

Grateful & Growing:



Being a Good Neighbor

Stewardship & Capital Campaign St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Making our Commitments

We have reached that point when each of us will soon be invited to offer financial commitments to both the Annual Ministry Program of St. Andrew's (a one-year pledge to the annual stewardship campaign to cover parish operating expenses) as well as to our ***Grateful and Growing: Being a Good Neighbor*** Capital Campaign (a three-year commitment above and beyond our regular offering). As we draw closer to making our commitments to sustain the vital needs of our church, celebrate this opportunity to serve God with what has first been given to you. See below for a list of activities that will culminate in our commitment.

On page two of this newsletter you will find a letter from Fr. Rich inviting you to prayerfully consider your gift not only for our annual stewardship campaign, but also your three-year commitment to the ***Grateful and Growing: Being a Good Neighbor*** Capital Campaign. It is hoped that by now you have had an opportunity to participate in one of the Informational Gatherings that have been offered over the last several weeks. In addition, you should have recently received a campaign booklet in which you can read the Campaign Case Statement which clearly explains our Campaign mission. You will also find it on page 3 of this newsletter. The booklet also contains pages answering frequently asked questions. If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact one of the campaign committee members.

Included in this newsletter you will find a commitment card. You are asked to prayerfully consider your gift and then complete the card and return it to church either by mail or on commitment Sunday (December 5). Below you will find a listing of culminating events leading up to the close of the Campaign. We thank you in advance for your consideration and your commitment.

Upcoming Campaign Events

Saturday, December 4: All-Church Celtic Celebration Event - 4:00 p.m. (Broadcast via YouTube)

An hour of fun, entertainment and celebration of the St. Andrew's family. Everyone is encouraged to tune in for this very special event. More information coming soon.

Sunday, December 5: Commitment Worship Services

After prayerful consideration, each of us will decide on the amount of our financial commitments to our campaign. Pledges to our capital campaign are above and beyond our regular faith giving and may be contributed as a one-time gift or in weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual payments over the coming three years ending in December 2024. Please bring your pledge card with you to church on December 5th – or return the card to the church by that date.

January 2022: Commitment Follow-Up

Because we hope to have a 100% response to our stewardship and capital campaign, we will reach out to those who have not made a commitment by December 5th. The purpose of these contacts is to answer any questions, provide information, and receive each household's pledge response.

Sunday, January 30: Celebration Worship Services

We will share the results of the commitments received to date and give thanks for God's abundance in the life our church.



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Dear St. Andrew's family:

Enclosed you will find a commitment card for annual stewardship and our ***Grateful and Growing: Being a Good Neighbor*** capital campaign.

In our worship services on Sunday, December 5th, we will bring our commitment cards to offer them as our generous gifts to the work of ministry through our church. If you are unable to attend in person, please return your card to the church office by December 5th. If you are not yet ready to make your commitment by that weekend, a member of our campaign team will contact you to answer any questions and receive your pledge card.

Before you decide what to financially commit to our campaign, please:

- Prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you give. Seek God's guidance through both careful thought and earnest prayer.
- Consider making gifts that are truly generous. This may mean giving up something or re-ordering financial priorities. It might mean gifting an asset such as stock or property; delaying home repair work or putting off buying new items to replace older ones, etc.
- Seek to grow in faith through your giving - so that completing your gift makes you more aware of God as the Giver from whom all good things come.

To reach our goals, each of us is being asked to step up boldly. The future of our church and its vital mission depend on your response. What should you give? Discuss your gift with others in your home and seek God's guidance. Your prayerful, generous, and faithful gift will both help build up the missions and ministry of our church and be a blessing to you as the giver.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rich +".

The Rev. Rich Weyls
Rector



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We all arrived at St. Andrew's in the middle of the story. St. Andrew's was established in 1906 – long before any of us got here. But regardless of when you encountered St. Andrew's, you know that our parish is a diverse and inclusive family that values you – and every individual – as a child of God, encourages you, challenges you to practice Christ's love, and supports you in your unique ministry. Each of us is a part of the St. Andrew's story today.

Over the past 12 years, capital fund efforts have focused on addressing deferred maintenance and renovation of our church facilities, decreasing our carbon footprint, creating beautiful sacred outdoor spaces, and providing a place where ministry and service can flourish in a multitude of expressions.

In this season of the life of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, we are called to provide for the ongoing vitality of our church. Last year, we were able to acquire the house just north of our existing tandem parking spots (7745 2nd Ave NE) which has a paved lot in the back next to the church's. This acquisition and Capital Campaign:

- Provide 10 more parking spaces, which
 - Promotes the growth of St. Andrew's and
 - Allows us to be good neighbors by alleviating parking issues on neighborhood streets;
- Increase our capacity for partnerships with social service agencies to provide affordable rental housing;
- Enable us to replace fossil-fuel heating systems and appliances with efficient alternatives;
- Allow us to install solar panels on church buildings and rental houses;
- Strengthen our partnership of generations by investing now for future growth and environmental stewardship; and
- Allow us to use one of the houses a Rectory, if needed.

Through the generosity of some of our members, the Vestry was able to obtain temporary financing to purchase the property. We are now establishing the permanent financial plan for this property which includes commitments to pay off the mortgage we are carrying with the Diocese.


In addition, after we raise enough to pay down our mortgage to a manageable level, we are devoting 50% of additional funds to environmental improvements aimed at improving energy efficiency and reducing our carbon footprint.

Our ***Grateful and Growing - Being a Good Neighbor*** capital campaign presents a challenge, but one that is within the capacity of our congregation to achieve. It takes the cooperation and generosity of the entire church membership. Every member is invited to be an important part of this endeavor. Working together we will certainly reach our goals to serve ministry programs today and enhance our capacity for positive growth in our parish and strengthened community connections in the years ahead.

Our campaign impels our mission and ministry forward. Years from now we will remember with pride that we were a vital part of this chapter of the St. Andrew's story.

Exciting Celtic Celebration Planned!

Save the Date - Saturday, December 4



When you imagine a favorite celebration in your life, chances are that memory involved fun-filled and heart-warming interaction with those you hold dear. Generations ago, a band of faithful Episcopalians - members of the former St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake, took a leap of faith and embarked upon the building and creation of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church facilities we enjoy today. They recognized that what they were building was not only for themselves then, but also served as a legacy for future parishioners. This legacy included the later addition of Mentzer House, created in the 60's to serve our burgeoning children and youth programs; a sweeping update of the sanctuary in the mid-90's that rearranged our altar space and included the addition of our Bond tracker organ; various and environmental improvements and updates, as well as updates to our sacred grounds, including the addition of the Labyrinth and columbarium over the course of the 2000's to today.

And so it is, that with our current ***Grateful and Growing Campaign***, we pick up the mantle from those in the past by continuing their visions and ours, for ministry in the future. We recognize that our work begins right here at home with our current St. Andrew's parish family and the many wonderful relationships we share.

For this reason, in order to celebrate all the people of St. Andrew's, past and future, the ***Grateful and Growing: Being a Good Neighbor*** Campaign Committee is excited to invite you to a celebratory event—for you and in honor of you.

Please mark Saturday, December 4, 2021 on your calendars as an afternoon of fun, inspiration, and fellowship, as we celebrate our past and future legacy together. The event will be broadcast on the St. Andrew's YouTube channel and will include lots of fun entertainment.



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