



Courageous Discipleship

Beloved, we are God's children
now: what we will be has not yet
been revealed.
1 John 3:2

2024 ANNUAL GIVING APPEAL

Dear Friend of St. Peter's,

As we begin this year's Annual Pledge Campaign, I want to first thank you for your on-going presence at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. We are blessed by every individual in our parish family, and hope that the ministries of the church serving the needs of our members and our local community nourish and support you in your faith journey.

This year's annual giving theme, *Courageous Discipleship*, focuses on the powerful relationship between being a follower of Jesus Christ, a disciple, and being a good steward. Living and abiding with God is a daily process of surrender to walk with God. Being a disciple includes being grateful and generously sharing all that we have been given. Being a good steward means using your outward resources to benefit your community and church. As disciples, we are encouraged to approach financial decisions from the perspective that we are humble stewards of God's possessions, not the outright owner. We are called to dedicate a portion of our financial resources to building and sustaining the kingdom of God.

During the coming year at St. Peter's, we seek to deepen our ability to build and sustain the kingdom of God through the ministries to which we committed our hearts and resources. These include our outreach efforts through the free pantry, the Thanksgiving meal to local seniors, support for the youth served by our senior center, and hosting book and bible discussions that encourage grappling with matters of faith. Nearly all of our parish members make an annual financial pledge. Some members tithe, committing ten percent of their income to the missions of our church. Others give proportionally by committing a certain percentage. Still others give as they are able. Growing as a disciple includes supporting the entire community in the form of a financial pledge.

Included with this mailing is a pledge commitment form for 2025. We hope this is the year that you will make a financial commitment to the work and mission of St. Peter's and ask you to prayerfully consider how you can best contribute.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss making a financial pledge to St. Peter's, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Faithfully,

The Reverend Anne Fraley, Rector

Mark Bell, Senior Warden



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