

Personal Hospitality
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Meaningful Generosity

These are the Five Practices of vital, fruitful congregations. These ideas aren't secret or new, but they are the practices that can lead to excellence and growth in the life of our church. And they are the practices we will be focusing on for five consecutive weeks, beginning October 11 and ending November 15.

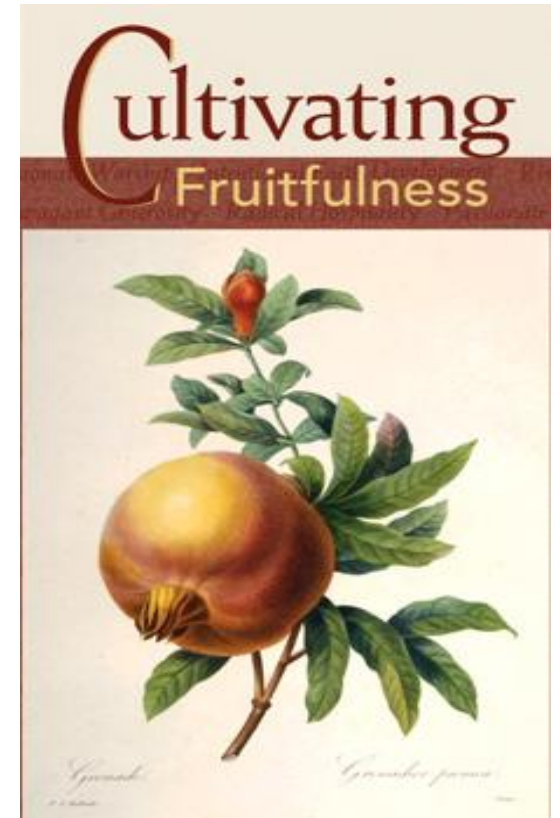


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Cultivating Fruitfulness



The end of the year is a time to reflect on God's blessings. Our gifts to others express the love, gratitude and faith that we share in Christ.

Through the ministries of Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, you reach out to a world in need. You share a timeless message and the love of the living Christ.

Our challenge as members is to find ways to grow deeper in our faith. One way to do this is to offer our financial blessings to God through our tithes and offerings. Through these gifts, we invest in God's vision and purpose and create an opportunity for God to work through us.

Our gifts to God each week are an act of worship, and our offerings are vitally necessary to help us fulfill our vision of becoming a growing, serving, caring, and welcoming community of disciples.

This year, our stewardship emphasis will focus on "Cultivating Fruitfulness" We can do this by concentrating on five practices for fruitful congregations. Beginning October 11, a new sermon series will focus on these five practices.

Personal Hospitality

Christian hospitality is the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the richness of life in Christ. *Personal hospitality* takes that desire and moves it from "they ought" to "I will." Personal hospitality is not simply a ministry of the church, but the responsibility of each church member.

Spiritual Worship

Worship describes those times we gather deliberately seeking to encounter God in Christ God uses worship to transform lives, heal wounded souls, renew hope, shape decisions, provoke change, and bind people to one another. *Spiritual worship* means an extraordinary eagerness to offer the best in worship, honoring God with excellence and with an unusual clarity about the purpose of connecting people with God. It is not performance; it is devotion and celebration expressing our love of God.

Intentional Faith Development

Faith development refers to all the ministries that help us grow in faith — Bible studies, Sunday school, retreats, and fellowship groups where we learn in the company of other Christians. *Intentional faith development* refers to deliberate ef-

fort, purposeful action, and high priority. Growing grace does not usually come without purposeful commitment to learning the faith and cultivating our love for God.

Risk-Taking Mission & Service

Mission & service refer to all the projects, efforts, and work people do to make a positive difference in the lives of others for the purposes of Christ. At Andrew Chapel, such efforts as our food pantry, packing parties for Art for Humanity, Food for Others, and health kits are examples of mission & service. *Risk-taking mission & service* pushes us out of our comfort zone, stretching us, exposing us to people, situations, and needs that we would not ordinarily encounter apart from our deliberate intention to serve Christ.

Meaningful Generosity

Generosity describes the unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ. *Meaningful generosity* takes that a step further to practices of giving that are driven by a generous and high sense of mission, willing sacrifice, and joyous giving out of love for God and neighbor. Fruitful congregations thrive



based the Christian's need to give rather than the church's need for money.