

Saint Anne Episcopal Church

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Dear Parishioner,

Giving ourselves completely to Jesus means giving Him everything we are and have, our personalities and our possessions. Why are we called to do this? Because every good thing in our lives is His already. St. Paul asks this question, "What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?" (1 Corinthians 4:7 NRSV). It's a rhetorical question. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God.

Of course, there is some truth in telling ourselves that we've worked hard for what we have. And so we rightly have a sense of ownership over it. Nevertheless, it would be foolish to think we've done it all on our own. In fact, every good thing in our lives can be traced back to God's grace and mercy. Without Him we would have nothing. Indeed, without Him we would not exist!

In light of this truth, how should we contribute our time, talent, and treasure? Since we are God's children, it's our responsibility to take ownership of Saint Anne. In other words, Saint Anne is as much our house as it is God's house. And that is why this year's stewardship theme is "Our House."

Just as Nehemiah was chosen by God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, we are chosen by God to "rebuild" Saint Anne. By recommitting ourselves to our mission, we dedicate ourselves to worship God, serve others, study the faith, and proclaim the Gospel.

Rebuilding Saint Anne means committing ourselves like never before to spiritual and financial renewal. Remember, this is "Our House!"

In Christ's Love,

Fr. David Miller

Stewardship Committee: Tony Bergerson, Carol Brown, Marylynne Henry, Mary Perkins, and Carolyn Wasko

We, the congregation of Saint Anne Episcopal Church, embracing unity not uniformity, respond to God's call to be Christ's presence in the world. Through our common life we dedicate ourselves to worship God, serve others, study the faith, and proclaim the Gospel.