

God is choosing you - *How will you respond?*

God is choosing each of us to be a beloved disciple in today's world. The quality of that relationship depends on how we each respond to His call.

What is God asking of you?
What gifts has God entrusted to you?
What would be your best response?

At Boston Avenue, we have thousands of members who could all give something ... and Christian stewardship begins with our own need to give back to God, not others' need to receive.

We each need to give because ...
... God has given to us
... Giving develops Christian character
... God uses our gifts to reach others
... The first 10% belongs to God.

Good stewardship - supporting the church with your gifts and talents - works best when:

- * it is thoughtfully planned
- * it is offered on a regular basis
- * it is based on a percentage of household income
- * it is given with a sense of joy and expectation
- * we give back to God the first portion of all we have received from God
- * it is understood as an essential exercise to develop Christian character

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 1 Corinthians 9:7



BOSTON AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

***Think deeply * Grow spiritually * Love generously
so that we actively share God's blessing***

***Because you, our members,
have responded to God's call:***

- * **Thousands worship** with us via television each week and many are physically unable to attend church.. Our service is the highest watched in its time slot.
- * We have welcomed **47 Sistema** students and their families, and over 1700 tickets were purchase for the Wynton Marsalis/Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra concert directly benefitting Sistema Tulsa.
- * **25 mid high youth** confirmed their faith and became full, professing church members this year; 21 more are currently in Confirmation Class.
- * **Over \$13,500** has been given to meet mission needs this year through United Methodist Women
- * **163 youth** in our mid high, senior high and Boy Scout Troop 20 were supported in performing over 3,842 service hours; eleven of those students earned individual honors
- * **Over 2800 meals** have been served to persons with mental health issues since COMPassion Meals and Worship began in April, 2014, forming a new faith community. Many have found a church home.
- * **Summer camps** for children and youth saw enrollments totaling over 360 participants.
- * **15 college interns** gained hands-on ministry leadership experience at **Project Transformation**. 50 at-risk children were involved at our PT site, and all maintained reading levels. Over 80% improved.
- * **Mission teams** served in Bolivia, at Cookson Hills Center and Spavinaw UMC, and throughout Tulsa at Restore Hope, Eastern Ok. Food Bank, Burroughs School, Nueva Esperanza UMC, etc.
- * Our church hosted over **10 community support and arts groups**, in addition to our own ministries.
- * **14 choral and instrumental ensembles** rehearsed, robed, and led in worship, learning 18 new choral works and 23 new instrumental works .
- * **About 32,240 meals were prepared and served** at the Day Center for the Homeless and at Redemption Church for those involved in prison ministries.
- * In addition to **thousands of miles logged** on our church vehicles for worship, camps and missions, 1340 charter bus miles were logged for Chapel Choir tour.