

# HOLY FRIENDSHIP BROADSHEET #4

Reflections & Conversation based on the Sunday Service

## In this issue:

◆ This is Stewardship Sunday :“Celebrating Our Life Together.” **Be sure to turn in your 2019 pledge card.**

◆ Pray for this week’s confirmand: Lizette Welch., who was this Sunday’s liturgist.

◆ Give God thanks for the choir’s wonderful music.

◆ Use the Litany of Dedication as a personal daily prayer.

## Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup>For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. <sup>11</sup>Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup>And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

## Acts 2: 43-47

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## Reflection Questions

Which friends are you grateful for and why?

Acts 2 describes the features of the early church. In what ways is North like the early church?

Who has been a role model of generosity for you?

Which of the following inspires you to give:

- Express my gratitude
- Support a worthy cause
- My duty for God
- Help people I care about

## Snapshot of United Methodist Giving

- 85 cents of every dollar stays in the local church
- The average Methodist gives 1.2% of their total income to the church
  - In 2016 United Methodists gave over \$6.3 billion



## Litany of Dedication

To the glory of God,  
who called us by name;  
to the honor of Jesus Christ,  
who saves us by grace;  
to the praise of the Holy Spirit,  
who unites in love:  
We dedicate these gifts.  
For the worship of God,  
for the comfort of those who suffer,  
for the unity of the faith in this house  
we dedicate these gifts.

Amen.