

December 1, 2015

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

What will you be giving over the next few weeks?

It seems like a good question to ask.

In recent years, this first Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as Giving Tuesday, and we are also entering the “season of giving,” so it seems appropriate and worthwhile to consider: what will you be giving over the next few weeks?

I am not referring to gifts you might share with family and friends, though those are important, tangible signs of love and affection. I am wondering what you might give of yourself to help another person or make the world a better place.

There are many ways to give. Time and money usually get the most attention, but a kind word, or a helping hand, at just the right moment, can make all the difference.

We see this in the life of Jesus, who was always giving to others. With a glance of his eye, or a few brief words, he changed the lives of so many, helping all those whom he encountered to know the love of God.

Giving has that power. It affects the giver and receiver. It breaks down barriers that separate people and binds them together, turning strangers into companions. To give is to participate in the life of Christ and grow in his likeness. To give is to change the world.

What will you be giving over the next few weeks?

See you in church,
Andrew