACGB elves, Darlene Chivers Cathy Closz Jessica Buterbaugh Cory Buterbaugh Ruth McDowell Anne Rice

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

• Where might systems of privilege be playing out in your congregation or community?

• Who might help you understand them more fully?

This kind of stewardship is an ongoing, cyclical process. It's imperfect work, and yet when embraced, can become a spiritual discipline.

• When have you experienced movement toward a stewardship of incarnation?

• When have you noted times of failure? What might support this ongoing work?