



The Joy of Giving ... by Diane Johansen

During my youth, attendance at Sunday School and Church played a vital role in forming the young adult I would later become. As far back as my memory will take me, God's presence has always been an essential part of my life. To this day I am filled with unbounded thankfulness and appreciation for those early years.

At Church I developed friendships that have lasted to this very day. Our youth group met on Sunday evenings and each meeting included an activity.

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These activities could be for our own pleasure, such as ice skating or roller skating, but there were other times when we visited with youth groups at other churches, called in on shut-ins, went caroling at Christmastime, or focused on projects that would benefit others.

Church and all it embodies were and still are an integral part of our family life. Our shared faith enriches the bond we share. In times of emotional highs or lows and everything in between, Church continues to be my unshakable anchor that keeps me on a steady path as I journey through life.



The Stewardship Committee has set a benchmark for a 3% increase in pledges received for this year.

This modest increase will allow us to continue meeting our budgetary demands as well as to continue boldly engaging our community in new ways with the message of God's acceptance and love.