

When I heard Betsy was in the market for stewardship speakers, I accepted. I figured it was the least I could do since she took over for me when I resigned my stewardship duties a few years back.

But it's more than that, really. In fact I'm happy to spend a few moments encouraging us all to consider supporting this community that is St. David's.

I'm continuing my "Good Times in Church" theme from my first stewardship talk some years back. I started that one with a memory from our church in PA that still brings a smile to my face, telling the story of our friend Kelly who came to our stewardship hoedown on the way home from the hospital with her newborn baby because she didn't want to miss a good time. I shared other memories as well of PA and maybe even our church in Augusta, GA we attended in the 80s.

But we've been members here for five years now and there are memories closer to home. How you all made my mom feel so welcomed. She said more than once, "I believe those folks at the church are the friendliest people I've ever met." We were so grateful to share her memorial service with you all after she passed on to her next great adventure.

And last year, our amazing trip to Scotland where we shared so many experiences not the least of which was a happy hour in the gloaming on the isle of Iona.

Which brings me to current good times shared at our monthly soup suppers where all are welcome. I'm so grateful to Wesley for organizing these events. Every time I'm there, I'm reminded of the end of one of those StoryPeople quotes by Brian Andreas that says, "...and it may be the real reason we are here: to love each other and to eat each other's cooking and say it was good."

I would encourage everyone of us to consider their own experiences here at St. David's. Remember the good times, fill out the pledge letter and sent it on in!

-Pat Steinbrueck

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