



October 20, 2023

Hello Members and Friends,

As summer's growing season yields to the turning leaves of fall, our harvest begins. On the farm, everyone's effort matters no matter



Working Toward the Harvest

Matthew 20:1-7

how big or how small. And, while at times the work is at a slower pace, harvest brings an urgency to work harder than normal. It is the extra effort of the group of people working on the farm that helps the farm achieve success. A bountiful harvest brings security and prosperity to the community. Farmers must find a way to give more of themselves during harvest. Likewise, we should do the same.

I think we can all remember a time when we were called to give more than we thought we had before. More time, more understanding, or more effort. There are many people in our community that we can share with if the harvest is enough. As we enter into our Stewardship Pledge Drive, each one of us is called to be a good steward of our Church and our community like the farmer who works harder during harvest to feed God's children.

We will kick-off our Harvest Stewardship Pledge Drive on Sunday, October 22 with our traditional Pancake Breakfast. While working hard week after week, we will wrap up the harvest with a celebration and dance at our Harvest Fields Hoe Down on Sunday, November 12.

The gifts of time and resources that we give impact our community in big ways. The Lord's work is done through us and we can continue to share those blessings. Please prayerfully consider making a generous pledge to financially support the good work of our Church.

Peace and Grace,

John Bard