

## St. John's Episcopal Church

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A welcoming and spiritual church  
community devoted to serving God and  
our neighbors



*If we did not address all your questions, please talk  
to a Vestry member or your Wardens.*

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# Transformation

St. John's Annual Stewardship Campaign



*Your 2018  
Financial Pledge*

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### WHAT IS AN ANNUAL PLEDGE?

An annual pledge is an unrestricted gift of money or time that we promise to the church over a one-year period beginning on January 1st. It is an offering of ourselves in service and devotion to God and to the church.

### WHO SHOULD PLEDGE?

All of us! We ask everyone to participate in pledging, since everyone has something to offer back to God.

### HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

We encourage you to consider making a *proportional pledge* — a pledge in proportion to income. It is the teaching of the Episcopal Church and the biblical norm to tithe (10% of one's income). *Strive to tithe!*

### WHAT IF I CAN'T GIVE MONEY RIGHT NOW?

That's perfectly fine. Stewardship is about sharing the gifts God has given to you, which could mean money or could mean your talents. Consider giving some time to St. John's, either to help on a Sunday or to volunteer during the week.

### HOW DO I PAY MY ANNUAL PLEDGE?

You can pay your pledge with cash or check included in a weekly pledge envelope. There are also a couple other options: you can donate using a credit card on our website (under the "Stewardship" tab); you can donate stock to the church (which gives you some extra tax benefits), or you can even donate reward points from credit cards to St. John's. Please talk to Bill Lindner or Rev. Andrew VanBuren if you have questions about how to give.

### DOES MY DONATION TO THE MUSIC FUND COUNT TOWARDS MY PLEDGE?

Unfortunately, no. Donations for the organ and piano are separate from your pledge. Pledge money is used for the daily operations of the church, including

- Worship resources
- Office Supplies
- Salaries
- Education & Formation
- Outreach
- Buildings Maintenance

### WHAT IS THE PARISH'S FINANCIAL GOAL?

We are currently drawing money from our endowment to cover the costs of ministry. Fortunately, our income has increased significantly in the past year, and we hope to continue to grow so that we can end our draw from the endowment principal in the next several years.

### I WANT TO TRY A NEW MINISTRY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO COMMIT TO DOING IT FOREVER.

Not a problem. Just mark that you are interested, and when someone follows up with you, let him or her know your preference.

### WHAT IS INVOLVED WITH ONE OF THE POSITIONS ON THE "TIME AND TALENT" SECTION OF THE INTENTION CARD?

Take a look at our website under the "Stewardship" tab for full descriptions of these roles.

**We the parishioners are the church, and St. John's would not be the community it is without your continued support.**

**Thank you for all that you offer to St. John's.**