



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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“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



A Word About Pledging

Practically speaking, a “pledge” is an estimate of your giving for the upcoming year, which in turn, funds everything we do as a faith community -- from paying the salaries of our clergy and staff, maintaining our property and facilities, to supporting parish and outreach ministries, pastoral care, worship, education programs, and music. Pledges allow us to dream big and to make bold plans as we make decisions about our priorities and possibilities in the year to come.

live the
faith

Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

CHRIST CHURCH 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Pray... Serve... Give

**Three ways to share
what God has
provided**

I'M NEW TO "STEWARDSHIP" AND "PLEDGING" WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

Stewardship has been described as "going "all in" with our time, effort, sacrifice, talent and resources. 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.

WHY DOES CHRIST CHURCH NEED MY PLEDGE?

Every Episcopal Church counts on parishioner pledges to support, first and foremost, the operational budget, which in turn supports worship, parish ministry, pastoral care, education, community outreach. Operational funding keeps the doors open and all the moving pieces coming together so the work of the church can continue.

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 live our faith** in a very tangible way

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

Your pledge is a personal choice, *a spiritual act in response to God's generosity toward you*. 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 percent of one's income) is a Biblical practice many Christians follow. Both welcome and generous, tithing is great long-term goal but neither a requirement nor expectation.
- Consider starting with 4 percent of your income, and set a goal to increase incrementally year after year.
- Think of all the ways you might contribute to community charities 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 the **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, outreach and staffing plans on them. By making your pledge in advance — even if it's an estimate — you help Christ Church plan for our next fiscal year. If you like dropping your weekly pledge into the collection plate during the service, please do so. You can also pay online or mail a check if you prefer.

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.

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

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

2 Corinthians 8:12

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