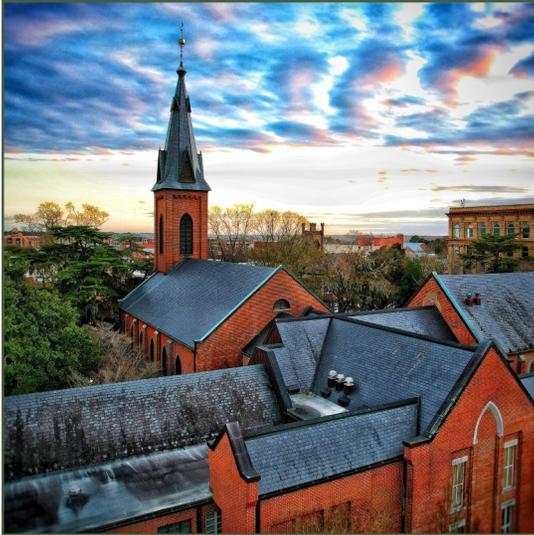


“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

1 PETER 4:10



## OUR MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is 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.

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Grounded in Faith  
*Growing to Serve*

# CHRIST CHURCH

**Seven Important  
Questions About  
Stewardship...**

*And the answers!*

Our pledges keep all things happening at Christ Church.

Your pledge is your commitment to help... keep the Church going, keep the grace flowing, keep the programs growing and keep the outreach showing our commitment to the community.

## I'm New to "Pledging" What does it mean?

A pledge is a **promise of financial support for our congregation**. We fund our congregation through pledges of support from each of us, the members and friends of the congregation.

## How does pledging benefit me?

Giving of oneself financially unlocks your heart to allow God to do incredible work both in and through us. The act of giving invites us to participate in furthering God's word and love in the world. This act can draw us closer to a God who heals; and through our gift, we participate as members of Christ Church in the healing of the world as **we are grounded in faith and growing to serve**.

## Why does Christ Church need my pledge?

Every Episcopal Church counts on parishioner pledges to support worship, parish ministry, pastoral care, education, community outreach and internal operations. Our budget is a detailed accounting of income and expenses

## How much should I give?

Your pledge is a personal choice, a spiritual act in response to God's generosity. Through your gift, you affirm your connection with Christ Church's mission and vision, while you invest in our community's future.

The "right" gift can be determined a number of ways. Spiritual reflection, consideration of your personal finances, prayer and contemplation are all important when discerning your pledge.

## For instance...

- Tithing (giving 10% of one's income) is a Biblical practice many Christians follow.
- Both welcome and generous, tithing is great goal in the long term but neither a requirement nor expectation.
- Consider starting with 3% of your income, and set a goal to increase incrementally year after year.
- Think of all the ways you might contribute to the community as a reflection of your personal values. Then consider that making Christ Church your most significant gift will likely impact several of the charities which interest you.
- Think of **AMENities** offered at Christ Church. If opportunities to worship in the beautiful sanctuary in-person or online, musical offerings, Bible studies, Christian Formation for all ages, social activities, and/or community outreach touch your life, think how far your gift will go toward keeping these in place.



## I like giving random donations in the collection plate. Can I do that instead?

While we appreciate "open plate" contributions, we cannot build our programs and staffing plans on them. By making your pledge in advance—even if it's an estimate—you help Christ Church plan for the future. You can drop your weekly pledge into the collection plate during the service, if you like, rather than handling it another way.

## Who knows how much I pledge?

Your pledge is confidential and never published. While the congregation will see campaign totals as part of the Annual Report, your individual pledge will only be known by those with a need to know.

*"For if willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has."*

*2 Corinthians 8:12*

## What if I can't honor my pledge?

Pledge what feels like an attainable goal for your family. If unforeseen circumstances occur, you may modify your pledge amount by contacting [cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com).

## How an Increase in Giving Affects Your Budget on a Monthly Basis

MONTHLY	3%	5%	7%	10%
\$50	\$52	\$53	\$54	\$55
\$75	\$77	\$79	\$80	\$83
\$100	\$103	\$105	\$107	\$110
\$200	\$206	\$210	\$214	\$220
\$300	\$309	\$315	\$321	\$330
\$500	\$515	\$525	\$535	\$550
\$800	\$824	\$840	\$856	\$880
\$1,000	\$1,030	\$1,030	\$1,050	\$1,100
\$1,250	\$1,288	\$1,313	\$1,338	\$1,375

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."*

*Hebrews 13:16*