

STEWARDSHIP



GROUNDING IN GRATITUDE
REVEALED IN PRAYER
LIVED IN FAITH...

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY FOR 130 YEARS

WELCOME TO THE JOURNEY...

St. Paul's is ALIVE!! For a hundred and thirty years (1880-2010) St. Paul's has served the Brighton Community and we plan to continue well into the future.

The Holy Spirit is alive and well in our ministries, in our energy and in our hopes for the future. Our ministries are thriving and our facility has never looked better.

Through the generosity and energy of our members we are working to accomplish God's incredible vision among us. We are changing lives and helping "the least of these" among us particularly during times of distress.

We believe that Stewardship is "grounded in gratitude, revealed in prayer and lived in faith". We know that it is God who has given us all we need to do the ministry to which we are called.



Generous and Loving God, source of all things, open our hearts to experience the joy of giving. Make us grounded in gratitude and awakened in faith by your Holy Spirit; Through Jesus Christ your one true gift of love. Amen.

Especially in a challenging economic climate, we are called to be a calming and transforming presence in our community.

If we truly believe in a risen Christ, our loving actions and bold responses to the needs of our communities will be witness to our faith. We invite you to continue in this journey, to take a step out in faith.

This presentation is intended to convey a real picture of what we are doing through the generosity of our members and friends. We have demonstrated in graphic and narrative form the areas of ministry in we are currently actively involved.



VESTRY STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE in a giving and loving God.

WE BELIEVE THAT:

- Everything is a gift from God
- We are created to reflect God's generous and loving nature
- We are called to celebrate God's blessings by giving joyfully

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO:

- Giving as generously as we have been given to by God
- Sharing the abundance of the spirit present whenever we gather in worship or fellowship
- Discerning God's intention for our lives through the holy habits of regular prayer, study and worship
- Using our God-given gifts creatively and acting as instruments of God's reconciling love in the world

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO:

- join us in this journey of faith
- embrace these commitments
- celebrate with us the sharing of God's gifts

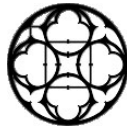
Dear Friends of Saint Pauls,

As we share our Stewardship journey together I thought I could offer a prayer

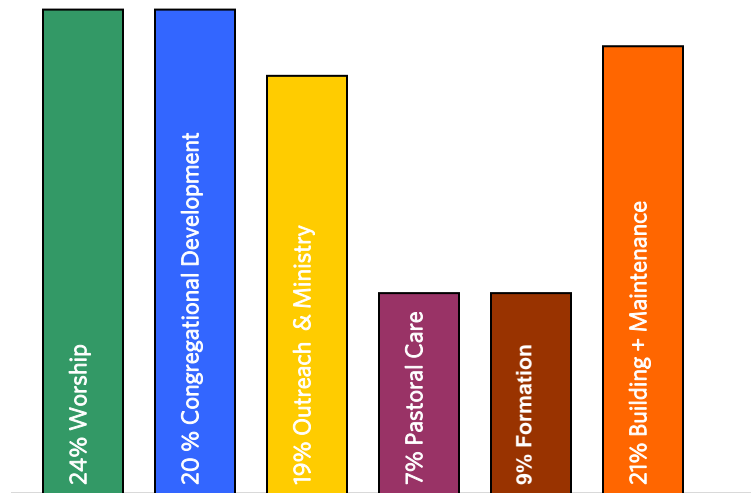
Lord, May I daily give thanks for your gifts. May I be caught up in the flow of energy and love that is life in your Kingdom. May I see each day, a way to share what you have given me as gracious as it was shared with me. Amen.

God bless us as we move forward along this path. Thank you for allowing me to share in this journey

Laurie Bourbonais, Stewardship Committee Chair



**IN 2009, HERE IS HOW ST. PAUL'S
PUT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORK!**



Worship	\$55,057.44
Congregational Development	\$45,881.20
Outreach & Ministry	\$43,587.14
Pastoral Care	\$16,058.42
Formation	\$20,646.54
Building & Maintenance	\$48,175.26

2009 Parish Budget Total \$229,406.00

WORSHIP

Worship is central to who we are as a community of faith in Brighton. What we do when we gather to worship empowers and encourages us to “go forth into the world” to do the work we have been given to do.



WORSHIP INCLUDES:

Altar supplies + Musicians + Choir Director + Celebrants & Preachers + Seminarian + Work of the Rector + Worship Materials + Special Worship Services + Offering Envelops etc.

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

To function effectively as a Christian community, we need to communicate with each other, to study and learn together and to join together in fellowship. These activities build the bonds of relationship and enrich our life of faith. Growth involves not only numbers but spiritual growth and a growth in our understanding of how we express our faith.

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCLUDES

Adult Formation + Parish Life + Website + Stewardship + Communication + Deanery + Training + Parish mailings + E-News + Social Dinners etc.



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

St. Paul's is known as a place where the hands and heart of Christ is truly present. We are known for our Outreach and our emphasis on caring for people. Outreach is expressed through parishioners' time (lots of it), talents (using one's abilities to do what needs to be done) and gifts of money.

OUTREACH & MINISTRIES INCLUDES

ERD + R.E.A.C.H. + Fish & Loaves + Pledge to Diocese + Art Fair + Annual Boutique + G3 Garden + Well & Malaria Projects etc.



PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care is the ongoing support by our clergy and lay people for the nurturing of our parish. In this way, we express the meaning of Christian community by sharing with each other our time, talent and treasure.

PASTORAL CARE INCLUDES

Eucharistic Visitor Training + Pastoral Visits + Rector Visits + Small Group Ministries + Admin. Support + Crisis Care + Hospital Visits + Pre-Marriage Prep + Baptism Prep etc.





FAITH FORMATION: CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS

Children are our future, but they are also our present. As we share in the responsibility of guiding them through church life, they, in turn guide us, leading by example with their own "childlike" faith.

As adults we are on a journey of discovery much like our children. We are called to a process of continued learning about what our faith in Jesus Christ means and how that is expressed in our daily lives.

STEWARDSHIP IS A JOURNEY...

Stewardship is the sense of gratitude for all that is given to us. Through prayer, God's guidance reveals how to use our gifts.

Being a faithful steward of God's blessings enables us to experience the joy of giving and is an opportunity for spiritual growth, and developing a deeper and trusting relationship with God.

Accepting stewardship is an integral part of our spiritual journey.

WHAT PORTION SHALL I GIVE IN 2010?

By considering our gift to the church as a proportion of income, we establish priorities that reflect our relationship with God. Determining our giving to God through the church requires prayer and faith. Biblical tradition, as well as the teaching of the Episcopal Church, suggests the practice of giving away 10% (a tithe) of our income.

For some, it is helpful to calculate the current percent of income given to the church and to grow one or two percent per year until the tithe is reached. As a guide for your stewardship journey, we offer this proportionate giving chart.

Annual Income	2%	6%	10%	12%	15%
\$15,000	\$300	\$900	\$1,500	\$18,00	\$2,250
\$20,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$3,000
\$30,000	\$600	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$4,500
\$40,000	\$800	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$4,800	\$6,000
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
\$60,000	\$1,200	\$3,600	\$6,000	\$7,200	\$9,000
\$75,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$9,000	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$15,000

YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?!?

For some, giving back 10% (or more) of their annual household income is a daunting challenge. This is why stewardship is about growth. It encourages us to assess where we are in returning a substantial portion of our blessings back to God out of gratitude for everything we have been given. It is about finding a level of giving that brings us joy.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOURNEY TOGETHER...