

2016 Stewardship Testimony Plan

On October 11, 18, and 25 we are asking three people to take a turn to tell a story in response to this question:

"How did I get here?"

OCT 11 - Dan Stevens

OCT 18 - Janet Pike

OCT 25 -

The question comes from the stewardship theme found in Acts 16:19b-34. It's a story about an earthquake at night that frees Paul, Silas and all of the other prisoners. The jailer is in despair because he knows he will be blamed for their escape, but, surprisingly, Paul calls out in the darkness and says "we are all here". The story captures our feeling of the value of belonging to a community of faith, in which love and care are frequently offered and received.

So consider some of the ways that the question "How did I get here?" could be answered in a short testimony on a Sunday morning. Please don't feel obliged to answer all of these questions, but pick one or two that help you tell your story.

How did I get here?

- What had I heard about this church before I visited?
- How did I find my way into this church?
- What was it like when I first came here? What do I remember most about that?
- What do I find most valuable about this church family?
- What does "belonging" feel like?

We are not asking you to give a dramatic appeal to everyone to make a big financial commitment, but if you want to highlight the reasons for your own commitment that would be welcomed.

If you need any help, please contact Rev. Jim Renfrew (813-2934).

Thank you!

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