

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

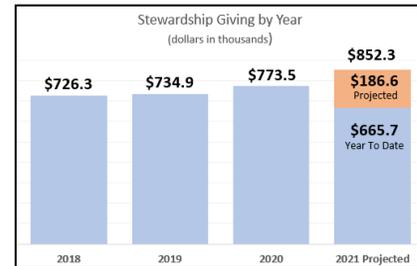
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Letter from the Treasurer

October 2021

Dear St. Paul's family,

As I look back on the last year, I am overcome with gratitude to everyone who has supported St. Paul's, enabling us to weather the storm. Between the strong support from the community through stewardship and prudent decision making and fiscal restraint, the church continued to operate while maintaining its staff and operations. In 2020 we were able to reduce operating expenses by over \$74,000 from the 2019 levels. When we built the operating budget for 2021, there was still a level of economic uncertainty; however, your generosity has been a huge blessing for St Paul's. In the chart, you can see that our total stewardship giving levels were very strong during Covid, and in 2021 we project total giving to be 10% higher than it was in 2020. This level of support will allow St Paul's to do amazing things as we clear a path through the wilderness.



It's an exciting time to be at St. Paul's! We are offering new adult programs this fall in addition to our children's programs. The diocese will welcome a new bishop. Outreach programs will continue as we develop new relationships supporting those in need. As we continue to expand in-person programming, it is crucial that we hire a third priest to assist Noah and Laura. These are all wonderful opportunities! To accomplish all this, we are looking forward to a strong Stewardship Campaign.

I am asking to you to prayerfully consider your response when you receive your Stewardship materials in the upcoming weeks. When I think of "response," I also think of "responsibility." It is up to each of us to determine what our own responsibility is. In the next couple of months, your Vestry will establish a 2022 budget based on the pledges received. It is my fervent prayer that we'll be able to resume full programming and return to a full clergy staff. We are thankful for the Paycheck Protection Program that provided additional support for salaries and utilities during the pandemic, but it has ended, and in the next year, we'll once again look primarily to the St. Paul's community and your Stewardship pledges to meet the community's needs.

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed to St. Paul's in the past year- financially, spiritually, and through your service to the church and community. We appreciate each of your gifts. Please contact me if you have any questions (jantoth223@gmail.com).

God Bless,

Jan Toth, Vestry Member and Treasurer



God loves you. No exceptions.



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