

Saint Anne Episcopal Church

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Dear Parishioner,

Intentional giving to Saint Anne is much more than paying bills. Our giving is a reflection of what we believe about stewardship. To be a good steward means understanding that all we have, our time, talent, and treasure is a gracious gift from God. God has entrusted these things to us so that we may partner with Him in building up and caring for “Our House.”

On the other side of this letter you will see that our operating budget for 2021 has been set at \$325,000. You will also read brief explanations in answer to three vital questions: 1. What is intentional giving? 2. How do I know how much to give? 3. What is proportional giving? For your reference there is a chart that may assist you in determining your commitment for 2021.

With respect to how much to give and proportional giving, I have several thoughts to add. First, please only pledge what you can realistically give. In so doing, you help us get to a real working budget. Moreover, you fulfill an intentional commitment, and that’s something to feel good about! Second, if you are not in the habit of turning in an intentional giving card, please pray seriously about doing so. By receiving an intentional giving card from everyone, we get that much closer to a real working budget. Third, please pray earnestly about increasing your intentional giving by up to one percent. The ideal is to give ten percent. Let’s make a unified commitment to move toward the ideal—one small step at a time.

In Christ,

Fr. David Dallas 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.

What is Intentional Giving?

Life is uncertain; therefore, intentional giving is what one expects one can give to the church in the coming year. It is not a bill to be paid. As the year progresses, some may even find they can give more than originally intended.

How do I know how much to give?

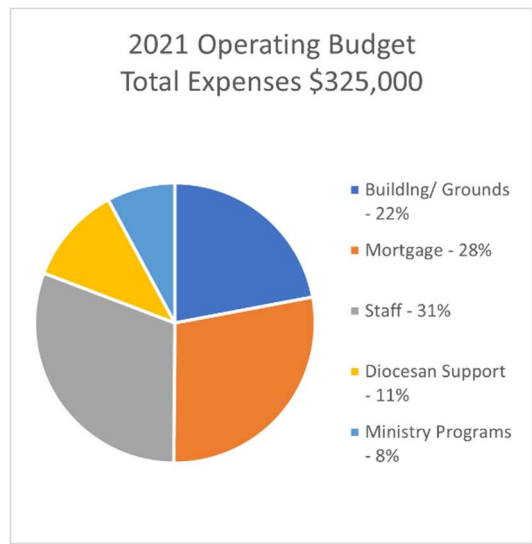
Giving should be a joy and a blessing. "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7)

In the Bible, there are many references to tithing, a giving of ten percent. "And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you" (Gen 28:22). Ultimately, one should diligently pray and seek God's wisdom in the matter of how much to give.

What is proportional giving?

Proportional giving is giving back to God a measured portion of what God has given us in a committed and faithful manner. For most, that is giving in relation to your income. The chart below shows just that. Start at a giving percent where you are comfortable and make a commitment to grow year by year in your giving. As our giving increases, not only does the church grow, but we also grow and mature in our faith and in our relationship to God.

Income	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 450	\$ 400	\$ 350	\$ 300	\$ 250	\$ 200	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 50
\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 900	\$ 800	\$ 700	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 400	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$ 100
\$ 25,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,000	\$ 750	\$ 500	\$ 250
\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
\$ 60,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,400	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,200	\$ 600
\$ 75,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,250	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,500	\$ 750
\$ 100,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
\$ 125,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 11,250	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,750	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,250	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,750	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,250
\$ 150,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,500	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500



Operating Budget: Saint Anne

In the Episcopal Church, the congregation is responsible for the financial support of the church. The vestry forms a budget based on expected contributions. Each fall, members return an intentional giving card.

The vestry of Saint Anne is committed to a balanced budget. All income received through intended giving and other offerings fund the parish. As giving grows, so do our ministries.

Due to circumstances of COVID-19 in 2020, the 2021 budget for Saint Anne is set to meet our current obligations. We anticipate that our operations will run approximately \$6300/week. As we continue to rebuild *Our House*, we hope to offer additional programs, ministries, and replenish our reserves.

Note: The amount of individual monetary gifts is always kept confidential and known only by our treasurer who receives the contributions.