

Mt. View Epistles

Grace and peace to you Mt. View kids!

Today we're going to talk a bit about **pledges**. Let's think together, what type of **pledges** do you make?

Talk with your family for a minute and see what you can come up with!

Maybe you thought about saying the Pledge of Alliance at the start of each day to remember and follow the values our country holds.

Maybe you thought of collecting pledges from people for a fundraiser, like for a school Walk-a-thon.

Maybe some of you are in Scouts and have a pledge for your Scout Troop.

To give a pledge means to make a commitment. It might be a commitment to do something or it might be a commitment to behave a certain way.

At church this week, all of the adults will be filling out a pledge card. Has your family received yours in the mail yet?

This pledge card says that your family will give a certain amount of money to support the work of the church each year, which really is about supporting God's work.

Take a minute to talk with your family about why it is important to make a pledge to the church. Maybe your parents can tell you why they make a pledge.

In the Bible, Jesus sees a poor woman give 2 small coins to the church. It wasn't much compared to what everyone else was giving, but it was what she could give (Mark 12.41-44). What do you think Jesus thought of this woman's gift? Was he glad for it? Or upset by it?

Jesus **praised** the woman and called her faithful because she gave generously from what she had, even though it wasn't a lot. And that's all Jesus asks of any of us.

There are many ways we can make offerings that are pleasing to God. We can give money to help make all the work the church does happen. AND, we can also give our time and talents to help as well. Stay tuned for one of the next letters, when we'll talk about how we can give things other than money in service of God too.

Until then, continue giving your kindness and love to all those you meet,

Pastor Bri