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—John Wesley*

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Giving Sunday: February 22

Next week, on the first Sunday in Lent, we invite you to join us in worship as we pledge to support PVUMC ministries and missions in 2015-2016 through our offering. All month, we've talked about How to Be Rich. This week, look for a letter to arrive from the church. It includes a brochure with testimonies by members and facts to help you prayerfully consider your giving to PVUMC. It also includes a pledge card with giving options. By returning your pledge cards on Giving Sunday, February 22, you show your trust in a God who richly provides for all our needs. Come, and be anointed and blessed through your giving. Thank you for your generosity.

God's Love in Action by Dick and Fran Wardell

Growing up, we gave money to the church because it was "the right thing to do." As we grew older and became adults, we realized that giving was so much more.



Our money helps pay for the church buildings, the salaries of the pastors and staff, and everyday operating costs. In addition, we came to understand that our church and other churches assumed obligations to support local and worldwide programs that help others, particularly those less fortunate.

Being retired and on a fixed income is a challenge, but by budgeting, and by putting God and the church first, we have found that not only can we pay the mortgage, buy groceries, and other necessities, we can still see our dreams come true. We enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that we have been a part of the many things that come about because the church has had the extra funds to take care of the needs of the church and the many other causes we support.

It's a privilege to give to a church that gives to the less fortunate, while providing us with lifelong Christian friendships. — *Dick and Fran Wardell*

Worship Celebration
February 15, 2015 — 8:00 a.m.

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MEDITATION *One is not born into the world to do everything, but to do something.* — Henry David Thoreau

HYMN SING Dr. Ashley Snavley, Dr. Andria Fennig

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Eve Williams

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ has put the door of eternity ajar;
People: **the light of life streams into every dismal corner.**
Leader: Fear and shame flee like shadows before the dawn.
People: **Arise! Shine! Our light has come!**
Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around!
People: **The Lord will be our everlasting light.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 158 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*** OPENING PRAYER** (in unison) Rev. Dr. David Summers

Holy God, as you draw us to worship, bless the ties that bind us together in your love. Write your law upon our hearts that others may find us to be generous and caring disciples. Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may live in love — a love that transforms our lives even as we help to transform your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*** MOMENTS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

*** HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP** No. 170, vs. 1&3 *O How I Love Jesus*
(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pad)

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love*—arr. Lloyd Larson Asleif Willmer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING MOMENT Joe Theman

SHARING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *When Morning Gilds the Skies* —arr. Victor Labenske
Sarah Sejen, piano

*When you see an * in the order of worship, please stand as you are able.*

*Large-print Bibles, bulletins and hymnals, as well as assistive listening devices and wheelchairs, are available from the ushers:
Jack and Kay Jones, William Hatcher, Madysin Hewitt.*

*** DOXOLOGY** No. 94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Whatever You Do* (see lyrics below)

SCRIPTURE *Luke 12:15-21* (pg. 74 N.T., Pew Bible) Kay Jones
Reader: God's Word for God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **How to Be Rich: Part 3—Diversify** Rev. Dr. David Summers

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT** No. 378 vs. 1-3, 6 *Amazing Grace*

*** BENEDICTION**

Leader: We do not trust in riches
People: **but in God who richly provides for us.**
Leader: Our hope is in God
People: **who sends us out to be rich in good deeds, generous and willing to share.**

*** POSTLUDE**

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Whatever You Do

"Whatever you do to the least ones of these,
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"
Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew
That when we serve others, we also serve you.

When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end,
When those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,
When thirsty ones whisper, "O Lord, where are you?" —
We hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.

In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise;
We see you in people whom others despise.
At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer
And find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands
And offer our hearts there, and offer our hands —
We notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace:
We see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

"Lord, when did we see you?" Your teaching is clear
That when we serve others, we're serving you here.
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,
Then out of the chaos, hope rises again.