

## PREPARING FOR “ALL THINGS NEW”

### Reflect:

- Read the daily devotional in *Practicing Extravagant Generosity* and pray for God’s guidance in your personal finances.
- Ask God to deepen your sense of gratitude and joy in being generous.
- Reflect on the understanding that, stewardship of the resources God has entrusted to our care, is more about our relationship with Christ than about money.
- Examine your personal giving and how it reflects your commitment to fully embody Christ.
- Pray daily, “God where do you desire my giving to be in light of your goodness in my life?”
- Prayerfully determine what percentage of your income you will commit to God’s work through Central Union Church.

### Act:

- Adjust your Recurring Giving for 2021 or consider signing-up for Recurring Giving.
- Estimate of Giving cards will be shared near the end of the campaign with instructions for completing it online.
- Return, or complete online, your Estimate of 2021 Giving Card to the church

## RECURRING GIVING

### What is Recurring Giving?

*Recurring Giving is the most convenient way of prioritizing our giving back to God through CUC on a regular schedule using one of the many forms of electronic giving.*

### How can I participate in Recurring Giving?

*CUC offers two ways to participate in recurring giving: automatic Bank Draft (preferred) or credit card.*

### Why is the ACH/Bank Draft the preferred method?

*All forms of electronic giving are good, but credit card gifts have a fee of 2% from the processor.*

### How do I sign up or adjust the amount I give?

*Your 2021 Estimate of Giving card will have an ACH/Bank Draft and Credit Card Recurring Giving sign-up on the back.*

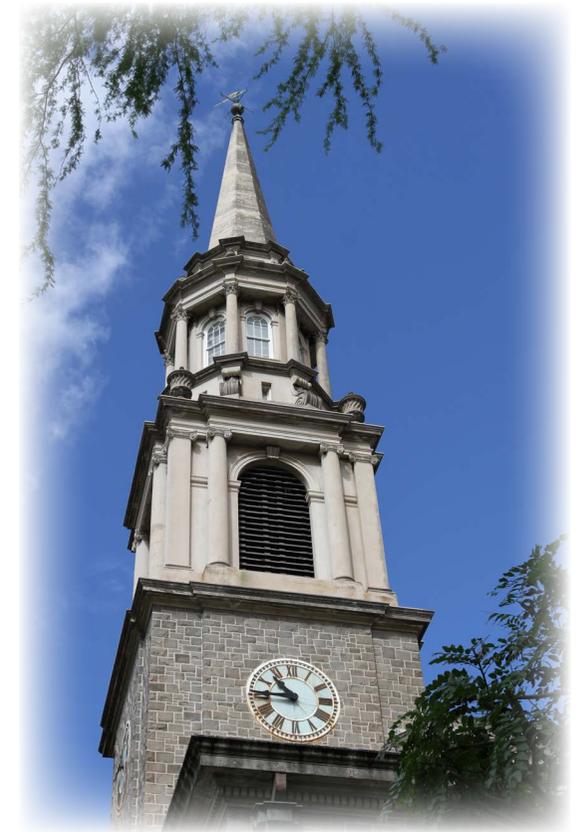


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“We Engage and Embrace ALL as we seek to Embody Christ!”

# ALL THINGS NEW



“Look! I am doing a new thing!”

– Isaiah 43:19

## ALL THINGS NEW GOAL

Stewardship is not our way of raising a budget.  
It is God's way of raising followers of Christ.

**ALL THINGS NEW** is an opportunity to discover the joy of growing in your relationship with God as you experience living generously.



We look forward with hope. We know 2020 was difficult. But the challenges of the past are not more powerful than the hope for our future. Central Union's 2021 stewardship theme, "All Things New" is an affirmation of that hope and a proclamation of our faith. Together we follow a God of renewal and resurrection. Let us put our hope into action and join with God's creative work in our church. - "Look! I am doing a new thing!" - Isaiah 43:19

### Stewardship is a Spiritual Issue

Stewardship is directly linked to our growth in faith. How we use our resources is primarily a spiritual issue. The quality of that decision is shaped by the spiritual condition of our heart.

### Jesus Spoke Openly about Stewardship

About two-thirds of Jesus' parables, and about one in every ten verses in the Gospels, address the issue of money. As followers of Jesus, we are free to talk about giving as an outward expression of our love for God.

### Stewardship is Not About the Budget

In stewardship campaigns, it can be tempting to approach the financial needs of the church as if we were simply funding the budget. Yet we know that God does not need our money; rather, we need to give it as an act of gratitude and trust. Living generously is an inseparable part of following Christ.

### Stewardship is About Trust

As we learn to trust God more, and follow Christ's teaching more faithfully, we learn to depend less on ourselves and more on God, relinquishing attitudes and habits that impede our relationship with God.

## WHAT'S THE GIVING PATH?

"See, I am doing a new thing!...I am making a way in the wilderness" It is God's intention that we follow God's way of love and grow in our faith. Jesus said that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." As we follow Christ, we embody Christ and we grow in grace and in generosity as we grow more generous and take bigger steps in our giving as we become more aware of how richly God has blessed us.

### **First-Time Giver:**

Begin to give.

### **Intentional Giver:**

Plan what percentage of your income to give for a year.

### **Growing Giver:**

Increasing the percentage of income toward a tithe.

### **Tither:**

Begin to give a tithe (10% of income).

### **Extravagant Giver:**

Give beyond the tithe, called an offering (10+% of income).

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