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Dear Members and Friends of Hyde Park Presbyterian Church,

It's that time of the year again: it's time for the stewardship drive. While I was studying for Sunday School, I learned about what it takes to be generous. James Bryan Smith in *The Good and Beautiful Community* taught me that I need to let go of three false narratives: judgment, scarcity, and entitlement. Rather, the author contends that I need to learn these three truths: God helps those who cannot help themselves; if we all share, we all have enough; and what I have is God's, to use for his glory.

Hyde Park Presbyterian Church has always been a generous community; we help each other and those in need. We do so because we have always accepted the three truths and practiced them. In this stewardship drive, I urge us all to once again be generous and live the three true narratives. Let us continue to be a community that is "other-centered," not self-centered.

Sincerely yours,

April Kwon

Chair of Stewardship