

# Stewardship Seconds: January‒June 2024

*Places to use these: in your worship bulletin, in your PowerPoint for worship, in your newsletter, on your website, on your Facebook page, to open a board/council meeting, and as many other places as you can think of to help nurture generous disciples of Jesus. If you have feedback or wish to share how you used this resource, please contact us at* *stewardship@united-church.ca**.*

## January 7: Baptism of the Lord

How can we be light in the world, shining in the shadows and offering our gifts to the world?

## January 14: Second Sunday after Epiphany

Have you heard God calling? Do not let God’s words fall to the ground—with a generous heart, seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

## January 21: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Fishing for people and caring for our catch should be our greatest work. Honouring the time and energy invested by church members is an essential part of stewardship.

## January 28: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Every day we receive abundant gifts, but we are not meant to keep them. When you pass along a gift to a neighbour or the world, trust that you and they will have enough.

## February 4: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Healing was one of Jesus’ gifts. Much gratitude for all those who care and heal, whether professionally or to family and friends. Sharing your energy, skill, and time is noble and necessary.

## February 11: Transfiguration Sunday

We believe in a God who is creating, reconciling, and making new. As stewards and disciples, our eyes are searching for opportunities to be co-creators with the Spirit, transforming and being transformed.

## February 18: First Sunday in Lent

Rainbows and doves—two signs of God’s abundant love. What is a sign that you are sharing your abundance and love with the world?

## February 25: Second Sunday in Lent

Too often we get stuck in the muck of human things—doom scrolling, worrying about possessions, fretting over appearances. Jesus tells Peter, and us, to set our mind to the divine: generosity and prayer, Bible study and sharing faith, loving service and worship. We can act as servants and spend our time and resources making the world better for all.

## March 3: Third Sunday in Lent

The message of good stewardship—of using, not hoarding, of wild generosity—is foolishness to many but hope and faith to those following Jesus.

## March 10: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Stewardship practices allow God’s love to act in our lives, bringing life and hope even in the wilderness of death and hopelessness.

## March 17: Fifth Sunday in Lent

With our whole hearts we seek God and to live God’s way. Justice and righteousness, being kind and generous, caring for neighbours and strangers—these are more important than all of our riches and possessions.

## March 24: Palm Sunday

Your resources, your time, your abilities, your money—any of it or all of it: “The Lord needs it.”

## March 31: Easter Sunday

As people of faith who are learning to give generously, how do we respond to the good news of Easter, remembering the angel’s words, “Be not afraid”?

## April 7: Second Sunday of Easter

When those who have more share with those who have less so that all have enough, we are walking in the footprints of the early believers.

## April 14: Third Sunday of Easter

How can you bear witness to the resurrection with what you have?

## April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

There is a direct link between following Jesus and using our resources, including our money, to care for those in need.

## April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Stewardship is not just about money. It’s about how we use everything we have and who we are as we walk the Way of Jesus.

## May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus commands us to love one another. What better way to do that than to share what we have?

## May 12: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Followers of Jesus give thanks for what they receive and for God’s steadfast love. Then they share their gifts with others so all may receive.

## May 19: Pentecost Sunday

Grace looks different from one person to the next, and each of us has different gifts to share. Give thanks to God!

## May 26: Trinity Sunday

With each gift, generous disciples led by the Spirit can transform the world.

## June 2: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Today, take time to prayerfully consider your abundance and how you react when someone asks you to give.

## June 9: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Discipleship is about choosing to be led by the Spirit, keeping generosity at the heart of our actions as best we can.

## June 16: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Like the man scattering seed on the ground, we trust that the gifts we share will be used for the best purpose, even if we don’t immediately see the results.

## June 23: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Disciples share their abundance and offer opportunities for others to be generous, too.

## June 30: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

In an economic system full of sin, we are called to do our best to help redistribute God's abundance so that all can thrive.