



## EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ST. PAUL 2019 ANNUAL GIVING



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Dear friends at the Parish of St. Paul,

As your vestry, we've spent the past year conversing about our mission. What makes us unique? What do we have to contribute? What are our particular spiritual gifts as a community? The commonality we found was in our experience of true belonging.

**St. Paul's is a place that emboldens us to be *us*. St. Paul's welcomes us as ourselves, challenges us to be our boldest selves by serving others, and inspires us to be an *us* all together.**

We find in St. Paul's a reflection of the unity of God's creation, where every piece fits. After all, it was the original St. Paul who said that all sorts of different people become one in Christ. Whether we're here for the classic hymns, the Beatles rewrites, or something in between, we find ourselves wrapped in community that welcomes us as who we are.

Because you, too, belong, we want to invite you even deeper into the life of our church. Prepare a coffee hour each season and share some of your favorite foods with us. Offer to read the scriptures (even if you mispronounce a word!). Buy altar flowers in honor of your dear ones. Join our knitting ministry. Spend a few more hours in services each month — we love seeing you at the passing of the peace. Bring a friend, a child, a neighbor. With God's abundant help, we each help to make this *us*.

**This season is when we commit to being *us* in the year 2020.** We commit our energy and action. We commit our money, whether we have \$\$\$\$ or \$. And we commit boldly. As a community, we can raise \$150,000 to pay for every heating bill, every candle and stamp and bottle of wine, and every Sunday of soul-stirring music and preaching. When we exceed our goal, we create possibility for new endeavors and broader welcome. We are so excited about the quirky, bold, perfectly imperfect opportunities that God has in store for *us*.

With love,

Your POSP Vestry

Stephanie Wu, Kyrah Rodriguez, Mandi Rice, Kate Pittman, Margaret Hummel, Rev'd Dr. Gretchen Grimshaw, Brian Gleason, Bernice Cramer, Susan Boyer, Eliza Blay, and Ken Anderson

**In the Episcopal polity,  
each parish is self-  
supporting.**

**Our budget is heavily reliant on our  
pledging. The Vestry - charged with  
managing the financial resources -  
has to make decisions about what we  
can and cannot afford to do.  
Prayerfully consider making the  
most generous pledge you can afford.**

### **Did you know?**

**Every dime the diocese spends comes  
from us, the pledging parishioners  
(okay, they rely on some grants too).  
Our annual diocesan assessment is  
about 15% of every dollar we spend  
in our operating budget.**

**In 2008 the  
diocesan  
assessment was  
\$8,000.**

**Last year it was  
\$23,160!**

### **St. Paul's Finances**

**In 2019 our budget is roughly \$240,000.**

**For the 2019 year we had ~50 pledges totaling about \$125,000.**

The rest comes from various gifts, grants, rental and investment income, and a planned 4% draw on our endowment.

**Last year annual pledges ranged from \$50 to \$10,000. Everyone can  
contribute something!**

### **Where does it all go?**

Our pledging dollars make every part of our ministry happen! The annual budget funds our **building** and **grounds**, **utilities**, **office** and **administration**, our **rector**, our **music program** and all of the **beloved ministries** supported by our community.

## **Financial support is just one component of stewardship.**

**Consider contributing to any one of a number of ministries that make the Parish of St. Paul the vibrant, beloved community of faith that we have always been. Some examples (see the “Annual Giving” page that follows in this packet for the complete list):**

**Worship: Altar Guild**

**Outreach: Knitting Ministry**

**Inreach: Pastoral Care Team**

**Stewardship: Property Team Coordinator**

**Everyone can  
give  
something.  
And  
everything is  
appreciated!**

### **How do I begin to think about my pledge?**

**Pledging is a spiritual practice.**

The first step is to think about your gratitude for this community and all that you are able to contribute in and through it. What does this beloved community add to God’s world?

And think not just about St. Paul’s serves you directly, but also how St. Paul’s serves other parishioners, our neighbors and the wider world.

**We rely on pledges and not dues for a reason: we don’t welcome only those who can afford to be here; rather we are a community who knows that if each among us gives as generously as we can, all are welcomed unconditionally.**

### **How can I pay my pledge?**

So many ways! A lump sum when the funds are available. Ask for envelopes and pay a bit every week or month. Bill-pay from your bank. Pledge stock. A credit card online via [parishofstpaul.org](http://parishofstpaul.org). Or cash and coins!

### **Put your pledge where your heart is**

If you value our community and diocese, and our deep, inspiring Episcopal tradition, please pledge.

If you are energized and lifted by our music and the voices in our midst, please pledge.

If you are inspired by the music and the voices in our midst, please pledge.

If you are comforted by the care and prayers of our community, please pledge.



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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. *Items in red italic are especially needed this year!* For households with more than one member of the Parish, please indicate the applicable person by initializing the offering(s) accordingly.

### WORSHIP

- ☐ Be a Lay Eucharistic Minister
- ☐ Be a Lector
- ☐ Be an Acolyte
- ☐ Be a Greeter/Usher
- ☐ *Serve on Altar Guild*
- ☐ *Donate Altar Flowers*
- ☐ Sing in the Choir!

### FORMATION

- ☐ *Kids/Youth Program Volunteer*
- ☐ Adult Ed. Discussion Leader

### INREACH

- ☐ *Host Coffee Hour*
- ☐ Join the Pastoral Care Team
- ☐ Host a Peace Meal
- ☐ Adopt a Newcomer

### OUTREACH

- ☐ Sanctuary Volunteer
- ☐ Feed Supper at the Salvation Army
- ☐ Join Our Knitting Ministry
- ☐ Be a Plenty Project Recycler
- ☐ Be a Centre Street Food Pantry Runner

### STEWARDSHIP

- ☐ Legal Advisor
- ☐ *Shepherd our Year-Round Stewardship Campaign*
- ☐ *Help with Building Maintenance – One-off Projects*
- ☐ Be our Property Rental Liaison

### COMMUNICATIONS

- ☐ Public Relations Coordinator
- ☐ Web/Facebook Coordinator
- ☐ Photographer/videographer

### WIDER CHURCH

- ☐ Be a Diocesan Convention Delegate
- ☐ Be a Deanery Delegate

### Treasure

I / we pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week ,or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year  
 in financial support of the Parish of Saint Paul for the calendar year 2018.

☐ Please order me / us weekly envelopes.

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form to the church or return it in the collection plate. THANK YOU!