

Stewardship 2017

Abundant Living, Abundant Giving

In the original Pony Express, messages were carried on horseback from the Missouri River to the Pacific coast. In BCMC's Pony Express materials are carried from one household to another in neighborhood clusters to gather financial commitments for the coming budget year. (Materials are mailed to non-resident and inactive members). The Pony Express runs from Stewardship Sunday on November 6 until November 20 when packets are returned during worship.

The theme for this year's Pony Express is **Abundant Living, Abundant Giving** based on 2 Corinthians 8-9. Here Paul appeals to the saints in Corinth for a generous offering, to add to that of others, for the relief of the besieged mother church in Jerusalem. He encourages them with these words:

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8

It is this abundance that is the focus of our thoughts this year. God truly has blessed us abundantly, as individuals and as a congregation. We have had enough of everything, especially a sense of God's presence and guidance in this year of transition. As our hearts fill with gratitude, we want to be abundant givers as well, extending the blessings we have received to others through the church.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Find the envelope with your name inside the packet.**
- 2. Find and study the contents of your envelope.**
- 3. After reviewing the contents, complete the commitment form and sign your name.**
- 4. Keep the lower part of your completed commitment form for your records.**
- 5. Place the upper part (church record) of your completed commitment form back in your personal envelope (the envelope with your name on it.) Seal the envelope and place it in the packet. Check off your name on the list.**
- 6. Arrange a time to deliver the packet to another household on the list. If possible, take time to visit when you give the packet to someone. The list is arranged alphabetically. You do not need to deliver to the next person on the list if you feel it would be more expedient to deliver the packet geographically! If you need assistance, contact your captain.**
- 7. The last person on the list to receive this packet returns the packet to the captain before Sunday, November 20.**

Thank you for your participation!