



Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

October 2, 2023

Dear Christ Church Family,

Our vision at Christ Church is “to be a church that loves the way God loves.” We strive to **LIVE OUR FAITH** as we **pray gratefully, serve responsibly, and give generously**. By doing so, we continue to fulfill our mission “to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.”

However, as you know, it takes more than faith and prayer to maintain a church, pay employees, and keep its programs running so it can continue to contribute generously to the Christ Church parish and New Bern Community. It takes pledges of financial support made and fulfilled to keep the lights on at church and the Light moving forward into the world. This year our pledge goals include funding our budget at 100 percent, increasing both the amount and number of pledges, and wrapping up the pledge campaign by December 31.

As we pledge to fulfill the mission of Christ Church, we ask that you prayerfully consider your own personal pledge for 2024 by returning the enclosed pledge card or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/CCNB-2024-Pledge>. An increase in your pledge amount over last year -- by even a small percentage -- would go a long way toward helping Christ Church Fund its operations and programs.

If you haven't considered pledging in the past, we hope you will do so now. A pledge is both a spiritual and concrete way of showing gratitude to God for all He has given us. Our commitment to sharing the cost of ministry makes us partners in that ministry.

While pledges are welcome at any time, the ceremonial intake of pledges will be celebrated on **Harvest Sunday, November 5. It is our goal to complete this pledge period by December 31, 2023, in order to have the budget in place for 2024 so we can continue to be a place of welcome, comfort, inspiration, and hope.**

Please feel free to reach out to any of us should you have questions or need additional information about our 2024 Stewardship Campaign.

In Christ,

The Rev. H. Paul Canady III, Rector

Elizabeth Livingston, Sr. Warden

Randy & Joanie Bogle, Stewardship Co-Chairs