

October 26, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's:

To say this year has been a challenging one for so many in our Church Community would be an understatement. We know we will continue to be called to grow in the midst of historic challenges to our public health and our economic wellbeing. Your Stewardship Committee has framed our theme this year against this backdrop of uncertainty; that through all this we are Growing, Grateful, and Giving together.



God is calling us to grow in faith and to develop those practices that will sustain us into the weeks, months and years to come. Thinking through the ways that our walk with God calls us to give of ourselves is an essential practice for our Church Community.

This fall, we will begin a process of spiritual-growth that will deepen our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. We are shifting our intent and approach for our stewardship season. We will not be focusing on budgets, bottom lines, and the basics of church finance. Rather, we will spend this season being mindful and contemplative about our finances, and what and why we give to God as part of our own spiritual development.

Sunday, November 15th is our congregation's Stewardship Celebration Sunday. On this Sunday, everyone who calls St. Mark's their spiritual home will be invited to join the whole community in making a financial commitment to the work of God at St. Mark's. We will be planning Covid-safe ways to join together in deepening our faith and growing with God; and we invite you to join with us in this act of Worship.

We are excited about this season and look forward to seeing how, as the people of St. Mark's, we use our blessings to give back to the work of God in the world.

Blessings,

Meredithe Sweeney
Senior Warden

Christopher McLaren
Rector