

THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF
SAINT PAUL

Please check the boxes below where you would be interested in contributing to the life of the Parish of St. Paul in the coming year. We invite you to consider offering yourself in at least one new way from years past. For households with more than one member of the Parish, please indicate the applicable person by initializing the offering(s) accordingly. Thank you.

Worship

- Lay Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Acolyte
- Greeter/Usher
- Altar Guild
- Worship Council
- Altar Flowers
- Adult Choir
- Youth Choir

Inreach

- Pastoral Care
- Small Group Dinner Host
- Coffee Hour Host
- Healing Ministry
- Rides for non-drivers

Treasure

With thanks to God for life's blessings and in joyful and earnest consideration of my/our means and values, I/we pledge \$ _____ in financial support of the Parish of St. Paul for calendar year 2010.

- Please do order me/us weekly envelopes

Name(s): _____

Family Members: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address(es): _____

Signature(s): _____

Outreach

- Outreach Committee
- Salvation Army server
- Knitting Ministry
- Plenty Project Recycler
- Faith and Environment

Wider Church

- Diocesan Convention Delegate
- Deanery Delegate

Formation

- Church School Teacher
- Youth Group Leader/Mentor
- Adult Ed Discussion Facilitator
- Kids/Youth Program Volunteer

Stewardship

- Vestry Member
- Environmental Stewardship
- Legal Advisor
- Audit Team
- Communications (Web/Epistle)
- Computer/IT Maintenance
- Office Help
- Garden Committee
- Annual Stewardship Campaign
- Building Maintenance
- Parish Work Days

Please mail this form to the church, return it in the collection plate at our In-Gathering service on Sunday, November 22nd, or give it to a member of Vestry or to Gretchen on or before November 22nd.

Thank you!



A LETTER FROM OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE

Dear Beloved Community,

This year's stewardship theme is built around the image of a garden. And that feels very appropriate to me. For a garden is just what we are. A garden is a sacred space filled with the hope of life and growth and beauty and nourishment. It is, and must be, diverse in its yield if it is to remain healthy through the years. A garden is bursting with new opportunity and undreamt possibility. A garden is blessed and consecrated by God and is the very embodiment of the joyous expectancy that characterizes the gift of creation itself. And, a garden is thoroughly dependent upon the teamwork of resources that support and sustain its very existence – the sun, the soil, the rain – the quality of the seed (as the scripture tells us) - the frequency of the weeding and pruning and fertilizing – the timeliness of the planting and the harvest – and, of course, the grace of God. A garden is a work in progress, always in progress, of love. And a garden is just what we are at the Parish of St. Paul – a work of love *in progress*.

Over the last year our garden has grown! Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our gardeners, we enjoyed a 30% increase in our yield last year over the prior year. And in fact, last year's bumper crop of new families and increased pledges sets a record for growth in the annals of our community. It is a testament to the commitment and spirit of our beloved community. We are faithful gardeners indeed.

And I am honored and privileged to have planted and pledged my own gifts in the fertile soil of this beloved garden. And I am inspired and encouraged at almost every turn by the generosity and faithfulness that surrounds me here. In fact I have been bowled over by the generosity of this community this year. And so it is with a deeply grateful heart that I ask you to continue to join me in this work of love in progress by pledging, again this season, your heart and hands and financial support to the blooming of our community and the ministries that we lift up. I am asking us, one and all, to think and pray and talk with each other about the depth of our gratitude for this faithful garden and the bounty that we share among ourselves and with the world at large. And then I hope that you will pledge as many of your gifts, as sacrificially, as you can. Sow them with wild abandon, and trust that they will bloom, bloom, bloom. Onward!

Peace,
Gretchen

YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF INCOME

Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
10,000	200	400	600	800	1,000
25,000	500	1,000	1,500	2,000	2,500
50,000	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000
75,000	1,500	3,000	4,500	6,000	7,500
100,000	2,000	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000
125,000	2,500	5,000	7,500	10,000	12,500
150,000	3,000	6,000	9,000	12,000	15,000
175,000	3,500	7,000	10,500	14,000	17,500
200,000	4,000	8,000	12,000	16,000	20,000
225,000	4,500	9,000	13,500	18,000	22,500
250,000	5,000	10,000	15,000	20,000	25,000