



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION

“All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.”

Dear People of Holy Communion,

The theme for our annual pledge drive for 2018 comes from the book of Chronicles. The Bible reminds us, our practice of generosity is theological. When we lift up the collection plates and the bread and wine, before we celebrate, we remember. All we have comes from God. We give back what already belongs to God.

This year has felt to me like a gift from God. By every measure Holy Communion is growing. We have exceeded our goals for growth in average Sunday attendance. We have grown our “footprint” in ministry, forming partnerships internationally and acting for justice with our neighbors. We kicked off our “Laundry Love” ministry, once a month transforming Classic Coin Laundry into a warm and welcoming community center while allowing those we serve the option to redirect funds toward food and other basic, everyday necessities. Generosity is a practice of giving thanks for all God has provided. This year, I hope you will join me in giving thanks to God for all that is going on at Holy Communion.

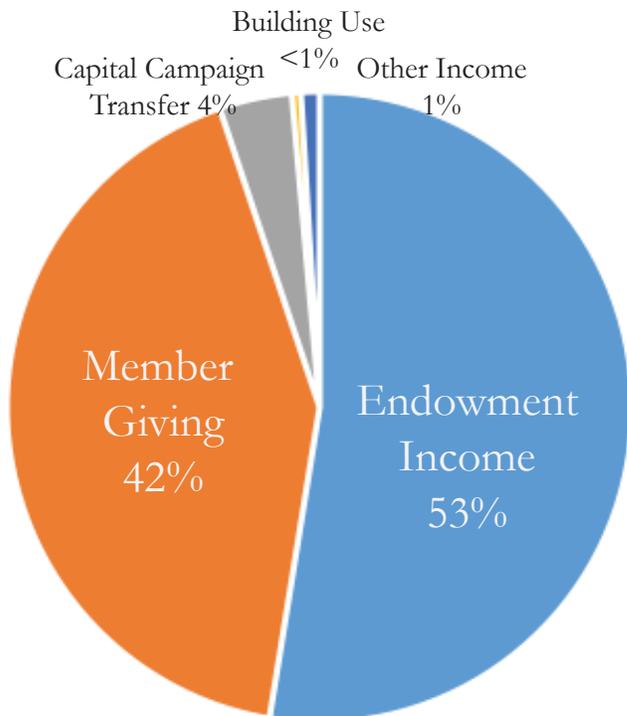
I also hope you see your pledge as an investment. I believe that by God’s grace we are poised to continue to grow. I believe our city, our nation, and our world, desperately need places like Holy Communion: places of diversity, welcome, and community. Our world needs communities of disciples willing to follow Jesus out into the streets and to proclaim God’s reconciling love.

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. If you have not pledged before, I hope you will prayerfully consider making a commitment to support our ministry. Every pledge, no matter the size, counts in building our budget. We hope you will return a pledge card (or pledge online) by November 12 when we will bless pledges on Ingathering Sunday at both services. Thank you for your generous support of the work God is doing, the gifts God is giving, through Holy Communion.

With thanks,

The Rev. Mike Angell
Rector

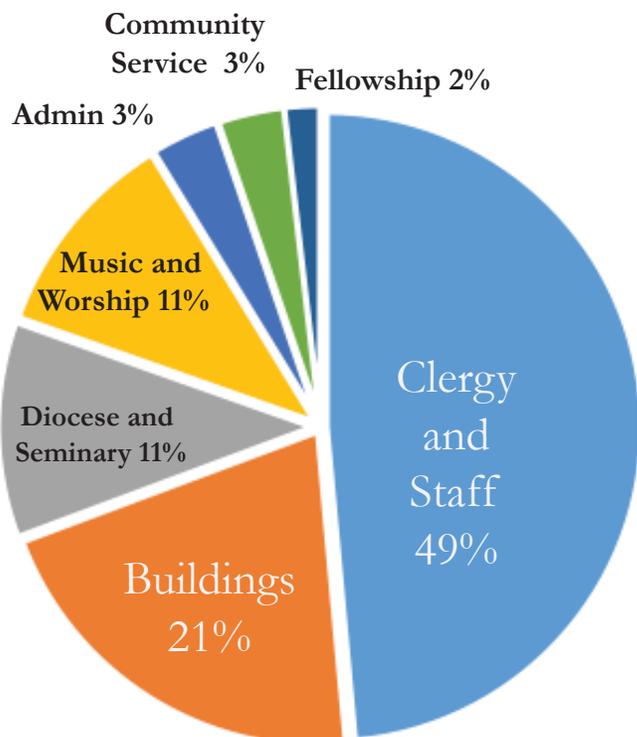
A Visual Breakdown of the Holy Communion Budget



2017 Budget Income

Source	Revenue
Endowments	\$279,963
Member Giving	\$224,997
Capital Campaign	\$20,000
Building Use	\$2,500
Other	\$5,100
Total	\$532,560

You can see from this chart that our Endowment Income is still the largest contributor to our program budget. We have seen, since the 2017 Budget was approved, a significant increase in our “Building Use” contributions, which will help offset building and capital costs. But for the budget to grow, for our program to grow, we need to continue to grow our member giving.



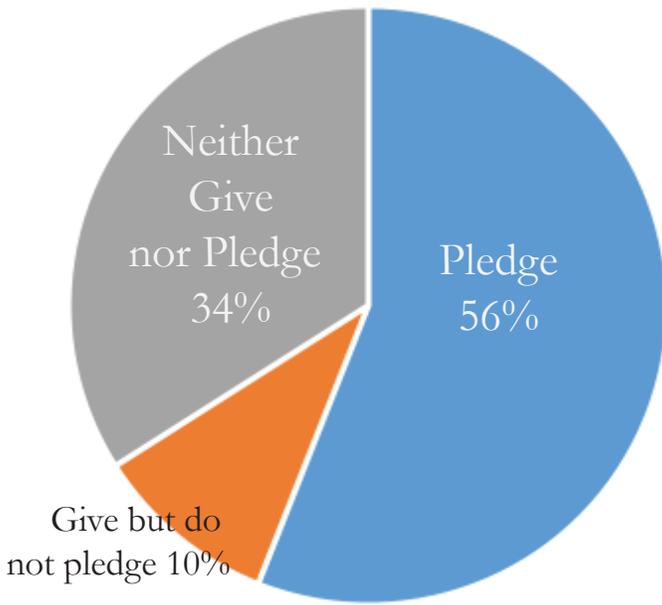
2017 Budget Expenses

Source	Expense
Clergy and Staff	\$257,214
Buildings	\$109,824
Diocese/Seminary	\$58,791
Music and Worship	\$57,550
Administrative	\$18,500
Community Service	\$18,000
Fellowship	\$9,700
Total	\$529,578

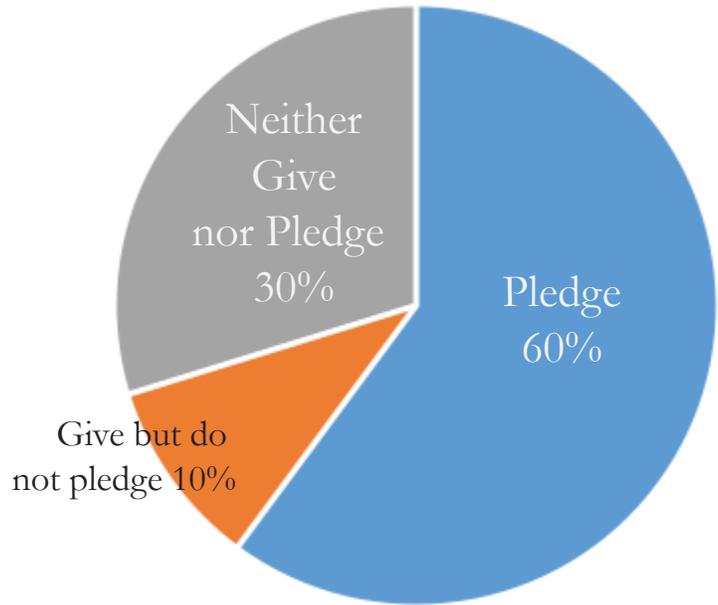
This chart shows a relatively healthy budget for program. Our 3% spend on Community Service or Outreach is only a partial reflection of the impact we are having as a parish. (Many churches include their diocesan support as part of outreach). This also does not include direct fundraising to support Magdalene St. Louis. Taking these efforts, and our building costs associated with hosting outside groups like AA, a case could be made that almost 1/3 of our economic life as a parish supports people in need through organizations outside Holy Communion.

Pledge Participation Trends

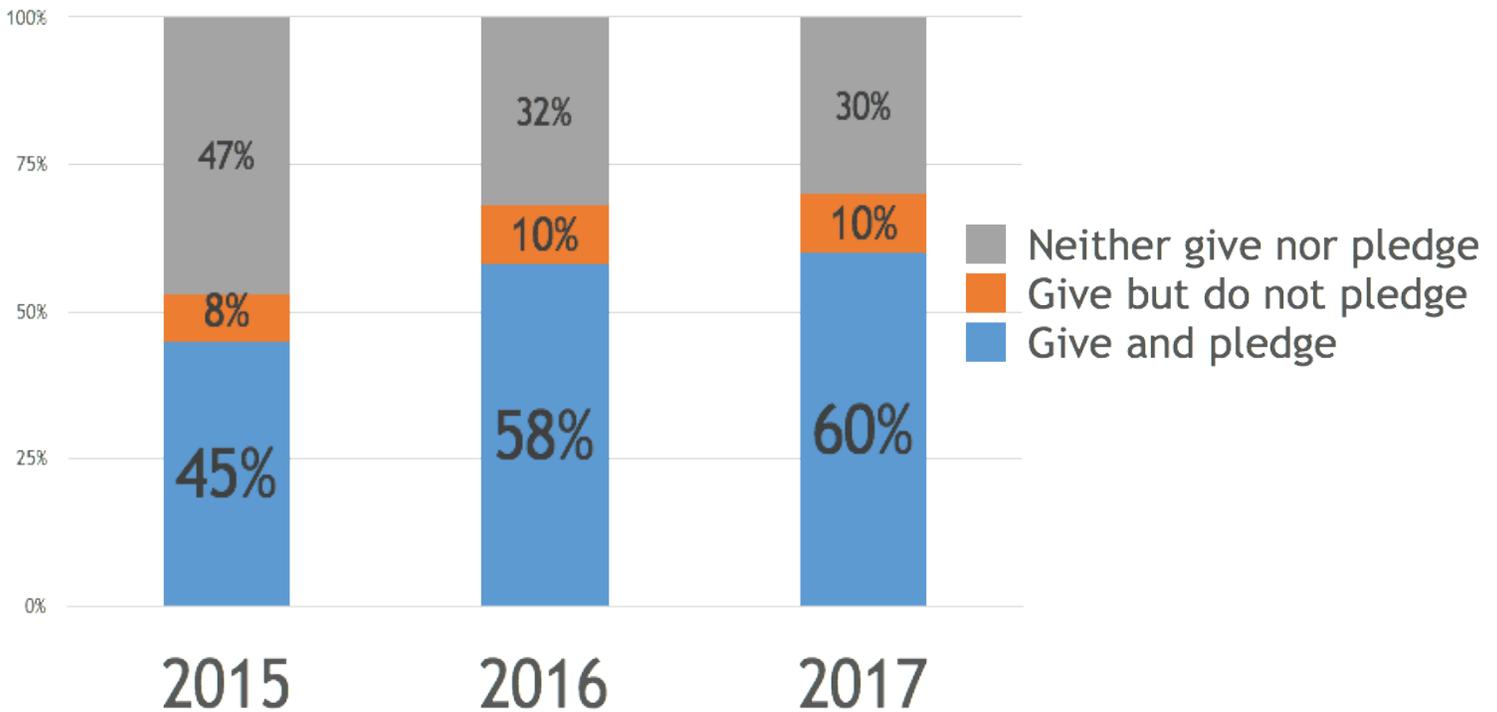
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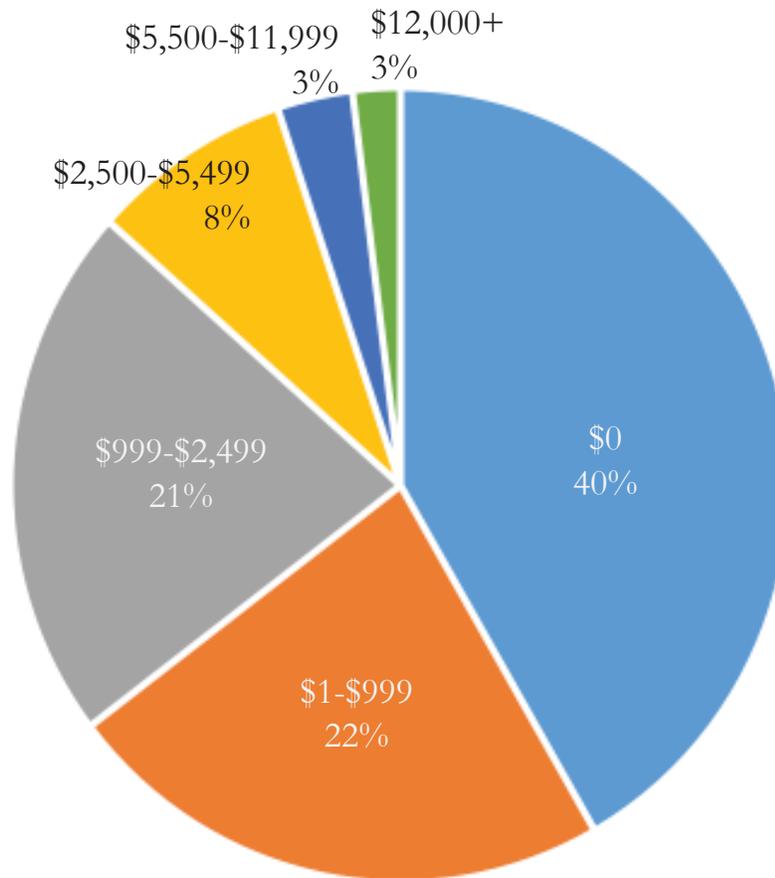


2017 saw an incremental increase in the percentage of pledging individuals and families. We had 24 new pledges, 37 increased pledges, and we saw a total increase of \$32,000 in pledging. 18% of the new dollars pledged came from people under age 40.



This chart shows how our pledge participation has continued to grow over the past three years. We continue to close the gap toward 100% pledging. The closer we get, the more we need your help. If you have never pledged, or if you are new to the congregation, we especially hope you will make a commitment to give.

Pledge Participation by size of pledge



Every pledge counts. 22% of the households in our parish pledge between one dollar and \$999. In order to expand the work of Holy Communion, in order to grow our ministry, we need to continue the trends of 2017. We saw increases in pledging in every bracket last year. We would like to see every member make a pledge, and we hope that some members are again able to increase their pledge.

Don't hesitate to contact our Stewardship Chairs with questions about Pledging for 2018:

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