

### *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity*

This week, we begin our stewardship emphasis “*Experiencing the Joy of Generosity*.” We hope and pray that you will be blessed by the three weeks of sermon messages and worship. Joy is a beautiful word that seems to bring a smile in saying it. As God’s people, we know that Jesus is the source of our joy. We have the deep and abiding joy of being loved by God through Jesus. King David wrote, “*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore*” (Psalm 16:11). Our stewardship emphasis will encourage us to experience the joy that God gives us through our generosity in sharing with others and extending his kingdom. In the words of Rev. Robert Schnase: “Through our generosity, God can do extraordinary things. Through our giving, God changes lives, and in changing them, transforms us. The practice of generosity describes the Christian’s unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ.”

- You have received a financial commitment form that can be returned during worship on Commitment Sunday, May 19.
- Join us on the evening of May 19, from 6-8 pm at the home of Ron Sawdey, Cissy Wolff, and Trudy Wolff. We will have drinks and appetizers as we celebrate our commitment to First Congregational Church and share the joy of giving faithfully and generously.
- You will be receiving Weekly Devotions for three weeks. These Devotions will be available in the Narthex as well.

- Join us as we gain insights on the following topics: The Joy in Receiving God's Blessing, The Joy in Managing God's Blessings, and The Joy in Sharing God's Blessings.

*May God bless us as we honor the Lord through our generosity.*