

My Promises to God Card

Children can make pledges too! It is the time of the year when we make decisions about the promises we would like to make to God and to our church. The adults of the church are thinking about how much they will be tithing to the church budget. Their promises are called their pledge. A *pledge* is like a promise. You have been learning in this rotation on the Parable of the Talents, and have come to know the word "talent".

And, through this particular rotation, you are beginning to hear the word "stewardship". *Stewardship* is simply caring for, using and sharing the gifts God has given us. We can find ways to share our time and our talents with others. *Good stewards* are people who help protect and care for the earth and all of its creatures. We take care of our health and bodies that God has given us. We give our money to the church to share our blessings with others and help do God's work. We tell others about Christ and our faith. We love others as God has loved us. Enclosed is a list of things you can do for your church. Read it carefully and mark the things you would like to promise to God and the Edmonds United Methodist Church this year.

On Sunday November 18th you are encouraged to bring your Promise Card to worship. During the service you can put it in a basket at the front of the sanctuary at the Children's Moments time.

LOOK IN YOUR BIBLE: Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

What are your gifts? Look around you: In a church we use our gifts together. How many ways do you see people at Edmonds United Methodist Church sharing their gifts and talents? How does Edmonds United Methodist Church help its own members? How does our church help people outside of the church? What gifts are shared during worship? Who is sharing their gifts with us during Sunday School?

TALK TO YOUR PARENTS: Ask your parents about the promises they are making to Edmonds United Methodist church and the promises you can make on this promise card.

ABOUT THE PROMISE CARD: You may fill out the card below, cut along the dotted line and turn it in on November 18th during Children's Moments. On the back of this letter, there is a copy of the card that you can fill out and keep at home to remind you of your promises to God.

Cut along dotted line



My Promises to God

Name: _____

I have thought about the gifts God has given me. To show my love for God and for my church, I promise to be a good steward. I will (check each promise you will keep):

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| <input type="radio"/> Pray for Edmonds United Methodist church | <input type="radio"/> Attend VBS |
| <input type="radio"/> Pray for people listed in the worship bulletin | <input type="radio"/> Sing in one of the children's choirs |
| <input type="radio"/> Learn to use and read my Bible and bring it to worship every week. | <input type="radio"/> Serve as an acolyte |
| <input type="radio"/> Attend Sunday School regularly | <input type="radio"/> Help others by serving with your family at the Angel Tree |
| <input type="radio"/> Attend worship regularly | <input type="radio"/> Help others by giving to the All Church Toy Shop |
| <input type="radio"/> Attend Flight 56 (Grades 5 th and 6 th meeting once a month throughout the school year.) | <input type="radio"/> Attend Hanging of the Greens and Easter Celebration |
| | <input type="radio"/> Invite a friend to worship, Sunday School, choir or Flight 56 |
| | <input type="radio"/> Share an offering of money each Sunday in Sunday School |

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- Pray for people listed in the worship bulletin
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- Attend Sunday School regularly
- Attend worship regularly
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- Attend VBS
- Sing in one of the children's choirs
- Serve as an acolyte
- Help others by serving with your family at the Angel Tree
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