

Stewardship Committee 2019

Stewardship is everything we do after we say, "I believe."

The theme of our 2019 Fall Stewardship Program was **We are People of HOPE!** It was based on the story of Jesus walking with the disciples along the road to Emmaus. It's Easter evening, and the disciples are hopeless and sad. At first they don't know that it is Jesus walking with them. But by the end of the story they realize that their Lord has been present with them. Their hope and joy is renewed, and they go and tell others about the risen Lord.

Our life together at Abiding Hope follows that same pattern. We spend time with our Lord in worship and study. We walk with each other, as Jesus did. We walk with our neighbors, near and far. And as we accompany them, sharing their burdens and giving hope to the hopeless, we share the story of our risen Lord.

We are People of HOPE! included:

- a 3-session **stewardship bible study** led by Chaplain Barry Davis (or to be used as personal devotions at home.)
- a **Thanksgiving Meal** allowing time to create a block for our **People of Hope poster** [or you could take a block home and bring it back the next week].
- the opportunity to make a **financial pledge for 2020**.
- three Sundays of intentional worship liturgy, hymns, bible readings, and sermons to encourage us to live as People of Hope, and

two Temple talks linking giving thanks to God for his many blessings with the ministries of Abiding Hope and of how we can best support these activities. Bulletin inserts were created to aid these talks.

Living as people of hope means trusting God in easy times and in difficult times, when we have little and when we have plenty. It means trusting God not only for today, but also for tomorrow. And living as people of hope means that we are called to carry that hope out into the world, loving and serving all of God's people with all that God has so generously given to us.

Pastor Allie and Jacque Holmberg welcome others to join us as we plan stewardship materials and events at Abiding Hope. Your input and work will be appreciated!