

# Your 2021 Stewardship Packet

The contents of this packet include:

- Pastor Julie’s message on the importance of Stewardship in this unique time for the church and how we are called to serve.
- 2021 Mount Cross Giving Pledge Card—providing you an opportunity to plan for and commit to supporting the church with a portion of your financial gifts. A proportional giving chart is provided on the back to assist your decision-making.
- Time and Talent Survey 2021—this form asks you to indicate areas of service in the church and community where you have abilities and interest. Every bit as important as giving of our treasure is the commitment of our time and talent. Each member is asked to complete a survey, hoping every person finds at least one area of interest.
- A return envelope for your Pledge Card and Survey. The envelope will be opened ONLY by the Financial Secretary to ensure confidentiality. Surveys will be sorted out and directed to the Volunteer Coordinator.

Online versions of both the forms are available at the church website [www.mountcross.com](http://www.mountcross.com) if you prefer.

Questions about the Stewardship Campaign?

Contact Susan Prosser, Stewardship Chair at 805-657-6222 or [prosser1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prosser1@sbcglobal.net)

## STEWARDSHIP FAQ’S

**WHAT IS A PLEDGE?** When a church asks its members to “pledge,” it seeks statements of giving intent for the year to come. For each giver, this sets a giving goal for the coming year. Every member is asked to consider tithing (giving 10% of their income); or if not able, to make a yearly increase in their giving with tithing as a goal. The congregation’s collective pledges assist church leaders in making financial plans for the church.

**WHAT IF I CAN’T MEET MY PLEDGE?** It is understood that circumstances change before or during the year. You will **never** be contacted about the status of your giving. Giving reports are provided for your information only. Every gift is a blessing.

**IF I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE A PLEDGE, SHOULD I STILL COMPLETE THE CARD?** The pledge card offers the option of committing to supporting Mount Cross without making a specific dollar amount pledge. This is a significant personal commitment and states that, while there is uncertainty in your current circumstances, it is your intention to give to the church within your means.

**HOW IS MY PRIVACY ASSURED?** Use and seal the provided response envelope. Only the Council-appointed Financial Secretary sees submitted pledges and manages a separate system for recording pledges, tracking giving, and producing giving reports. Not even the Pastor has access to this information.

**WHAT IF TOTAL PLEDGES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO MEET FINANCIAL NEEDS?** The Church Council would develop options to propose to the Congregation, if this should occur. Church leaders first work to make the most effective use of available resources.