

YEAR ROUND STEWARDSHIP OF “STUFF”

Exchange of the Month

As you consider ways to challenge people to change in the stewardship of their possessions, consider an “exchange of the month.” The goal is to understand that we all have good serviceable items and skills that can be of use or value to another. There are no hard and fast rules for an “exchange.” It could be sponsored by a small group, can be a regular part of your congregation’s calendar (2nd Sunday of each month)

Here are a few things to bear in mind: This is not a flea market. The purpose is not to make money. It should be used as an educational experience with and as part of an overall stewardship emphasis that calls us to consider how we gather and share all the “stuff” that fills our lives and homes.

Some “treasurers” to exchange and share each month might include:

JANUARY

Unused Christmas or other greeting cards

FEBRUARY

Time to share (or teach) a skill, service, or hobby

MARCH

Decorations for any season

APRIL

Houseplants, gardening equipments and supplies

MAY

Toys, puzzles and other board games

JUNE

Videos, DVD’s, CD’s tapes and books, Software and computer games

JULY

Sports and exercise equipment

AUGUST

Flowers and vegetables

SEPTEMBER

Accessories, costume jewelry, ties, hats, scarves, purses, backpacks, and briefcases

OCTOBER

Coats and outdoor clothing, including boots, gloves, and heavy socks

NOVEMBER

Dishes, tableware, placemats

DECEMBER

Holiday cookies and candy. (Don't forget the recipe)