



Spring, 2018 Stewardship Campaign
+SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH+
April 18th, 2018

Dear Parishioners of St. Andrew's:

Throughout the Bible, we are reminded that God is the “*Giver of all good things*”. God gives us life and “this fragile earth, our island home”. Thank you for your consistent support over the years of the ministry and mission of St. Andrew's Church. This coming weekend (April 21st & 22nd), we will embark on a four week annual giving campaign: ***God the Giver***. You will hear from members of our Stewardship Committee and from me about how God's abundant gifts have touched our lives...and how we are called to respond to such awesome generosity.

You know how our ministries here at St Andrew's have life and give life through the generosity of all our members. Each week, we are nurtured and nourished by Word and Sacrament. Empowered by the Spirit each week, we can then go into the world to care for those who are ill or hurting, and welcome all those searching for a connection to God and community. You are a part of this “giving community” at St. Andrew's. You know we respond to God's giving by being generous, ourselves. While giving levels vary in the congregation all of us are asked to make a gift that reflects our gratitude for a giving God and our care for one another. We are called to make our giving a reflection of God's giving to us.

There is no doubt that the journey of Christian faith is best done in the context of a faith community. That is because we need each other...we cannot fulfill our Baptismal calling to be disciples all by ourselves and in isolation from the support and encouragement we receive from a vibrant and healthy faith community. I'm so grateful you are traveling with me. The annual giving campaign is a time set aside to reflect on how the practice of intentional giving is in keeping with all that God has given us. One of the most important passages of the Bible, John 3:16 states, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only son”. God so loves each and every one of us that God gave and continues to give.

Over the next four weeks, I invite you to prayerfully consider all that God has given you. Someone once said, “Your *Standard of Living* should be reflected in your *Standard of Giving*”. I think that is true. So here is the question I would ask you (and every partner in this ministry) to consider over the next four weeks: **Is my current level of giving of my Time/Talent/Treasure an accurate expression of my love for God and for His Son, Jesus Christ and for His body the Church?** Please prayerfully consider how the Holy Spirit may be calling you to expand your “*Stewardship of Life*” during this “**God the Giver**” Spring Annual Giving campaign.

I'm so personally grateful for your friendship and for our partnership in ministry here at St. Andrew's.

Faithfully,

Fr. Dave Snyder,
Rector