

# A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving  
An introduction of **Stewardship** to the congregation

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This spring, it is interesting to think about how birds build their nests and prepare for the next generation. The mother bird lays her eggs in the nest, sits on them until they hatch, and then feeds, nurtures and teaches them until the younglings are ready to fly on their own.

We, as Christians, must do the same for our family: build and maintain a place for our children to be nurtured and grow as Christians. Our children certainly are the future and the church will continue to be a place for their spiritual nurturing. We need to do our best to be stewards of our time, talents and resources to provide that environment.

Just as we attend to our own “nests” at home, we must also attend to maintaining the spiritual nest necessary for the next generation of Christians to grow and flourish. The lead article in this month’s issue of Stewardship points out that when we volunteer our time, or give contributions and offerings to the church to fund programs and build buildings, like Mother Bird, we are providing for our little ones, sustaining and nurturing the next generation of Christians.

**Prayer:** Thank you Lord for our church and our church family. Stir us up always to do your will and to be good stewards of all that we have. Amen.

*“A Stewardship Minute” is provided as a supplement to the **Stewardship** newsletter as part of your subscription. It can be read by the pastor, stewardship leader or lay reader during worship to briefly introduce and remind the congregation about the principles of stewardship each month. It may also be edited to fit specific needs. Used in this manner, it can significantly increase the general understanding of true giving.*