



## OUR MISSION

*The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.*

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“Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”

*Jeremiah 33:3*



### *A Word About Pledging*

*Practically speaking, a “pledge” is an estimate of your giving for the upcoming year, which in turn, funds everything we do as a faith community -- from paying the salaries of our clergy and staff, maintaining our property and facilities, to supporting parish and outreach ministries, pastoral care, worship, education programs, and music. Pledges allow us to dream big and to make bold plans as we make decisions about our priorities and possibilities in the year to come.*



## Hearing God's Call

# CHRIST CHURCH

## 2025

## Stewardship Campaign

## OUR “WHY” ON GIVING TO CHRIST CHURCH

Giving has always been a part of my life. I can remember as a young child putting coins in the collection plate as it passed by our pew. I knew I was giving to God. As an adult, I feel the need and desire to give of my time and money to the Lord who has blessed me immensely. No one really likes to talk about money, but it is necessary for the upkeep of our beautiful building, our clergy and staff, and for the many programs and outreach opportunities we are so fortunate to be able to provide for our parish and community. Thanks be to God! -- *Phyllis Fox, Senior Warden*

Growing up in the post WWII years, the mantra in our home was, “You must grow up to be a good citizen, to be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem.” When we give generously, we will reap a harvest of blessings.” We did, and we do, and the harvest of blessings continues. -- *Susan Moffat-Thomas*

When we are invited to give to Church, Christ Church, we are giving to all His people, not just our church for ministry -- administration, programs, and outreach -- but also for the needs of others. We will never know those who have received prayers -- a kind word, a call, a meal, clothing, shelter, or the means to be lifted out of woeful situations. .  
— *Holly Craighead Lippitt*

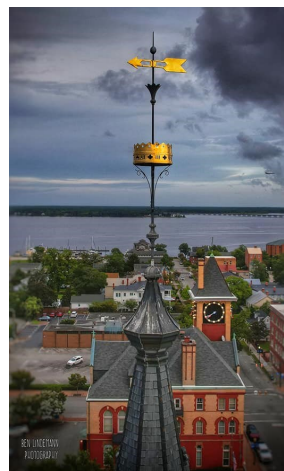
When we moved to New Bern nearly four years ago, we were welcomed with open arms by the clergy, staff and parishioners as if we were family. The parish continues to welcome others in the same manner. Our church has a beautiful building and does many things in the community to assist those who need help and generally enhance the lives of all community members. The parish provides both financial and spiritual assistance where needed with very little restriction. This is why we are happy to contribute and encourage others to do the same.  
-- *Elmer Praul*

## I’m new to “Stewardship” and “Pledging” What do they mean?

Stewardship has been described as “going “all in” with our time, effort, sacrifice, talent and resources. A pledge is a **promise of financial support for our congregation**. We fund our congregation through pledges of support from each of us, the members and friends of the congregation.

## Why does Christ Church need my pledge?

Every Episcopal Church counts on parishioner pledges to support, first and foremost, the operational budget, which in turn supports worship, parish ministry, pastoral care, education, community outreach. Operational funding keeps the doors open and all the moving pieces coming together so the work of the church can continue.



## How does pledging benefit me?

Giving of oneself financially unlocks your heart to allow God to do incredible work both in and through us. The act of giving invites us to participate in furthering God’s word and love in the world. This act can draw us closer to a God who heals; and through our gift, we participate as members of Christ Church in the healing of the world as **we live our faith** in a very tangible way

## I like giving random donations in the collection plate. Can I do that instead?

While we appreciate “open plate” contributions, we cannot build our programs, outreach and staffing plans on them. By making your pledge in advance — even if it’s an estimate — you help Christ Church plan for our next fiscal year. If you like dropping your weekly pledge into the collection plate during the service, please do so. You can also pay online or mail a check if you prefer.

## Who knows how much I pledge?

Your pledge is confidential and never published. While the congregation will see campaign totals as part of the Annual Report, your individual pledge will only be known by those with a need to know.

*“For if willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has.”*

*2 Corinthians 8:12*

## What if I can’t honor my pledge?

Pledge what feels like an attainable goal for your family. If unforeseen circumstances occur, you may modify your pledge amount by contacting Cindy Tripp at [cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:cindytripp@christchurchnewbern.com)

*“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*

*Hebrews 13:16*