



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear Christ Church Family,

This year, our stewardship theme is *We Walk By Faith*. As we walk together, let us tune our hearts to the Holy Spirit and listen for what God reveals to us individually and as a community of faith carrying out ministry in the world. When we walk in faith together, we can accomplish so much more. Our stewardship campaign began October 12, and will continue through Sunday, November 13. Our goal is to secure pledges of \$590,000 – an ambitious yet attainable goal that reflects a hope to grow the budget.

As you recall, last year the Stewardship Committee set a goal to increase pledges by \$100,000 over two years. You committed and our campaign met last year's portion of the goal - \$539,867. The increase allowed us to cover our operating deficit and expand our ministries. Several expanded ministries include:

- *Increased funding to offset rising food prices in order to continue our food ministries outreach at the same levels.*
- *Provide an opportunity to hire new staff to help our children, youth, and family ministries to grow and develop.*
- *Ability to have paid section leaders to help Jean Lin grow and develop our congregation's choir and music program.*
- *Provide curricula which were up for renewal to our children Sunday School programs.*

We challenge Christ Church to achieve \$590,000 in pledges this year. Our last stewardship campaign included 147 pledges. On average, if each pledgor increases their annual gift by \$341.00 or \$6.56 a week, we would achieve the desired growth this year of \$50,133. While we all face differing financial situations, what is clear is that collectively this goal does not reflect an insurmountable pledge increase.

We know we will have greater costs in 2026 from increased expenses such as building maintenance, utilities, security, music programs, and education, which all make up a large component of the budget. Church committees, with input from many of you, have identified several ways to enhance, grow, and add to the work we are called to do within the parish and beyond. Your dollars count and enable Christ Church to expand and

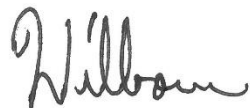
To know Christ and to make Christ known

The Rev. Webster S. Gibson, Rector

enhance its programs. Each of our contributions enable meaningful work to be lived out in the name of Christ.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I thank you in advance for your carefully considered pledge and ask that you pray for our church family as we embark on our annual gathering of gifts and gratitude. Now is the time to consider how you can use your gifts to support Christ Church in 2026 and beyond.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wilborn".

Wilborn Roberson, Stewardship Chair