

Cumberland United Methodist Church

2019 Stewardship Campaign

Live a God-Pleasing Life!

September 19, 2019

Dear Member,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus!

On Sunday October 13, 2019, we begin our stewardship program *Live a God-Pleasing Life!* For three Sundays, we will look into the basis of Christian stewardship and its application in our lives. As we spend time in God's Word during our worship services and Bible studies, we will better understand how God wants us to use our lives and resources for his purposes.

God has given all of us the task of being his stewards. We are God's stewards because he is the source and owner of all that we are and have. To be God-pleasing stewards, we need God's help. The Holy Spirit working in and through his Word changes us into new people who become God-centered rather than self-centered people. Because of what God has given to us and done for us through Christ, we live with new perspectives and priorities. God-pleasing stewards are devoted to pleasing and praising him.

During our three-week program, we will be discussing many ways that we please God through our faithful stewardship. God-pleasing stewards will ...

- Live with the Word of the Lord as their authority and claim God's promises.
- Live God-directed, rather than self-directed, lives.
- Seek the presence and strength of the Lord.
- Follow the ways of the Lord.
- See others as people loved by God.
- Serve faithfully in church, family, and community.
- Give generously.
- Develop their gifts and talents.
- See the hand of the Lord as their support.
- See the grace of the Lord as their supply.
- Handle their resources wisely and prudently.
- Help those in need.

It is my hope and prayer that you will make every effort to attend both our worship services and Bible studies during this uplifting and enriching program *Live a God-Pleasing Life!*

Serving together in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Hodge, Pastor