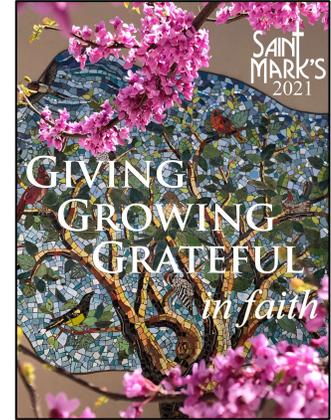


November 9, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's:

Next Sunday, November 15th, is our Stewardship Celebration Sunday! We hope that you have received clear instructions on how to best participate with us this coming week by participating in our Pandemic of Giving Parade from 11 – noon in the east parking lot or by putting your Estimate of Giving Card in the mail that same day. As a member of our community, we know that you have been prayerfully considering your spiritual growth and the ministry of our Church and we hope you are ready to join in celebrating this essential call of our Christian Life.



Our goal is to have every household that is a part of our faith community from the regular worship attendee to the coffee hour enthusiast join us in celebration with one another in supporting our Church by, well, supporting our Church! Making an intentional, regular and percentage-based commitment to the work of God at St. Mark's is an important part of your Christian practice and life that leads to growth. Committing a portion of our financial resources is an act of spiritual Worship and deepens our involvement in the work of God in the world. When we invest ourselves in giving back some of what God has given us, we also begin to invest ourselves and our energies more significantly in the work of God in the world. Yes, it is true, that the financial resources we each give help the Church to operate and pay its expenses, but that is not the primary reason for giving. God calls each one of us to give in response to God's generosity in our own lives, as all that we have and all that we are belongs to God.

Enclosed with this letter you will find your Estimate of Giving Card, and a postage-paid return envelope. We ask that, during worship next Sunday, you fill out and place your Card in your outgoing mail. Alternately, you can drive to St. Mark's between 11 and noon to be part of the Pandemic of Giving Parade and turn in your Card in-person. You will also find a brief stewardship response questionnaire that we hope you will return along with your Card. A gift to the community is also included in this mailing, "A St. Mark's Stewardship Companion and Devotional," that includes writing, artwork and photography from our own members.

We will be reporting back on Stewardship Celebration Sunday and our common commitment to growth in giving on Sunday November 22th. We want to be sure that your gift is counted among the gifts of our whole congregation and that everyone who is able participates in Stewardship Celebration Sunday.

If you have any additional questions regarding how to participate in our Stewardship Celebration Sunday, please contact Meredith Sweeney at (602) 405-2260 so we can make sure you are able to participate.

Blessings,



Meredith Sweeney
Senior Warden



Christopher McLaren
Rector