**Stewardship Moments: January – April 2024**

**January 7**

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*Matthew 2:11*

**January 14**

Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially.

*Unknown*

**January 21**

Christian stewardship is discipleship: it’s how we live our lives in response to God’s bounteous grace.

## *Marcia Shetler – former Executive Director/CEO of the Ecumenical Stewardship Center*

**January 28**

With enough intentionality, our budget can become a sacred song.

*Rev. Tyler Sit – United Methodist Pastor*

**February 4**

Money never stays with me. It would burn me if it did.

I throw it out of my hands as soon as possible, lest it should find its way into my heart.

*John Wesley – English cleric, theologian, and evangelist*

**February 11**

Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

*Pope Francis*

**February 18**

Stewardship is the way we love God and neighbor with our whole lives, not just our wallets.

*Charles Lane and Grace Pomroy – authors*

**February 25**

Jesus knew that the place of money in our lives is a spiritual issue far more than it is an economic issue.

*Canon Harold Percy – Anglican Rector*

**March 3**

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

*1 Peter 4:10*

**March 10**

How can we not be giddy with gratitude and reckless generosity for all the gifts God has given us?

*Steve Garnaas-Holmes – poet, songwriter, retired pastor*

**March 17**

Stewardship is not something we can put on or take off as the seasons change. Stewardship, like faith, must be woven into the fabric of our lives.

*Gregory Coulter – professor of Philosophy*

**March 24**

Stewardship is growing, developing, advancing and building the gifts with which God has blessed us.
*Dr. Kennon Callahan – Pastor, educator, consultant, and writer.*

**March 31**

We are temporary stewards with an obligation to manage the inheritance in such a way that it can be passed along even better and stronger than it was when we received it.

*Robert L. Payton – first full-time director of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University*

**April 7**

And 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*

**April 14**

Gratefulness leads to great fullness.

*Dr. Kent Millard – President of United Theological Seminary*

**April 21**

Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared.

*Rev. Henri Nouwen – priest, professor, writer, theologian*

**April 28**

If we allow a day to pass by without practicing generosity, we are like a blacksmith’s bellows: we breathe, but we do not live.

*Sanskrit Proverb*