



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION

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

Dear Friends,

Stewardship. What exactly does that word mean? Perhaps it's just a fancy Episcopalian term for asking for money during the annual Giving campaign, or as one person called it, “the annual beg-a-thon.” The dictionary defines it as “managing of something, especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” Rev. Chris Harris defines stewardship as “using the gifts we've been given to do the work God is calling us to do.” Stewardship is based upon the idea expressed above, that all that we have is a gift entrusted to us from God.

Part of our stewardship is the annual Giving Campaign, which begins this month. This year our Annual Giving Campaign is centered on four themes:

- **Fearless Generosity:** Giving is a concrete spiritual practice, a way of serving God and God's people and being a good steward of God's gifts.
- **Commitment to Community:** Your pledge, regardless of its size, expresses your commitment to the mission of Holy Communion.
- **Growth and Abundance:** We ask you to join the people of Holy Communion to help make a lasting impact within our community and our city.
- **Capital vs. Annual Giving:** We hope your first priority will be maintaining, or even increasing, your annual pledge. We also hope that you will consider making a gift to the upcoming capital campaign to invest in the future of our congregation.

You will be asked to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge to Holy Communion for 2019. Our vestry will undertake the important task of developing the church's budget based on these pledges. We invite you to consider pledging as a commitment to being part of the change you want to see.

Your Stewardship co-chairs, one a long-time member and the other newer to Holy Communion, are both energized by the many activities happening in our parish right now to reach out to serve God's people and to advocate for social justice and peace.

Enclosed is a pledge card, or you can make your pledge online. The church will celebrate the **Ingathering of Pledges on Sunday, November 18th**. Please join us in making a commitment to do the work God is calling us to do. You may find yourself transformed in the process! Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this invitation.

In God's Love,

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