

*St. John's Episcopal Church*

2020

VISION

*Connection • Vocation • Reconciliation*



*You will be enriched in every way so that  
you can be generous on every occasion,  
and through us your generosity will  
result in thanksgiving to God.*

*2 Corinthians 9:11*

**THE YEAR 2020** is just around the corner and we are gearing up for a season of carrying out God's vision for St. John's. While stewardship is first a spiritual practice, it also affects our ministries at St. John's, since day-to-day operations are funded by member generosity. Member support through pledging allows the Vestry to budget for all that St. John's offers the community, including parent and youth programs, outreach, and Walking the Mourner's Path. We pray that 2020 will be a year of renewed financial vitality, as each member evaluates how to give God the first fruits.

All gifts are gifts to God and are received in God's name so that we can achieve our mission of "bringing all people into a closer relationship with God and each other through Jesus Christ."

All members are encouraged to make an annual pledge each fall. Our goal is to hear from 100% of St. John's member households during our annual campaign.

St. John's relies on your pledges for:

- Worship & Music
- Formation
- Community
- Spiritual Care

## ANNUAL APPEAL FAQs

### What is a pledge?

A pledge is intended to be used as a promise to donate a specific total amount to St. John's over the coming year.

### How much should I give?

In truth, we never give back to God as much as we have been given. However, we do recommend that you start by reflecting on what God has given to you. If God has provided ample resources for you, you should offer a significant portion back to God as thanks. St. John's fills important spiritual, community, educational and personal needs, and we invite you to support it through your generosity. A good place to start is with a percentage of your income.

### How do I make a pledge?

To pledge, you will need to fill out a 2020 pledge form. You can do this online at [www.stjohnsec.org](http://www.stjohnsec.org) or with the pledge certificate included with this brochure. You can return the certificate in the Sunday offertory or you can mail it or drop it off to the Parish Office by October 27, 2019.

### How do I fulfill my pledge?

A pledge can be fulfilled through a one-time payment or multiple payments. Multiple payments can be set up in a

number of ways: cash or check in an envelope in the offering basket; via set recurring payments through your bank or credit card; or a donation of stock. Whatever way works best for you!

If you need help deciding or making your pledge, contact Kathy Hahn, Finance Director, at [khahn@stjohnsec.org](mailto:khahn@stjohnsec.org) or 410-461-7793, ext. 112.

### Why do I need to pledge? Why can't I just give when I can? It's all the same in God's eyes, right?

For most of us, the act of making a pledge reinforces the prayerful commitment in our minds and hearts. Each fall, we ask that you consider what St. John's means to you and how you can support and give back. Furthermore, pledges let the Vestry know how much money we can count on; this is essential when planning the church budget for the year.

### Why Should I Tithe?

By tithing — giving ten percent of our income — we give sacrificially, meaningfully, and joyfully. If you do not tithe now, you may want to consider proportionate giving, moving toward and beyond the tithe, which provides spiritual richness, as well as opportunities to extend the mission and ministry of the church. Wherever you fall on this spectrum, we hope you consider what our church means to you, and give accordingly through the pledging process.

## PROPORTIONAL GIVING

We respond to God with a portion of our financial blessings. The chart below will help you calculate your weekly giving as a proportion of your income. Our goal is to work toward the 10% tithe. If you have never pledged, start with a smaller percentage, such as 4% highlighted below. The average yearly pledge at St. John's in 2019 was \$2300 per family.

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Pledge				
		2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$15,000.00	\$288.46	\$5.77	\$11.54	\$17.31	\$23.08	\$28.85
\$20,000.00	\$384.62	\$7.69	\$15.38	\$23.08	\$30.77	\$38.46
\$25,000.00	\$480.77	\$9.62	\$19.23	\$28.85	\$38.46	\$48.08
\$30,000.00	\$576.92	\$11.54	\$23.08	\$34.62	\$46.15	\$57.69
\$35,000.00	\$673.08	\$13.46	\$26.92	\$40.38	\$53.85	\$67.31
\$40,000.00	\$769.23	\$15.38	\$30.77	\$46.15	\$61.54	\$76.92
\$45,000.00	\$865.38	\$17.31	\$34.62	\$51.92	\$69.23	\$86.54
\$50,000.00	\$961.54	\$19.23	\$38.46	\$57.69	\$76.92	\$96.15
\$55,000.00	\$1,057.69	\$21.15	\$42.31	\$63.46	\$84.62	\$105.77
\$60,000.00	\$1,153.85	\$23.08	\$46.15	\$69.23	\$92.31	\$115.38
\$65,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
\$70,000.00	\$1,346.15	\$26.92	\$53.85	\$80.77	\$107.69	\$134.62
\$75,000.00	\$1,442.31	\$28.85	\$57.69	\$86.54	\$115.38	\$144.23
\$80,000.00	\$1,538.46	\$30.77	\$61.54	\$92.31	\$123.08	\$153.85
\$85,000.00	\$1,634.62	\$32.69	\$65.38	\$98.08	\$130.77	\$163.46
\$90,000.00	\$1,730.77	\$34.62	\$69.23	\$103.85	\$138.46	\$173.08
\$95,000.00	\$1,826.92	\$36.54	\$73.08	\$109.62	\$146.15	\$182.69
\$100,000.00	\$1,923.08	\$38.46	\$76.92	\$115.38	\$153.85	\$192.31

*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so  
that there may be food in my house,  
And thus put me to the test, says the Lord  
of hosts; see if I will not open the  
windows of heaven  
For you and pour down for you an  
overflowing blessing.*

*Malachi 3:10*