MILESTONES I'M INTERESTED IN Faith Chest Bible Baptism Anniversary of Baptism Marriage Anniversary of Marriage Welcoming Young Children to Worship Prayer First Reconciliation First Communion Middle School **Beginning Confirmation** Confirmation New Driver's License New Home New Job Graduation (High School, College) Leaving Home First Job **Empty Nest** Illness Retirement Death Start of the School Year Aging Parents Remembering / Loss Kids and Money Vacation Bible School Return from Deployment Name Phone **Email** Address UPON COMPLETION, PLEASE PLACE IN THE **COLLECTION BASKET. THANK YOU!**

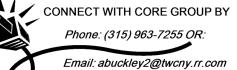
MILESTONES MINISTRY



Using milestones as a basis for ministry within the church is a powerful way to engage parishioners of all ages and stages of life in nurturing their faith and spiritual growth.

Milestones offer an opportunity to bring God's presence into the home and connect the rituals of daily life with the life of the congregation, thus shaping a vital partnership between home and congregation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:



Passing on Faith Milestone to Milestone



Milestones Ministry

Church (&) Home



In the future,
when your children ask you,
'What do these stones mean?"
Tell them . . .
(Joshua 4:6-7)



Unity in Community



Milestones ministry places all life under the care, blessing and direction of our gracious God in Christ Jesus.

Every ending, beginning, transition, and moment in life is an opportunity to actively claim God's redemptive and renewing work in the world and in our lives.

To weave our stories with God's story is to live with confidence in God's care in every way, every place—All the time!



It's ALL about Faith!

Meaningful, Memorable Moments Woven into a life lived in faith

EVERY DAY IS A "GOD" DAY TELL THE STORIES - BLESS THE DAYS - SHARE THE PRAYERS

The extraordinary grace of God is hidden in the ordinary happenings of each day. It is in the stories of families and friends that people receive their meaning, identity and purpose.

BEGINNINGS & COMPLETIONS

Examples . . .

Engagement* Graduation * First School Bus Ride * New Job * Driver's License * Moving Away * Retirement * Moving Away * A Child Leaves Home

In blessing new beginnings or completions we are reminded that a God who is familiar with us meets us in unfamiliar places.

REMEMBERING

Examples . . .

Birthdays * Reunions * Baptism Birthdays * Anniversaries * Sobriety

We learn from the past so that we can move forward in life

GRATITUDE

Examples . . .

Friendships * Family * Health and Healing * Miracles Appreciation * Prayers * Gifts * Thanksgiving Days We applaud, whistle, shout, stop, sing, pray, smile, hug, give.

QUESTS

Examples . . .

Learning to Dance * Job Interview * Running a Marathon Discerning Vocation * Engaging in Mission * Climbing a Mountain * Try Outs

Quests are the times of wonder, stepping into the unknown, and taking the risk of exploring a new path in life.

LOSS

Examples . . .

Death * Loss of a Pet * Loss of Job * Miscarriage *
Divorce

Loss of Health * Loss of Love

In our deepest pain, God Graciously wipes our tears and holds us with the arms of the cross as long as we need to be held.

SACRED

Examples . . .

Family Time * Wedding * Funeral * Confirmation * Baptism * Christian Holy Days * Eucharist

Symbols, rituals and traditions are sacred when we meet God there.

CARE

Examples . . .

Helping others * Supporting Missions * Prayer * Visiting *
Caring for Creation

We applaud, whistle, shout, stop, sing, pray, smile, hug, give.

VALLEY LOWS

Examples . . .

Fired from Job * End of Relationship * Acts of Inhumanity
 * Broken Trust * Failure * Depression

Having the rug pulled out from under you, having the wind knocked out of you, depleted, disappointed, distressed, and distraught describe the low experiences and empty

OTHER MILESTONES

God wants to be centered in every milestone of our lives. A God who is familiar often meets us in unfamiliar places and surprises us with grace. Jesus' last words to his disciples, then and now, are, "remember, I am with you always." (Mt. 28:20)