



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Dear People of Holy Communion,

In a few weeks you may get a call. Members of the Vestry and Stewardship Committee will be making actual phone calls to members of the parish from whom we haven't received a pledge card. Last year as we made these calls, we learned about people who wanted to become members (and some joined our Pilgrimage class and were then confirmed or received by Bishop Smith). We also found out about plans to move and other important life events, and we reconnected with folks who hadn't been to church recently.

These phone calls, along with the pledge cards turned in, serve as a sign and a symbol of God's call to our community. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God calls all Christians, in the words of the Prayer Book catechism, to: *"come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God."*

God's call isn't just for religious professionals. The church relies on the prayers, the ministry, and the generosity of all members. We hope you will answer this call with Holy Communion this year by making a formal pledge. You can fill out the pledge card enclosed and mail it back to the parish, turn it into the offering plate at church, or even fill out the digital version online at holycommunion.net/pledge

If you are a pledger, thank you. I hope you will join Ellis and me in increasing your pledge this year as our parish grows. Especially this year I need to note that, with our "Faith in You" Capital Campaign concluding, the principal of our debt payments to the diocese will now come into the program budget, an additional \$27,000 per year. If you have been making a Capital Campaign payment we hope you will consider rolling some of that payment into your annual pledge. We will have a celebration of the Capital Campaign on November 13 (see page 4).

Every pledge, no matter the size, counts in building our budget. We hope you will return a pledge card by November 13 when we will bless pledges on Ingathering Sunday at both services. If we don't hear from you by then, we hope you will pick up the phone when we call.

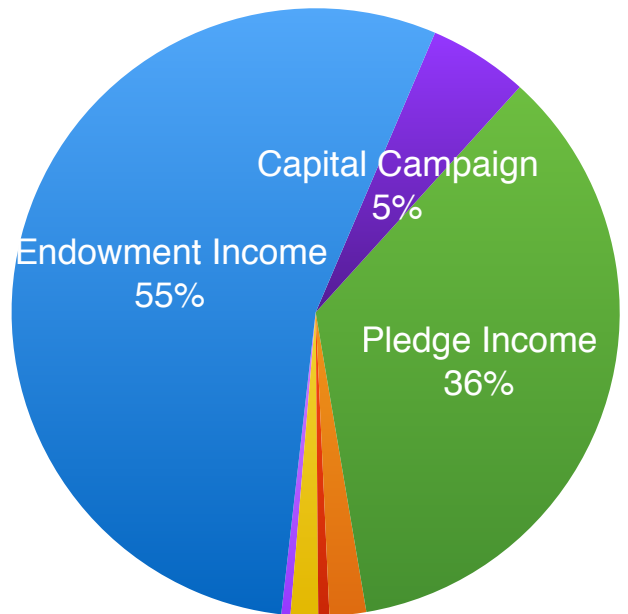
With Gratitude,

The Rev. Mike Angell
Rector

A Visual Breakdown of the Holy Communion Budget

2016 Budget Income

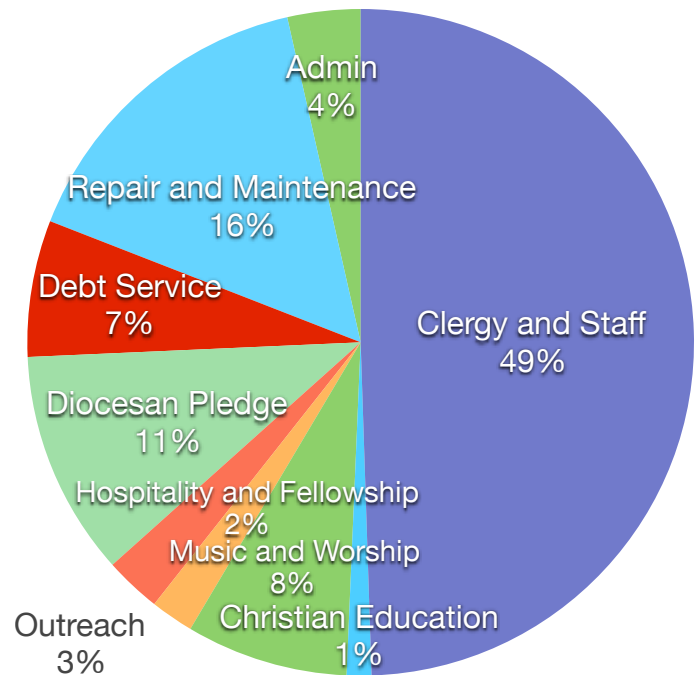
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| Endowment Income | \$280,376 |
| Capital Campaign | \$27,180 |
| Pledge Income | \$182,834 |
| Non Pledge Gifts | \$10,000 |
| Plate | \$3,000 |
| Other Gifts and Income | \$7,500 |
| Building Use | \$2,500 |
| Total | \$513,390 |



You can see from this chart that our Endowment Income is still the largest contributor to our program budget. The biggest area of change for us this year is the end of the “Faith in You” Capital Campaign. You can read more about that on page 4, but we will need to increase other giving in order to maintain our current program budget to compensate for the coming loss in income from the capital campaign.

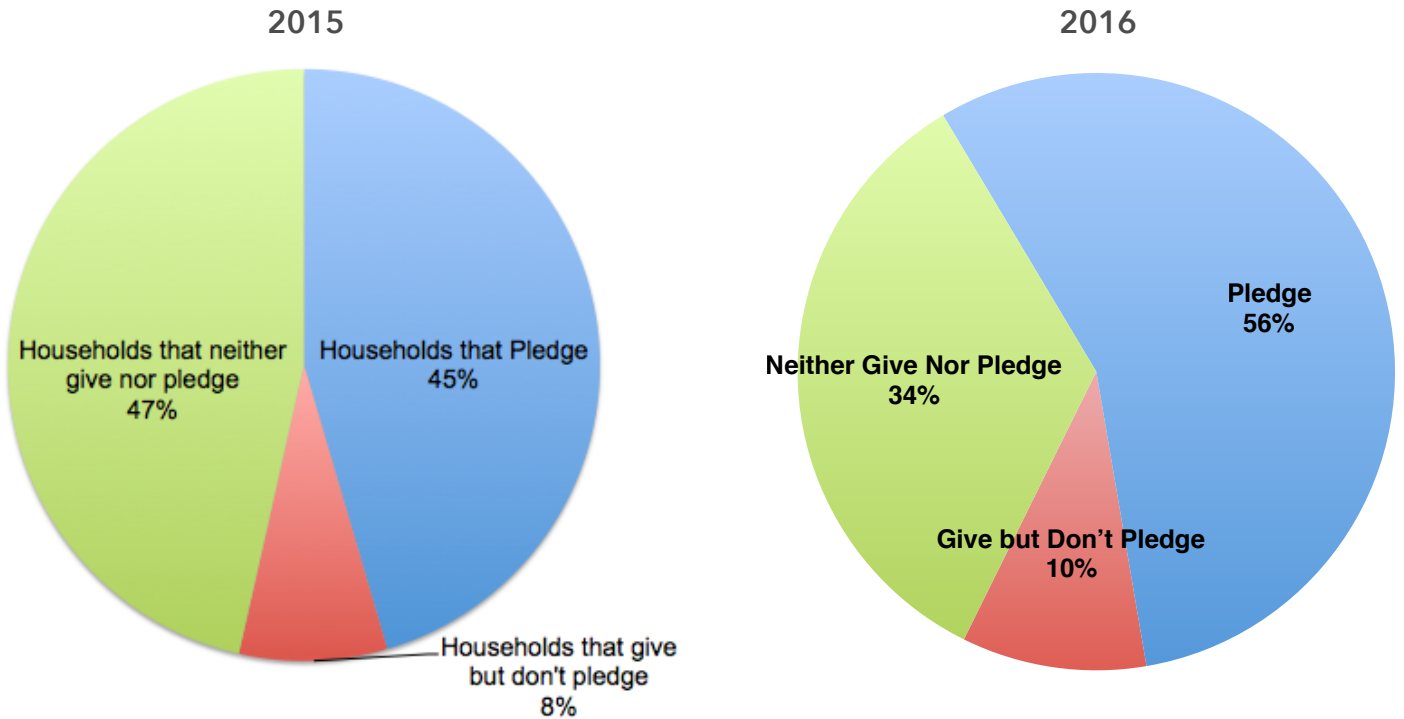
2016 Budget Expenses

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| Clergy and Staff | \$252,717 |
| Christian Education | \$6,100 |
| Music and Worship | \$40,150 |
| Hospitality and Fellowship | \$10,700 |
| Outreach | \$14,000 |
| Diocesan Pledge | \$55,820 |
| Debt Service | \$33,817 |
| Repair and Maintenance | \$79,387 |
| Admin | \$18,075 |
| Total | \$510,766 |



This chart shows a relatively healthy budget for program. Many parishes roll their “Outreach” and “Diocesan Contribution” together. Our biggest “growing” item is the Debt Service, which will cease being offset by Capital Campaign contributions.

Pledging Percentages 2016 vs. 2015

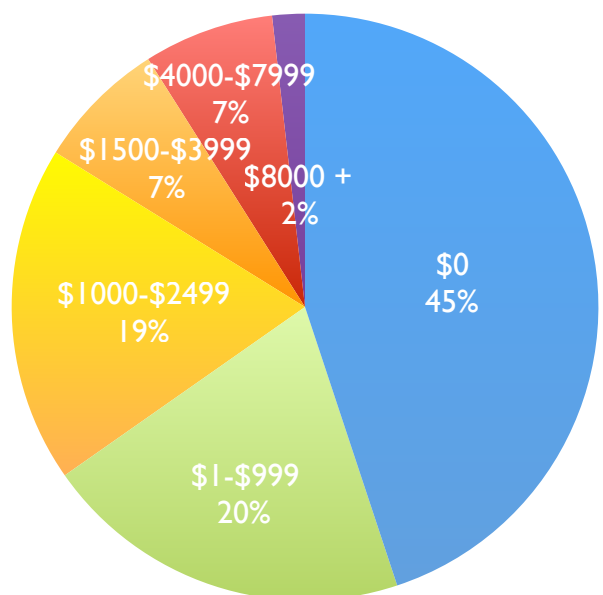


2016 saw a substantial increase in the percentage of households pledging. We hope that next year that number continues to go up. 2016 had over \$40,000 in new pledge dollars, and over 40% of the new dollars pledged came from pledgers under the age of 35.

Pledge Participation by size of pledge

We saw increases in pledging in every “bracket” last year. This chart shows that every pledge counts. 20% of the households in our parish pledge somewhere between \$1 and \$999. 45% of the parish does not pledge. We would like to see every member make a pledge, and we hope that some members are able to increase their pledge to support our growing ministry.

All are invited to join us on Sunday November 6 for an Adult Forum to answer questions about the budget and pledging. You can also email the rector (mangell@holycommunion.net) or the treasurer Brian Barnhart (babarn00@yahoo.com)



Capital Campaign Report and Celebration



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In thanksgiving for the success of the 2013-2016
Capital Campaign

“Faith In You”

invites you to a special breakfast and presentation
reporting on the conclusion of the campaign.
The rector, campaign chair,
and wardens will report on progress we have made
and the decisions ahead.

9:00am in Mitchell Parish Hall
at
Holy Communion
7401 Delmar Blvd
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On Sunday November 13, we will gather for breakfast in Mitchell Hall. The morning will be a celebration of all that was accomplished by the 2013-2016 Capital Campaign “Faith in You.” We have been able to pay down a large portion of the debt owed to the Diocese for the renovation of our offices, classrooms, and parish hall. We were not able to entirely retire the debt, and so we will be preparing in 2017 to absorb principal debt payments into the parish budget. We have also made the church more accessible by adding disabled access doors and railings, and we have been able to do some minor repair work on the organ. Join us as we report on the progress, answer questions, and celebrate the success of this campaign.