

Change is Good

Pat and I came to this church about 4 years ago. Somehow, I ended up on the board at this church. I had always preferred to not know all the politics and bickering that goes on within a church. Just showing up on Sunday protects you from much of that. Change is good. And now I chair the Stewardship Committee.

What generosity means to me more than anything else is time. Giving money is kind of easy if you have it to give. Time is more precious. I have always said that the best man I have ever met, just happened to be my dad. I remember him walking home from the cement plant and taking the time to shoot baskets in the driveway before going in the house. I remember him taking the time to fix a neighbor kid's bike (He was a welder) and getting up from the dinner table to do it. He was an extraordinary man, who unlike me sang very loud in church even though he couldn't really sing.

They say the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. In my case I fell and rolled down a small hill. His example though, sticks with me daily. As a result I am generous with my time. There are a variety of ways I share my time. Probably the most important way I share my time is with young men who need an older mentor. Service to others is the not so secret key to happiness. It is also how a church can flourish. The service we do for ourselves such as Fellowship, greeting, ushers, committees and others is only a part. We need to serve the community. We need an open and welcoming building. We need to help those who are less fortunate. We have some good ideas and need some more. We need to truly be an open and affirming church in the community.