

*Stewardship is not just an opportunity to enter into God's service,
but an opportunity for God to enter into you.*

— Herb Miller

Greetings in Christ.

We celebrate the ways that God is moving in and through Travis Park United Methodist Church. We have much bounty for which we give thanks. Through Travis Park Church we are given the precious opportunity to change lives in very tangible ways, here and now. We build community with sisters and brothers with whom we worship and commune, with whom we laugh and cry. We are blessed.

We also experience the abundance of blessing in our lives through friends, family, health, and enough to sustain us, even in the midst of uncertainties. Yet too often we let the fear of uncertainty motivate us, rather than being inspired by hope and abundance. As followers of Christ, we are not a people of fear and denial, but a people of hope and promise.

On **Sunday, November 20**, Travis Park United Methodist Church will celebrate the abundance of God's many blessings in our lives....all of our lives. In worship, you will have the opportunity to make a commitment, a promise for 2012 for your financial support of God's work through Travis Park United Methodist Church. That you take the step to make a commitment is the main focus of this time; it is not about the size, value or frequency of your commitment.

This year, for the first time, a Narrative Budget has been prepared to help paint the picture of how our church's finances are used to in the many programs and ministries here. I hope you will take some time to look through it to get a better understanding of how our giving supports the work of our church.

God is at work through Travis Park UMC and in your life in many powerful ways. Take time each day to say 'thank you' for those blessings. And as you approach our November 20 celebration, join your church family in making your financial commitment to ministry, to the changing of lives, to the deeper relationship with God that comes from entering into God's service through stewardship.

In Christ,

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Rev. Claus Rohlf, Jr.