

Prayer Vigil Stewardship Campaign

A vigil (or watch) is the day and night spent in continuous prayer before a church festival. It has its roots in Jesus' request for the disciples to watch and pray with him in Gethsemane's Garden. It is a chain of prayer in which you are relied on to be the link connecting those who go before you to those who follow.

[The vigil can be scheduled in one of two forms. In one model, the participants come to the church and pray in the sanctuary or in another room that has been dedicated to this time of prayer. In an alternate model, participants remain in their homes, and places of work in the community and pray at an arranged time.]

If people pray at locations remote from the church encourage them to plan an environment where a friend or the telephone will not interrupt them. The congregation should provide resources for this vigil possibly including prayers, devotional literature, and a CD of hymns or music appropriate to praying for our church. Include specific prayer requests such as:

- Discerning direction regarding personal commitment to the 10-10-80 challenge
- Asking God to raise up 6 new pledging member households
- Ask God to lead 10 families to increase their pledge.
- Pray as well for
 - New members
 - Persons preparing for marriage or confirmation
 - People in transition
 - Ministry Staff
 - Worship Services
 - Spiritual Growth of Members
 - Mission Outreach
 - Sunday School and VBS
 - Other Education Programs
 - Choirs

Stewardship Campaign Calendar Prayer Vigil Model

1. **Sunday**, _____ date _____ Stewardship message by ___preacher___. Sign Up for Prayer Vigil at Church. Choose a convenient 30-minute time slot (96 slots are available if you begin at noon on Friday. The same number of slots are available if you use 15 minute slots beginning at noon on Saturday)
2. **Tuesday**, _____ date _____ Second Day of Sign Up for Prayer Vigil. If you do not attend church, call the church office at ___phone___ to sign up.
3. **Friday**, _____ date _____ Receive Letter, Calendar and Pledge Card by mail.. If you will not be at church, please mail your completed card
4. **Sunday**, _____ date _____ Sign up for Prayer Vigil at church. Invite family members and friends to sign up as well.
5. **Friday**, _____ date _____ 12 Noon Prayer Vigil begins.
6. **Sunday Morning Service**, _____ date _____ Pledge Card Dedication. Bring completed pledge card with you. Prayer Vigil continues throughout morning
7. **Sunday**, _____ date _____ Stewardship Pot Luck Luncheon . Make reservations-call the church office at ___phone___ .
8. **Sunday**, _____ date _____ , 12 Noon Prayer Vigil ends. Closing Hymn and Prayer at Luncheon
9. **Sunday**, _____ date _____ , Announce Total Amount Pledged. Celebrate reaching goal: (i.e. 4 new pledges and 10 increased pledges, 15 people accepting the 10-10-80 Challenge, etc.)