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**Subject:** Pastor's Weekly Email

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Friends in Christ,

It is the beginning of a whole new year full of glorious opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ! The world has never needed us more. As the days begin to grow longer let us renew our resolve to grow in faith, that we may have not only the strength to overcome our own tribulations, but also the spiritual resources to be salt and light for others, "for what good is salt if it has lost it's taste?"

This Sunday we will read Luke's story (Luke 2:41-52) about Mary and Joseph's frantic search for Jesus when they discovered the twelve-year-old had been left behind in Jerusalem. You can read it here: <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=287821257>

If you have room for one more resolution before January is gone, I offer this prayer from St. Francis.

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is discord, harmony;  
Where there is error, truth;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

With you on the way,  
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## **REMINDER...**

**Giving Campaign:** The Stewardship Committee and Board of Finance are getting ready to finalize the Giving Campaign for 2015. If you have already made a Giving Commitment, THANK YOU! If you still need to do so, Giving Cards are available in the Narthex or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour. You may also email Kate Fowler (kfowler64@yahoo.com) to have a Giving Packet sent to you electronically.



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