

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Bringing God and people together through the love of Jesus Christ.

Stewardship 2027

Dear Parish Family,

Saint Paul has always been my favorite Apostle because he saw his ministry as a matter of stewardship. The stewardship of both his God-given gifts, and the stewardship of God's people.

While the familiar phrase "time, talent, and treasure" is not Paul's own, his letters give us a wonderful picture of all three. In First Corinthians 3:9 Paul discusses our time: "For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building." As Christians, giving our time is one way we participate in that shared work.

Regarding talent, Paul notes that different believers receive unique spiritual gifts and abilities to build up the body of Christ. In Romans 12:4-6 Paul states: "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us." The different talents each of us have provide nourishment to our community as one body in Christ.

Sharing our treasure is something Paul encourages us to approach with joyful, purposeful and sacrificial generosity. I love Paul's words in Second Corinthians 9:7 "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Paul urges us to contemplate all three of the stewardship points. As we come into our stewardship season, I invite each of us to prayerfully consider our our financial commitment to Saint Andrew's for the coming year. Our pledges ensure growth of our spiritual life, support our clergy and staff, and show Christ's love in our outreach, education and missions in the community.

Saint Andrew's is a beautiful body of people. We are blessed to worship together, to care for one another, and to make a difference in the lives of those both within and beyond our congregation. Thank you for the many ways you share your time, talents and treasure.

With much love,

Kirsten Hosman

Kirsten Hosman
and the Stewardship Committee

For all things come of Thee O Lord,
and of Thine own have we given Thee,
— 1 Chronicles 29:14

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