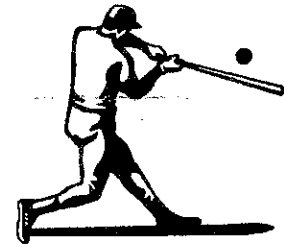


Take Me Out to the Ballgame

The "CUP" Stewardship Committee is urging every member to join the "ALL-STAR GIVING TEAM." Practice is held every Sunday at 11AM at Community United Presbyterian Church. But if you miss a practice, we still need your support. You don't need any special skills, God is willing to use each and every player that shows up for practice. Each one of us made a promise when we became a member of Community to do our part to financially and spiritually support our church. This is not a spectator sport—We need your participation.

There is a FAITH PROMISE CARD with this mailing. We want you to step up to the plate (the collection plate) and take your best swing at the financial challenges facing our church. For example, in 2011 New Alexandria will finally be connecting to a sewage system and that will require extra funding. We also need some heavy hitters if we are going to be competitive to call a new minister.



Can you improve your giving average from this year and become an "All-Star Giver"? Can you hit more doubles or give 2% more or has God blessed you enough to hit a homerun and increase your giving by 5%. Those are the choices on the card but we challenge you to be a Super Star and give a tithe. The BIBLE tells us that is what the Lord requires of us. A tithe is 10% of your income. You will need to calculate that yourself. Please return your completed Faith Promise Card on November 21st as a sign to your commitment. If you cannot be there on November 21st, mail your card to the Treasurer, Teresa Sheffler. Your promise card is held in confidence by the treasurer.



GOD deserves the best we can give. Each of us must make this important decision after prayerful consideration. Your gifts to God through the church are really just a portion of what has been entrusted to us. The Pittsburgh Pirates of 1960 were not supposed to win the World Series. It took seven games but the final game was one of the most exciting games in baseball history because they never stopped believing they could win. We believe 2011 will be an exciting year for Community with you on our "ALL-STAR GIVING TEAM"

In friendship and partnership,
The Stewardship Committee Judy Koontz/Chairperson
Leonard Daugherty, Al Goodlin, Lisa Ressler, Amy Watt Jerry Watt, Jim Watt

PIRATES SKIT #1—November 7, 2010

Lenny: Hi, everybody, sorry I'm late

AL: Where have you been? You just missed a great inning. The Pirates just went ahead by two runs.

Lenny: Oh I got stuck in traffic, there's construction again on the Parkway. Traffic was backed up for miles.

Amy: Well, you are here now, it sure is a great night for a ballgame.

Jim: Yes, it's beautiful, let's hope the PIRATES can keep this lead, they seem to have trouble in the later innings lately.

Judy: It kinda sounds like the CUP TEAM at church. We start out the year and our giving numbers are great but have you seen them lately? We are about \$5,000 behind budget. I hope we can rally before the end of the year.

Al: Look around you, look at all the empty seats.

Lenny: It's really a shame, such a beautiful stadium and they rarely have a sell-out.

Jim: That's like CUP church too. It's such a beautiful church but there are so many empty pews. Giving goes down when attendance is down.

Amy: What do you think is the reason the PIRATES aren't having a winning season?

Lisa: I think it's the pitching. Remember in the 60s, They had great pitchers like Bob Friend and Vern Law.

Al: And the bullpen also had good relief pitchers.

Judy: Well, I don't think pitching is the problem at Community. They did have a great pitcher who was traded to a new team in Denver. But I heard the new relief pitcher has been very effective the past few months.

Jim: Yes, I've seen him pitch. There he is warming up in the bull pen now. His name is BUELL. I hope we get to see his screwball today. It's a doozey!

Al: I think the PIRATES problem is hitting. We leave too many men on base. They just can't seem to bring them home.

Lisa: I think you are right. Back in the 60s the Pirates had lots of ALL-STARS on the team. Clemente was a SuperStar but there was also Groat, Skinner, Hoak, Mazeroski and Smokey Burgess.

Amy: Those players loved the game and they never gave up. Several of them had batting averages over 500.

Lenny: WOW! We could sure use some players like that at CUP.

Judy: Yes, we need you to step up to the plate, the collection plate. You will be receiving a mailing soon with a Faith Promise Card. We hope you will increase your giving average. We need more All-Star givers on the CUP TEAM.

Lenny: Just like the All-Star Players, the more you give, the more blessings you receive.

Judy: Please pray about it. GOD is the almighty Coach on and off the field and he will guide you in this important decision.

Al: When do the Faith Promise cards need to be returned.

Jim: Please bring them to church on November 21st or mail them back to the Treasurer.

Lisa: Gee, it would be great to get to the World Series again.

Amy: It sure would, I know we have lots of All-Star givers out there.

Judy: Hey, isn't it time for a hot dog? Remember we decided to come tonight because you can get a hotdog for a buck.

Lenny: Well, one's not enough for me. Let's go while the Mets are up.

Lisa: I hope the lines aren't too long.

PIRATES SKIT #2 November 14, 2010

Amy: Let's get this practice started, it is 11:00. We always start at 11 Sunday mornings.

Jim: OK, take your positions

Al: Who's the new guy on the mound?

Jim: That's Daugherty, he was just called up. I'm anxious to see what he can do.

Jerry: Yeah, I heard he has a great fast ball.

Judy: Ok Batter Up (Lisa steps to the plate—Lenny winds up and pitches the ball) Lisa misses, Amy pretends it stung her hand, throws it back)STRIKE ONE

Jim: Did you see that!!!! It was movin' They clocked it 98mph.

Al: Come on Ressler, don't let him rattle you. (Another pitch, another miss)

Judy: STRIKE TWO What's the matter with Ressler?

Jerry: Nothing, Ressler is one of most faithful hitters. Give her a chance. I know she'll come through for us again in 2011.

Jim: Come on Ressler, we're counting on you. Ressler swings and hits a double)

Jerry :A Double, Way to go Ressler. That was a great hit, if you keep that up, You are sure to make the All-Star Giver Team.

Judy: That's great, it's like a 2% increase in your giving. We need lots of All-Star players on the bases for us to win in 2011.

(Lenny comes in and Jim goes out to the mound.)

Amy: Ok we know you can pitch but can you hit, Daugherty?

Lenny: I'll let my bat do the talking. Let's see what you got.

(Jim winds up and Lenny hits a home run. Lisa and Lenny circle and come in to home plate. Everyone is cheering and congratulating him.)

Judy: Way to step up to the plate. A Homerun. That was a great hit! I would call that a 5% increase in giving for sure.

Lisa: Way to bring me home. If we all work together this CUP Team is going to have a winning season in 2011 for sure!

Al: Everybody, Come on in.

Amy: I am really proud of this Team and I know you will do your best.

Lisa: Ok. Today was just practice but next week, it's for real. When you step up to the plate, I want to see commitment.

Al: Yes, it is very important that everyone comes prepared and ready next Sunday, November 21st.

Amy: What's so important about next Sunday?

Judy: It's STEWARDHIP SUNDAY, the day to turn in your FAITH PROMISE CARDS.

Lenny: Remember I'm new here. What's a FAITH PROMISE CARD?

Lisa: That's the card where you promise to give back a portion of what GOD has entrusted to you. We want YOU to be a part of the All-Star Givers Team.

Lenny: Where do I get one of those cards? I want to do everything I can to support the CUP TEAM.

Judy: They will come in the mail this week., be sure to take some time to pray about your FAITH PROMISE and return it Nov 21st. Ok let's head to the locker room.

Pirate Skit #3 November 2010

Judy: Good Morning and welcome back to the CUP Team Skits. You know today is the big DAY. Listen in to the Team as they get ready to leave for the big GAME.

Jim: Are you ready?

Amy: Almost, I can't remember where I put my CARD.

Lenny: Think, where did you have it last?

Lisa: I got mine in the mail on Wednesday. I prayed about it a lot before I filled it in.

Al: So did I. With this economy you just don't know what could happen in 2011.

Amy: I know, I really want to give more but I was afraid to write it down.

Judy: Oh, don't ever be afraid to let God know how much you love him. By sharing your time, talents and money you show him how much you want to share his blessings with others.

Lisa: Yes, all of us have been blessed. Everything we have is a gift from God, all he asks is that we give a portion back to do his work here on earth.

Lenny: I think that's why it's called a FAITH PROMISE CARD. Our faith is what keeps us going even during tough times.

Jim: God promises to see us through the tough times and he never lets us down!

Al: I have seen that many times in my lifetime. No one thought the Pirates would win that World Series in 1960. But hey did! They never gave up!

Lisa: You know, this church is like a ball team, we all must work together to have a successful season. The Pirates don't win all their games. They have good seasons and bad seasons. But each training camp there is hope for the new year.

Judy: Here at Community, we are making plans for the new season and these Promise Cards tell us YOU want to be part of that winning season.

Al: We know we have great players on this TEAM. You have shown your commitment time after time when you are asked to participate.

Lenny: This is another opportunity to share your blessings. So step up to the plate and take your best swing. We want 2011 to be the best season CUP has ever had.

Amy: Here it is! (Wave it in the air)

Jim: Alright, everybody have your cards? Let's GO! We don't want to be late. Get in the van.

Lenny: Does everyone know the song "Take me out to the ballgame?"

Judy: Yeah I do, Come on everybody let's sing it.

**"Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out with the crowd.
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get back,
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game."**