

FROM THE MINISTRY STAFF



Pastor's Nickel

Staff Nickel – Stewardship **Written by Carolyn Schilstra**

What words come to mind when you think of Stewardship? For many the word “giving” comes to mind. Giving of our money, giving of our time and giving of our talents. At around September of every church year, Stewardship is greatly on my mind. Do we have enough leaders for our programs, do we have enough volunteers for the church nursery or for Children’s Worship, do we have enough money to make the budget? I will admit that I have lost sleep over some of these questions. I have been the church bookkeeper now for over 20 years – and each year, our church family comes through.

When the church budget is in a deficit, or if we ask several times for volunteers and leaders, Covenant responds! When there is a need in our world, Covenant responds! When our denomination needs help with World Hunger or Mission work, Covenant responds! When our community is in need, Covenant responds!

We are again facing a budget shortage for 2017, we are still in need of Children’s Worship teachers and we will always need volunteers for upcoming events, but I do not worry, because I know that God has blessed us all very richly, we are thankful, and this Covenant family will again respond! *That’s my Nickel – Carolyn Schilstra*