



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear people of Christ Church,

The Apostle Paul famously wrote to the people of the church in Corinth:

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many...And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The body of Christ Church does not consist of one member either. There are many of us, all with different talents, gifts and interests. But together, we are one body. We work together on all that Christ Church does – worship, pastoral care, outreach, Christian formation and parish life. All of these ministries are parts of the body of Christ Church and all depend on each other, just as we do as parishioners.

- We worship to keep us grounded and fed in our worship and call to serve Jesus.
- We serve others as that outward expression of the worship we do.
- We gather together in fellowship to share this witness.
- We grow and discern our personal and communal faith studying scripture and our faith traditions to broaden our understanding of how the image of God in each of us is shared around us.
- We make sure the next generation is raised to know the love of Jesus in scripture, worship and fellowship.
- We have facilities and staff to enable our ministries to happen.

As we ask to you consider your pledge for 2023, we remind you about the basics of giving in the Episcopal Church and ask you to remember that pledging is about committing to the whole body of Christ Church ministries. Our budget for 2023, based on your pledges, will be about getting the whole of the church back on track, not one ministry or one project at a time. Our enclosed stewardship brochure aims to demonstrate how each \$100 given is divided among the foundational ministries and how those ministries work together to form the whole of the parish. Relationships intersect, new relationships are able to start, and the whole community seeks to make the love of Christ known.

Making a pledge supports the whole body of Christ Church ministries in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you for being a part of that joyful witness.

Faithfully,

The Christ Church Stewardship Committee — Martin Tabaka, Pat Shaner, Bob Puttock

The Rev. Webster Gibson, Rector