

What is stewardship?

- ◆ As good stewards, we care for one another and all of God's creation.
- ◆ We accept with joy and gratitude what God gives us.
- ◆ We ask for God's guidance for responsible use of our efforts, our skills, and our resources.
- ◆ We commit to use God's gifts for the work God challenges us to do.

How can we be faithful stewards?

- ◆ Trinity Church is an active parish, serving the needs of our members, our local community, and the world. Our staff, ministry and mission teams, choirs, and various groups are committed, hard-working, and faithful. You can offer your talents and time by selecting opportunities on the Time and Talent folder.
- ◆ As faithful stewards, we pledge our time, talents, and treasure generously and with joy. Doing so serves God and our neighbors in this community and around the world.

How much should I pledge?

Every pledge counts and every pledge matters! While pledging is a personal commitment between us and God, we must also be good stewards of what God has provided. A "Growth Giving Chart" is printed on the following page to assist you to grow your giving.

		Weekly offering (rounded to nearest dollar)													
		2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	13%	14%	15%
Household Income	\$10,000	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$13	\$15	\$17	\$19	\$21	\$23	\$25	\$27	\$29
	\$20,000	\$8	\$12	\$15	\$19	\$23	\$27	\$31	\$35	\$38	\$42	\$46	\$50	\$54	\$58
	\$30,000	\$12	\$17	\$23	\$29	\$35	\$40	\$46	\$52	\$58	\$63	\$69	\$75	\$81	\$87
	\$40,000	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$46	\$54	\$62	\$69	\$77	\$85	\$92	\$100	\$108	\$115
	\$50,000	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$58	\$67	\$77	\$87	\$96	\$106	\$115	\$125	\$135	\$144
	\$60,000	\$23	\$35	\$46	\$58	\$69	\$81	\$92	\$104	\$115	\$127	\$138	\$150	\$162	\$173
	\$80,000	\$31	\$46	\$62	\$77	\$92	\$108	\$123	\$138	\$154	\$169	\$185	\$200	\$215	\$231
\$100,000	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$115	\$135	\$154	\$173	\$192	\$212	\$231	\$250	\$269	\$288	
\$150,000	\$58	\$87	\$115	\$144	\$173	\$202	\$231	\$260	\$288	\$317	\$346	\$375	\$404	\$433	
\$200,000	\$77	\$115	\$154	\$192	\$231	\$269	\$308	\$346	\$385	\$423	\$462	\$500	\$538	\$577	
\$250,000	\$96	\$144	\$192	\$240	\$288	\$337	\$385	\$433	\$481	\$529	\$577	\$625	\$673	\$721	

What Is a Pledge?

Joyful Generosity 2018



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As we begin to look towards a new year in the life and ministry of Trinity Church, every one of us has a reason to be grateful for this special place.

Trinity Church nourishes us in so many different ways: through uplifting worship and the sharing of God's holy meal; through fellowship with friends both new and long-standing; through sharing our tasks and celebrating our accomplishments; and through facing the challenges of life together, with God-given courage, strength and joy.

Give thanks with a grateful heart!

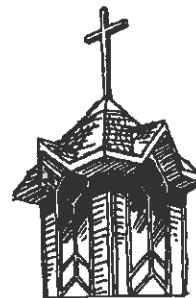
As we do each fall, Trinity Church is asking you to pledge your financial support for the mission and ministry of our parish. In recognition and celebration of all that our parish means to us, we ask you to make your pledge as an expression of grateful thanks for all that God gives to you.

What is a pledge?

- ◆ By pledging you make a good faith commitment. You choose an amount of money to give to the church – weekly, monthly, quarterly, or even annually. You also commit your effort and skills to God's work at Trinity Church.

Why should I pledge?

- ◆ Pledging is a spiritual practice. It confirms your identity as a child of God and a member of Christ's body in the Church. It promotes your spiritual growth.
- ◆ You are a steward. Led by the Holy Spirit, you can commit yourself to making sincere and purposeful promises about how best to use God's gifts. In our Eucharistic Prayer, we talk about "our duty and our joy." Part of our joyful duty is to support the work of our Church. We don't have membership fees or dues; instead, we ask our members to join in the voluntary practice of pledging.
- ◆ Jesus bids us to be intentional and serious about our giving. He said, in his Sermon on the Mount, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Pledging is thus a holy "habit of the heart."



How should I pledge?

- ◆ Pledge with Joyful Generosity. Pledge from your heart. Do what you feel called to do and what feels right.
- ◆ If this is your first pledge, pick an amount that you can comfortably pay. Get some successful experience making and fulfilling a pledge. Notice what portion or percentage of your income that pledge represents.
- ◆ If you already pledge, try to increase the percentage of your income as well as the dollar amount.
- ◆ When you have decided on your pledge amount for 2018, we ask you to complete a pledge card stating your intention. Confidential pledge cards (both Financial and Time and Talent) are enclosed, and available throughout the year. We encourage you to return them on Commitment Sunday, November 12th. There will be a Stewardship Celebration on that day.

