

21 September 2026

Dear Beloved of Saint Andrew's,

Please find enclosed the materials for this fall's pledge campaign to fund the 2027 budget.

Our operating budget is lean, just over \$200,000 to fund the mission we've been given.

We do *a lot* with this budget, roughly divided 55% staff, 25% assessments & outreach, and 20% building, program & administrivia — not unusual for a pastoral-sized congregation.

But there's also a lot we *can't* do with this budget, like increasing funding for program & hospitality, like building a rainy day fund for buildings & grounds, like staying ahead of staff COLAs, like increasing our material support for neighbors in need.

In order to keep up with current budget needs, let alone consider expanding in these other areas, we need your financial support.

Please consider increasing your pledge by 5-15% in order to ensure our facilities are safe, functional, and accessible for guests who come to worship, for guests who come for their sobriety, for guests who come for food, for guests who come to build community, to hone their craft, and to make new friends.

Please consider increasing your pledge by 5-15% in order to ensure we can communicate with each other, to ensure we have office support during the week and music on the weekends, to ensure we have worship, pastoral care, and seasonal program.

Please consider increasing your pledge by 5-15% in order to ensure the lights are on, the space is comfortable, the water is running, the grounds are attractive and welcoming, and the insurance is paid up.

Please consider increasing your pledge by 5-15% in order to ensure diocesan ministries are fully funded and our neighbors are fully fed, clothed, housed, and cared for.

Please consider increasing your pledge by 5-15% in order to ensure we have a legacy of people, practice, and place to leave behind for generations to come.

We know many hands make light work, so I fully trust that, with all of us doing our part to fund the mission of Saint Andrew's, we can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

This is God's promise. This is our responsibility.

Thank you, in advance, for your generous pledge to fund Saint Andrew's 2027 budget.

Bless you, each & always,

Carola Wittmann, Senior Warden
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