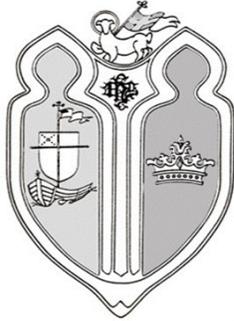


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STEWARDSHIP 2018

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Colossians 3:12-15

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

In times of apparent discord, where some in society are espousing division and hate, the role of our Church— Christ Church has never been more important. Jesus reminds us of our common humanity and calls upon us to embrace one another and our community with love and forgiveness. When voices in society espouse fear, anger and retreat, Christ calls us to love, forgive and engage with hope for the world. The community of Christ Church is committed to this mission in our region, nation and world—actively Building our Capacity to Love.

As we begin the 2018 Stewardship campaign we invite you to now to reflect on your pledge commitment and ask you to give as generously as possible. We have enclosed campaign materials for your review and a pledge card. You can make your pledge online, drop your pledge envelope in the collection basket at worship services, or send it to the office.

It is incumbent upon us to provide the financial support for our spiritual home. This year's stewardship campaign will be short, again just six weeks, launching at the October 1st services and culminating with our All Saints champagne brunch after the 10:00 am service on November 5th.

Bishop Marianne Budde reminded us during her September 10th visit, that the local church is the hope of the world. We seek to be that hope at Christ Church. Christ has no body here but ours and ours are the hands with which Christ works. In so many ways, we are engaged with our community and the world. Please help us sustain Christ Church with your pledge of financial support.

With thanks and appreciation,

Brad and Shannon

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Stewardship Committee

Brad Christmas
Shannon Finn
Kurt Ellison

Sharon Bartram
Doug Smith
Jim Kennedy

Cora Flynn
Charlie Flynn
Ellie Flynn

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Some Frequently Asked Questions about Pledging:

What is a stewardship pledge? A stewardship pledge is a commitment, made after deliberate and prayerful consideration, to contribute a specific amount of money to the parish community. It is a reflection of your gratitude for God's abundant grace in your life. Pledging enables the Vestry to make realistic budget projections for the coming calendar year. We hope that all households will make a stewardship pledge—even if it is only a small amount per week—as an expression of a vital commitment to Christ Church.

Is there a minimum amount I have to pledge in order to be a member at Christ Church? No. All gifts, great and small are gratefully received at Christ Church. Please don't let the ability or inability to pledge affect whether or not you show up to church. We are glad you're here.

What if I really can't give financially? Please don't feel that lack of financial giving is a barrier to your being a part of Christ Church. Remember, gifts of time and talent are just as important expressions of stewardship.

How can I pay my pledge? Christ Church accepts checks, cash (through giving envelopes - distributed at the end of the year) and securities. You can also add Christ Church as a payee in your bank's online bill pay feature.

Are my gifts to Christ Church tax deductible? Yes your contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by federal and state law. You will receive a statement from the treasurer at the end of the year detailing your tax deductible contributions.

What's a good way to figure out what my pledge will be? Prayer is a great start! Pledging and giving regularly is a great spiritual discipline. Traditionally, we've been taught to tithe to the church, or give 10 percent of our income. Please see the table on the Pledge Card insert for suggestions for giving. We encourage you to give what you can, whether it's a dollar, five or five hundred a week.

What if I pledge and my circumstances change? Your pledge to Christ Church is not a commitment set in stone. It's your best guess of what you intend to give. If you find that your financial circumstances change in the course of a year - that's OK - your pledge can be revised.

How can I submit my pledge? You can submit your pledge by mailing the enclosed card to the office, dropping it in the plate on Sunday and online by going to www.ccpk.org

Who can I talk to about my pledge? You can talk to Kurt Ellison, Parish Administrator (301-942-4673) or any adult member of the stewardship committee about your pledge.

2017 Estimated Income:	Excludes Pilgrimage	
Pledge	\$390,450	68.93%
Plate + Seasonal	\$86,000	15.18%
Goods Sold	\$330	.06%
Gifts Unspecified	\$37,146	6.56%
Other Unrestricted	\$2,695	.48%
Parish Life	\$830	.15%
Gifts Specified	\$36,020	6.36%
Outreach	\$13,000	2.28%
TOTAL	\$566,471	

2017 Estimated Expense:	Excludes Pilgrimage	
Personnel	\$342,761	58.97%
Prof. Services	\$17,300	2.98%
Administrative	\$25,591	4.40%
Communications	\$8,380	1.44%
Operations	\$89,400	15.39%
Ministries	\$97,777	16.82%
TOTAL	\$581,209	

2017 Income

- Pledge
- Plate
- Goods Sold
- Gifts Unspecified
- Other Unrestricted
- Parish Life
- Gifts Specified
- Outreach

2017 Expenses

- Personnel
- Professional Services
- Administrative
- Communications
- Operations
- Ministry

Your pledge helps fund our mission-critical outreach projects, supports the pastoral care we provide to those in need, pays our clergy and support staff, takes care of our property, and enables our many other ministries.