

## God's Calling on My Life HHUMC Stewardship and Discipleship 2024

I believe that God is calling each of us to be good stewards of all that God has given us as we live out our faith in the world. God's calling includes our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. When we give, we are investing in the work of God's kingdom here at HHUMC. Also, we are helping to make a difference in the lives of others and in the world. 2 Corinthians 9:11 says: "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us".

Stewardship is not just about giving money. It is also about our time and our talents. When we volunteer our time to serve others, we are being good stewards of our gifts. We are using our gifts to make the world a better place.

Discipleship is about following Jesus Christ. It is about living our lives in accordance with his teachings. When we are good stewards, we are good disciples. We are showing others what it means to follow Jesus.

Today let us consider how to be good stewards of all that God has given. Let us consider how God is calling us to give and live generously. Let us consider what it means to be good stewards and good disciples at this time and in this place.

We can start by considering the spiritual gifts God has given us. Giving our life and works to God is a journey, not a destination. As we walk with God, the calling on our life will be revealed. We can start or continue along the path by assessing our Spiritual Gifts by completing the online Spiritual Gifts Inventory located here:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/equipping-leaders/spiritual-gifts>

God is calling us to share our gifts of our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to serve God and to make a difference in the world. When we pray for others, we are asking God to intervene others' lives to bring about God's will. When we give our presence, we are helping people to feel loved, supported, and encouraged. When we give our gifts and tithes, we are not only helping the church, but also helping to build the kingdom of God. When we serve with a heart of love, we are truly giving God our gifts of service. And when we witness to God, we are helping others see that Christianity is a real and relevant faith that can make a difference in their lives. God is calling us!

Would you please pray about how God is calling you to serve in stewardship and discipleship here at Helotes Hills United Methodist Church in 2024?

We will bless the giving and receiving of our pledges during worship on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Please either bring your pledge sheet then or you can mail them before that day so that they will be included in the blessing.

If you have any questions, or need additional information please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,  
Pastor Cheryl

## 2024 God's Calling HHUMC Stewardship and Discipleship Pledge

I believe that God is calling me to use my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to make a difference in the world and here at Helotes Hills United Methodist Church. Therefore, I commit to using my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to follow God's calling in my life both now and in the future in the following ways.

### Prayers:

- I will join the Prayer Team that meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- I will regularly pray for our church.
- I will pray with friends and family.
- I will pray for God's guidance and direction in my life.
- I will also pray for the needs of others, both in my church and in the world.

### Presence:

- I will regularly attend church services and special worship events.
- I will be mindfully present to others.
- I will be a good listener.
- I will use my words and actions to be supportive and encouraging.
- I will be a good Christian role model so that others will see Jesus in me.

### Gifts:

- I will support the church by giving financially. I will tithe to the church:  
Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ How Often: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total giving for 2024: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I will use my gifts and talents to serve God and bless others.
- I will be willing to learn new things and to grow in my abilities that I may offer my gifts to God.
- I will give my time to help with church activities by sharing my talents to serve at church or in other community events.
- I will live generously as John Wesley taught us to "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

### Service:

- I will volunteer to organize, lead or co-lead a Sunday school class, Bible Study, or small group.
- I will volunteer to serve Holy Communion.
- I will volunteer to be a Lay Reader in worship.
- I will get my Safe Gatherings certification so I can volunteer with children, youth and/or vulnerable adults.
- I will join our congregational care team to make home or hospital visits.
- I will join our Spirit Voice Choir. Choir meets Wednesday at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary.

- I will join the Glory Ringers who meet Wednesday at 8:00 pm in the Music room.
- I will use my talent for art and decoration for special events.
- I will use my gift for hospitality to volunteer to be an usher or greeter.
- I will use my organizational skills to help serve at monthly fellowship dinners, special worship services and church events.
- I will join the Congregation Care Food Team to help cook or provide meals to others in crisis.
- I will use my gifts for relating to children to volunteer in our Nursery or Spark Worship children's church on Sunday mornings.
- I will use my gifts for youth to become a youth group team leader.
- I will use my love of nature and gardening to help keep the grounds and gardens cared for, watered and well fed.
- I will use my free time to volunteer for mission and outreach by helping with Bag Pack ministry, joining a Serve Saturday, giving to food drives, serve at the San Antonio Food Bank, give clothes or other winter needs for the homeless, serve at Haven for Hope and the St. Vincent DePaul Helotes Neighborly Service.
- I will actively look search for ways to share my time, talent and resources to help others at church.

**Witness:**

- I will live a life that reflects my faith.
- I will be open to share my faith story in a respectful way with others telling them about how I came to know Jesus and how he has changed my life.
- I will share my love of God, through my words and actions.
- I will invite others to church, including my friends, family, and neighbors.
- I will be a peacemaker and resist all criticism and gossip.
- I will be kind and compassionate to all people.

***I commit my life and actions that God may use my gifts to bless and serve others.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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