



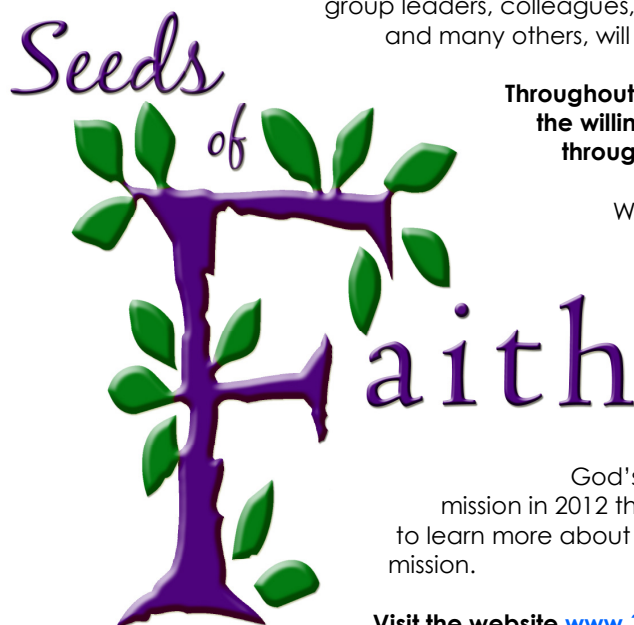
***"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch on its branches."
— Matthew 13:31-32***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are entering the period of time traditionally called the "stewardship season" – a time to remind ourselves of the many gifts God has given us to further His Kingdom and to respond in gratitude. But stewardship is much, much more than just a "season" or period of a few weeks.

Stewardship requires an awareness of our profound dependence on God for all things and our conscious act of obedience to God's call in returning a portion of these gifts to Him.

Seeds of Faith – Growing in the Hands of God reflects our belief that with the God-given gifts in our life, He will use each of us to sow seeds of faith. These seeds, nurtured by Sunday school teachers, coaches, small group leaders, colleagues, parents and grandparents, clergy and lay leaders and many others, will grow the Kingdom of God in a powerful way.



Throughout its 149-year history, our Church has been blessed by the willingness of individuals to invest in the lives of others through their time, money, and talents.

We ask you to reflect on the seeds of faith in your life. We on the Stewardship Team have been humbled to remember those people who made a tremendous impact on our lives and faith and who may not have ever realized the result of their investment. Who has planted seeds of faith in your life? Have you been a "seed planter" in someone's life?

Through each individual's obedience to share God's gifts we, as a congregation, are able to fulfill our mission in 2012 through programs, facilities, and leaders. We invite you to learn more about how your support can help First Presbyterian fulfill its mission.

Visit the website www.1stpres.com and click on *Seeds of Faith* for more information.

Pledging personal support requires spiritual reflection, careful thought, and faith. The leadership of the Church is praying for all of our members during this time, and we encourage everyone to seek God's guidance in this decision.

We want you to join us on Commitment Sunday, October 23, so that together we may commit ourselves and our church to God's purpose in 2012.

In His Love,

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