



TRUSTEES WORK DAY

Following the United Methodist Men's breakfast on April 2, there will be a Trustees Work day. This is the first work day of the year and we will be taking care of maintenance in and around the church. Everyone is welcome to come--there is a job for everyone.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Last month I promised to attempt to pass on some specific ways one can become more involved as a steward. That promise came after discussing the awesome responsibility that God has given us as managers of His creation. But where to begin? I know from personal experience that getting involved as a steward can seem overwhelming. This can be especially difficult for folks new to our church. In addition to the financial aspects of stewardship, there are abundant opportunities for sharing our time and gifts at RUMC. This newsletter, the church website www.umcrc.us, and the weekly bulletin are great resources.

One suggestion is to begin with "child" steps. In Matthew 18, our Lord answers the question posed by his disciples, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" In verse 3-4 Jesus tells them, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." What better way to become more like little children than to spend some time with them? Creative Expressions is our "kid's Church" held during the 10:30 worship for pre-school to third graders. Michele Kilikauskas does a wonderful job running this Bible-based curriculum, but she needs a volunteer adult assistant every Sunday. As an assistant, you not only get to be with the kids, but you also get a great Bible lesson from Michele! If you are interested, please contact me or my wife, Jill at bradfordaj@ymail.com. This small act of stewardship has reverberating impact. The children benefit from the presence and example of God-worshipping adults. The parents of these young ones get a small break – a break that allows them to worship and listen to the message without a little one wiggling on their lap and pulling on their ears. And the transfer of joy you receive from these little ones is most rewarding.

Next month I'll keep trying to shine a little light into more specific opportunities available at RUMC for sharing of our gifts and our time.

Thanks! Al Bradford



SAVE YOUR STUFF!!

Terry Ratcliff will be having a rummage sale on Friday, May 13, to help earn funds to go to Guatemala on a mission trip. You may bring your donated items beginning on Sunday May 8, and put them on the stage behind the curtains.



The United Methodist Women will be holding a bake sale at the rummage sale and the funds collected from the baked goods will be used to buy sewing machines for the women in the Mara District of Tanzania.