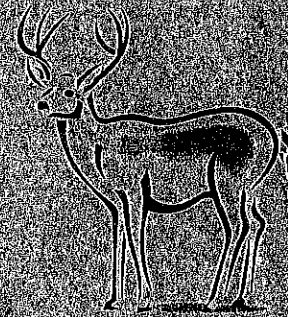




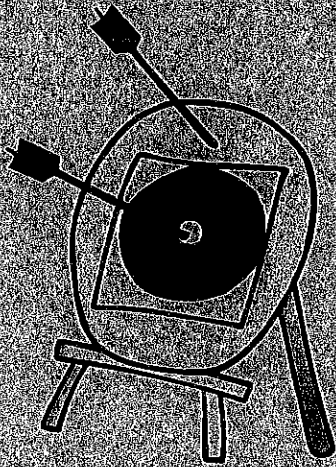
## THE BUCK STOPS HERE



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Dear members and friends,

Take aim! Fire! **BULLSEYE!** The **SHARPPSHOOTERS** are looking for persons who will be good trackers. These people will put on their camouflage and even be willing to climb and set up and sit up in the tree like Zacchaeus to truly see that Jesus is calling us for a purpose and mission in the church and for our community. This is the time of year we work together so we can have the best year ever in our gathering. Each of us has an opportunity to do **WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SUPPORT OUR SHARPSHOOTERS** and we need the support of **EACH ONE OF US**. The big day for us to be here is our 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday November 11. **The buck stops here!**



**THE SHARPSHOOTERS**, our Stewardship Committee, are taking aim and will give a public demonstration of their deadeye skills in worship. It is said that some can remove the apple right off your head on the first try. You already have your license as a member or friend of the church. Use your special equipment (estimate card) to mark your target and trust in the firepower of the of the Holy Spirit as you

Pray about what you will give

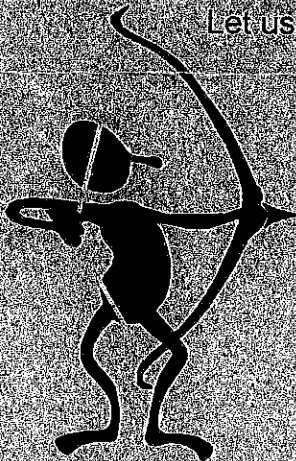
Regular weekly giving is most helpful

Answer by returning your estimate card on November 11

YOU are called to take perfect aim

Put your card in a sealed envelope marked **CHURCH TREASURER**. Bring it on the 11th or mail it to the Church Treasurer

Let us try to increase our bucks by 4 points 4% (half rack) or 8 points 8% (full rack)



Our mission giving this year included the New Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department, the One Great Hour of Sharing, the Hunger Fund, the Sudan Dollar A Day Mission, the Westmoreland Food Bank, Katrina Mission Trips, and Presbyterian Mission. **THANK YOU** for your support!

Our committee, the **SHARPSHOOTERS**, appreciates your commitment of time and financial giving. We ask you to **PRAY** about your estimate for 2008. We need solid support of everyone to take aim and try and hit the **BULLSEYE** as we seek to be the best shooters (givers) we can be. Let us serve the Lord together at Community United Presbyterian.

Hunting with you, The Stewardship Committee

Judy Koontz, Leonard Daugherty, Lisa Ressler, Amy Watt,  
Al Goodlin, Jerry Watt, Jim Watt

# Stewardship Script#1 --Hunting 2007

Judy: Hey, funny running into you two, we were just talking about you.

Lenny: What's the matter? You look like you lost your best friend.

Lisa: Well, last week was the end of bow hunting and I didn't get my buck!!!

Judy: I can't believe it, you said you were ready to get that "Big Buck " this time.

Amy: I know, I thought we were really prepared.

Al: What did you do to prepare? Tell me about it.

Lisa: I got my license, my bow and arrows and my tree stand. I even bought new camouflage so the deer couldn't see me.

Lenny: And what else did you do to prepare?

Amy: We got up early, charged into the woods and waited.

Jim: Did you see any deer?

Lisa: Not a one, I even fell asleep in my tree stand listening to my favorite tunes.

Al: It sounds like you need a few POINTS to improve your hunting.

Judy: Yeah, it sounds a lot like our stewardship campaign.  
A license is important because it means you are allowed to hunt. Just like being a member of the church means you are welcome to come to church.

Lenny: But a license also means you have responsibilities as a hunter to follow certain rules for the safety of everyone else in the woods.

Jim: If you are a member of the church, that also has responsibilities to care for others in the church and neighbors near and far, to do the Lord's work.

Al: Your bow, arrows, treestand and clothing. Those are all necessary equipment to have a successful hunt.

Jim: What do you think is the necessary equipment to have a successful Stewardship Hunt?

Judy: Why it's your ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD of course and a caring heart, one that is ready to receive God's message about giving.

Lenny: I heard you say you charged into the woods, that was a big mistake, you chased all the game away.

Al: You must be very quiet in the woods and let the deer come to you. That's also like listening to God, we must be very quiet to hear his message.

Amy: But how do you know where to put the deer stand?

Judy: That takes studying the signs, look for the buck rubs on the trees. **THE BUCK REALLY DOES STOP HERE!** Deer have regular plans they follow.

Al: People are like that too, we keep doing the same things over and over again because its comfortable. But we may need to change our giving to have a better spiritual path.

Lenny: The one thing I didn't hear you say is that you practiced shooting in your bow. How do you know what it can do without practice?

Jim: Take a look at the target. You have to know what you are aiming at if you are going to hit the target. The outside ring is OK because it really helps the church to continue giving.

Lisa: What do the 4 and 8 mean on the other rings?

Lenny: The laws in PA say you can't shoot a buck with less than 4 points on its rack, that's the minimum, so that is a choice for your increase in giving.

Judy: But we hope you will shoot for that "BIG BUCK" you wanted to get and that's the 8% increase ring.

Amy: The Stewardship Committee is AIMING for an increase in giving to meet the expenses in 2008. So let's start practicing.

Take a shot, miss badly,, couple more tries, all misses.

Lisa: Boy, it looks like we really need some more practice before those estimate of giving cards go out in the mail. See you same time next week.

## Stewardship Script—Hunting #2--- 2007

Lenny: Hey, glad to see you came back. What gorgeous weather to be out in the woods.

Lisa: Yeah, I wish I could go hunting today.

Al: No hunting on Sundays, we're just here to practice.

Amy: I practiced ever chance I could this week, wait 'til you see me shoot.

Lisa: I had to work late several nights this week, so I didn't get to practice much.

Jim: Now, don't start making excuses.

Judy: What do I smell?

Amy: I washed my clothes in "EARTH SCENT" You don't want the deer to smell you. I wanted everything to be just like the real thing to get psyched.

Lenny: That should help, when the "BUCK STOPS" right under your tree stand, he won't know you are close by. Then you can take your time, AIM and get a great shot.

Jim: Al, why aren't you dressed for hunting?

Al: I can't fit into my hunting clothes, I must have put on a few pounds.

Judy: You need to make a trip to Dick's to buy a new camouflage suit. Why it's perfect timing, today is the day to order your SCRIP cards to make that purchase. It's easy, you order today and the cards will be here next week.

Al: I'd rather shop at Cabelas. They have everything you can think of for hunting.

Judy: NO PROBLEM. You can buy gift cards for Dick's, Cabelas or Gander Mountain. They are all in the program. You will be helping the church at the same time you get ready for hunting. Why, you might want to order a couple extra for Christmas presents, HINT, HINT!!

Amy: What's all this talking, I thought we were here to practice.

Lenny: OK, Let's see what you can do!!

**Amy takes a few shots, some improvement but still not close to getting a bullseye.**

Al: Well, you ARE improving but you still need help. Which ring are you aiming at anyway?

Amy: OH, I want at least an 8 point buck, and I've seen them when I was up in my tree stand this week.

Lisa: Me too, Can you explain the changes about how many points the buck must have?

Jim: Sure, You used to be able to shoot a deer with spikes, as long as you could hang a ring on them. But now it has to have at least 4 points on one side. So if you want that 8 point buck, you'll have to hit the center of the bulls'eye.

Lisa: Why did they change it?

Jim: Because hunters wanted "BIGGER BUCKS". If a deer is allowed to eat and grow, the racks will increase in size.

Judy: That sounds like our faith, GOD helps us grow in our faith—when we do, we increase our giving because we are giving back a portion of what the Lord has given to us.

Al: We must pray about this decision so God can help us fill out those ESTIMATE of GIVING CARDS. God will tell you what he needs from you. Then it's up to you to return so cards next week.

Lenny: Let me show you how I hold the bow, to get a better shot. I can help you with practice but during hunting season, it is all up to you.

**Lisa takes a couple shots VERY QUICKLY and misses.**

Lenny: Don't be in a hurry, Take your time, take a deep breath, AIM, and let it GO!!

Judy: You must take your time, this is not a hasty decision, don't MISS the opportunity to serve.

Amy: Thanks, a lot for the pointers, it's getting dark, I need to get home, but I'm going to take your advice to heart this week.

Lisa: Me too, wait until next week, you won't believe your eyes, I PROMISE.

Judy: Glad to hear it, please PROMISE to fill out those ESTIMATE of GIVING Cards that will bring in BUCKS for our church in 2008.

## **Stewardship Script --- Hunting #3 – 2007**

**Al: Jim I heard you let those rookies use your hunting camp, What were you thinking?**

**Jim: Yeah, I thought they showed they were responsible with all the practice and they really were listening the last time we got together.**

**Judy: I think that was a great idea, remember they promised to bring their Estimate of Giving Cards back today. Did you guys remember yours? It's important to set a good example.**

**Al & Jim: Yes, I've got mine. (Wave them in the air)**

**Lenny: Oh, I forgot mine, you were supposed to e-mail me to remind me.**

**Judy: Oh, don't worry, there are extra Estimate cards out in the narthex, just fill it in and put it in the office.**

**Lenny: OK. Hey, here come the sharpshooters now, I can't wait to hear their stories from camp.**

**Jim: I wonder if they will exaggerate as much as some of the stories I've heard from you guys?**

**Al: How was hunting?**

**Lisa: It was great, we took your advice and you won't believe what happened.**

**Amy: It was amazing how everything happened the way you said it would.**

**Lisa: We drove up to camp last week, arrived about noon. It's beautiful this time of year. We took a hike and looked for the signs you talked about, those buck rubs.**

**Amy: So we put our tree stands up and headed back to camp. We had enough daylight left to do some more practice.**

**Lenny: Can you hit that bullseye yet? We set the target up again just for you.**

**Amy and Lisa hit it, Show the paper target that is dead on.**

**LENNY, AL, JIM and JUDY--- WOW, that is some shooting.**

**Al: YOU really did improve!!!**

**Jim: I told you we always see lots of deer up by our camp. Did it pay off? Tell us the rest of the story.**

**Lisa: I was so excited it was hard to fall asleep, that alarm went off and I jumped out of bed, We wanted to be in the woods by first light.**

**Al: Were you quiet like we told you?**

**Amy: Of course, we learned that lesson and no CD player. We were ready to wait and listen.**

**Judy: I hope that is exactly what all of you did this week, when those orange letters arrived, I hope you prayed and arrived at a decision that will be pleasing to God.**

**Lisa: It wasn't long until a buck walked up the path. It was really foggy so I got out my binoculars to get a clearer look, it was a four point, so I decided to wait for a better shot.**

**Lenny: How about you Amy? Did you see any bucks this time?**

**Amy: I sure did but when I took aim, I froze, I think you guys called it buck fever.**

**Judy: Gee, I've felt that feeling about making an important decision, but faith will see you through.**

**Lisa: We came in for lunch and decided to go back out later that afternoon.**

**Amy: This time, I was ready, no more buck fever, This time when a legal buck walked near my tree stand, I took my time and got a clear shot. You would have been proud of me.**

**Lisa: I passed up a few more chances but just about dusk, I saw the trophy I had been waiting for. But I'm not just going to tell you about it, I'm going to show you. Lenny and Lisa hold up deer mount.**

**Lenny: You weren't kidding, you really did go after the "BIG BUCK"**

**Lisa: I sure did and I hope you other givers out there hit your bullseye's for giving too. It takes all of us to have a successful hunt.**

**Judy: The BUCK really does stop here, we need those Estimate of Giving Cards to bring in the bucks for our church. Help us hit the target for our budget in 2008. EVERYONE start walking back the aisle**

**Amy: Now let's go eat, I made some venison stew for all of you.**

**Jim: I didn't know you cooked, I guess this is going to be another adventure!!!**