

Letter from your Stewardship Committee:

Dear Parishioners,

We are thankful for your support of our ministries this year! In this time of transition, as our Rector search continues, our work as disciples of Christ continues. We are blessed and inspired by the work of Father Daniel and our wonderful staff. And we are reminded that we – the parishioners – ultimately sustain the ministries of the church, through our energy, spirit and financial support. We pray that this interim period will serve as a reminder that our 2017 pledges are a commitment to each other, as well as Christ Church.

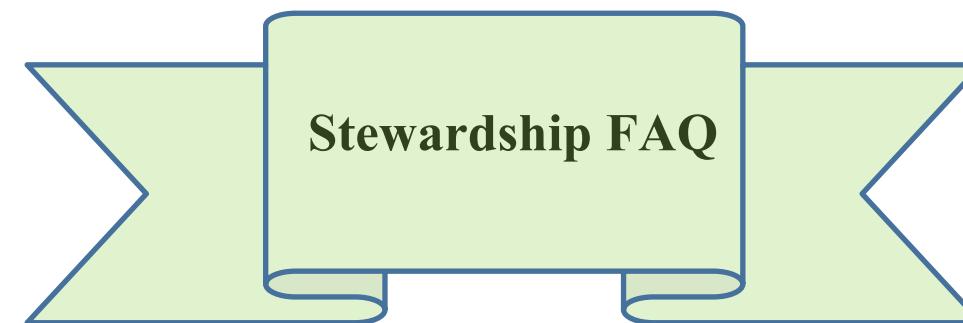
The theme of our 2017 Stewardship campaign is “Counting our Blessings.” We frequently find ourselves feeling that we live in a time of scarcity – not enough time, not enough energy, not enough money. But, in a way, we live in a time of abundance – the abundance in our life that is a gift from God. For when we turn the tables on a scarcity mindset, we find ourselves grateful for all that we have – the time we have, the resources available to us and the financial resources at our disposal. There are many blessings for us to be grateful for! If we consciously shift our perspective from that of scarcity to abundance and choose to be grateful for all of God’s blessings, responding with generous and giving hearts, it is our hope that the joy of gratitude will unlock the fullness of life that God intends for us.

Please join us in counting our blessings and giving back in gratitude by making a financial pledge to support Christ Church in 2017. Our goal this year is for 100% participation. In some cases, you will not be able to make a firm pledge and in others your resources may prevent you from giving at this time. In other cases, you can and hopefully will make a pledge and increase it if you pledged for 2016. In all these cases, we would like to receive a pledge card from each household so that we can best plan our ministries for the coming year.

We pray that your giving will come from a heartfelt sense of gratitude for the many blessings that flow to and from Christ Church and that the joy of gratitude will become our reality.

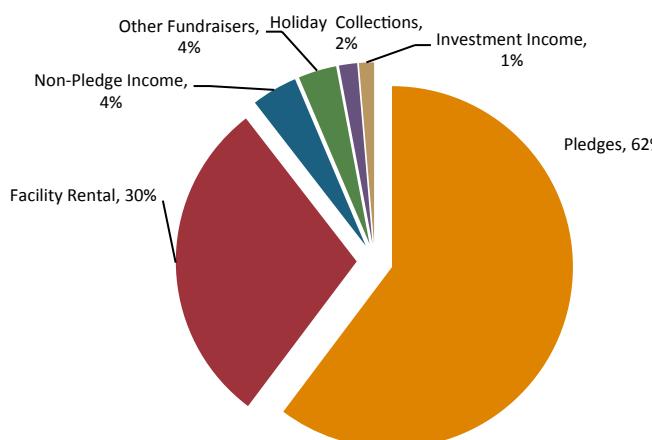
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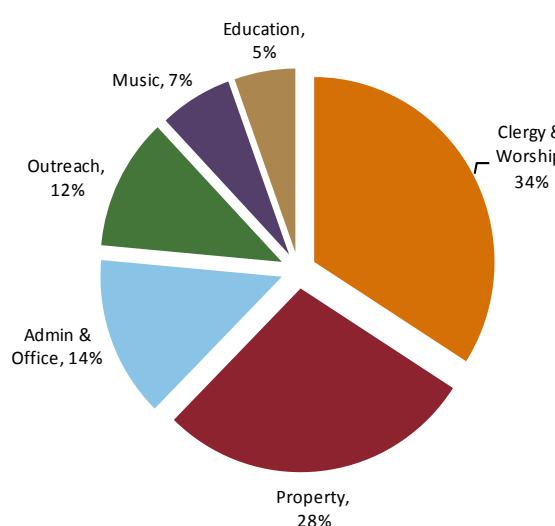


What is stewardship? Stewardship is a way of life – a year-round theology of living based on our belief that all things in this life are blessings from God, that we are deeply grateful for them and, that in this spirit of gratitude, we offer back.

Is my pledge important? YES! Pledges are over 60% of all Christ Church’s income.



How will my pledge be used?



FAQ - continued

When should I submit my pledge for 2017?

Ingathering Sunday is **October 30, 2016**.

How do I make a pledge? You can complete and return a 2017 Pledge Form by mail, by dropping it in the collection plate on Sunday, or by leaving it in the pledge box in the church office. You can also submit a pledge electronically by following the link on Christ Church’s webpage or in the weekly electronic newsletter. Pledge forms will be mailed and available at church.

What is an appropriate pledge amount? There is no amount too small or too large. Our goal is for 100% of households to submit a pledge form.

If you have never pledged before, we ask that you consider starting your financial commitment to Christ Church in 2017 by pledging \$10-20 per week.

If you pledged in 2016, we ask that you considering increasing your pledge by 10% in 2017. If your annual pledge in 2016 was \$2000, a 10% increase would be \$200 which breaks down to less than an extra \$4 per week!

Do I need to pledge if I put money in the offering plate each week? For the vestry to plan realistic annual operating budgets, it is extremely helpful to know your financial commitment ahead of time.



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS



2016 Annual Pledges



Did you know?

*The median annual 2016 pledge was \$2,000

*A \$2,000 annual pledge breaks down to:

- \$5.48 per day
- \$38.50 per week
- \$167 per month

STEWARDSHIP 2017



“All that we are and have comes from God; therefore, as cheerful, grateful, and faithful followers of Christ, we offer ourselves and our financial resources to God.”

The Vestry of Christ Church Ridgewood