

2017 Stewardship Celebration

Our 2017 Stewardship Campaign begins on Sunday, October 2. Thank you for your heartfelt consideration of your gift to St. James Church.

Please complete the information section below and return your pledge via postal mail (or in person) to the church office, e-mail to Julie Suiter (our bookkeeper) at sjbkkpr@gmail.com, or simply place it in the offering plate at Sunday worship.

Frequently Asked Questions about pledges at St. James:

† ***I can't give as much as I did in the past. Times are tough for me.***

There are other members of St. James who feel this way, but they have found it possible to support the church faithfully in good times and in bad times. Your level of giving is always confidential. *God will know what is in your heart.* We simply ask that you give whatever you can out of your love of God and His church.

† ***My income is uncertain. Why can't I just put money in the collection plate week-to-week without pledging?***

St. James appreciates those who provide offerings in the plate on Sundays! But giving a commitment in the form of a pledge helps us establish a budget and manage the parish's obligations properly throughout the year. Moreover, pledging members of St. James feel spiritual joy and satisfaction in being true members of St. James and the church's ministries, regardless of the dollar amount pledged!

† ***I worry that I will not be able to keep my pledge, and I don't want to let the church down.***

Many of us also worry about unexpected financial situations that might affect our ability to keep our pledges current, but please understand that you may adjust your pledge at any time throughout the year if your circumstances change. Who knows, perhaps through the grace of God you will be able to *increase* your pledge during the year. That is also allowed!

† ***I help out family members in need, give to the United Way, the Community Food Bank, St. Jude's Hospital, the symphony, etc., instead of giving a pledge to the church.***

Virtually all members who pledge support of St. James Church also give donations to worthy individuals and organizations. These donations serve good, noble, and even Godly purposes. Yet the Episcopal view of scripture clearly teaches us of God's expectation that tithes and offerings be given faithfully at the temple to fulfill God's ministry through the church. We ask that you prayerfully consider God's gifts given to you—*His gifts were given unconditionally*—and similarly seek to give in joy.

My 2017 Pledge to St. James Episcopal Church

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

In joyful thanksgiving for the blessings of God and St. James Church, please accept my pledge for 2017:

Weekly: \$ _____ (x 52 = annual amount: _____)

or

Monthly: \$ _____ (x 12 = annual amount: _____)

or

Quarterly: \$ _____ (x 4 = annual amount: _____)

or

Annual: \$ _____

I would like to pay my pledge through monthly automatic withdrawals from my bank.

Bank Name: _____

Routing Number: _____

Account Number: _____

Amount: _____ Checking Savings

Select One: Pay on the 5th Pay on the 20th

This authorization will expire in December of the current year. It will remain in full force and effect until that expiration unless written notification is received.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 12:34

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____