



We strive to use your pledges of financial support to faithfully share the love of Jesus Christ in the coming year at Good Shepherd. Some of your gifts go directly to ministry; other gifts support our staff and facilities that also support a variety of ministries.

Here is one way to review how their work, our facilities and your gifts are allocated. Please pray that our church can continue to provide hope in many ways, as we direct the funds you give to:

Worship, liturgy and music: \$301,000

Family, adult and children education and formation: \$131,000

Mission, outreach, social justice and denominational support: \$57,500

Our church could not exist without your generous and sacrificial support. Thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry work. It is a testimony of *your* hope for our common goals. It is a joy and privilege to serve with you at Good Shepherd.



CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Loving and Gracious God,

Together with our sisters and brothers in faith, we join in gratitude for the countless blessings You have given to us. Among those blessings is a church home which nurtures and supports our hope.

Strengthen that hope that we may give sacrificially of our time, talents, and treasure to our church, to sustain and expand Your ministries.

Send the blessing of generosity upon each of us. Help us to see how Hope Grows Here this year. Help us to love and care for one another.

*In Jesus name we pray,
Amen*



Good Shepherd
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



From Fr. Gary

Your Decision to Give

Dear friends,

As we embark on this year's stewardship campaign, its name, *Hope Grows Here*, tells us why we want to support our church: we are spreading the Good News. When we come together in church to worship God, we can look around and be reminded that our sisters and brothers, our friends in Christ, are there with us. The Good Shepherd community gives us hope . . . and strengthens us to go out and share that hope with others.

This community is welcoming and supportive, generous and prayerful, committed to the call of Jesus. Within this community we pray, we worship, we find ourselves with God. This community educates us, adults and children, in our faith. It consoles us in challenging times. And it challenges us when we are tempted to become too comfortable.

In order to do all this, our community relies on you and your resources of time, talent and finances. I hope you will prayerfully consider what support you can offer to advance all the activities of our church. Your gift to *Hope Grows Here* will have a direct impact on how we can continue to nurture the hope-full and hope-giving ministries we share.

Please take a few moments to review this brochure and pray about the response you wish to make on the enclosed pledge card. We will be celebrating our hope on Commitment Sunday, and together with our sisters and brothers, we will offer our pledges to God. Thank you for your prayers and your financial commitment, expressions of *your* hope for the future of this flock!

In Christ,
Gary +



The purpose of the *Hope Grows Here* Annual Stewardship Campaign is to encourage and inspire you to generously support your community of faith, our church. The decision of what you will give to our church and its ministries is one of the most important spiritual decisions you will make all year and a testimony of your hope for our future.

It's very important, then, that you first pray and discern what God would have you do regarding your pledge. We want any decision to support our church to be based in prayer.

So, you might consider:

How has God blessed you? What resources has God provided (and you are now managing) that you could share with our church – time, talent, or treasure?

What impact for Christ can be made through your giving? Our church needs you and your gifts to serve God in our community.

Every gift, regardless of size, is important to furthering the ministry work at our church.

What are the practical and spiritual implications for you or you and your family when you participate in supporting the work of the church?

What is God leading you to give in terms of time and treasure? Pray for God's guidance, both for yourself and for the leaders of the church. We want to grow hope this year, following God's will.

Please remember, all gifts to the *Hope Grows Here* stewardship campaign are important. Our goal is for 100% of our members and regular attendees to support this effort. We are so grateful for your generosity and support. Please pray for us as we plan and prepare for the coming ministry year.

COMMONLY ASKED Questions & Answers ABOUT YOUR DECISION TO GIVE

What is our goal for annual ministry support for the upcoming year? We anticipate we will need \$437,500 in total giving this year to support all the mission and ministry of our church. We are trusting God to meet our needs so that we can effectively minister the love of God.

How much should I give? This is between you and God. We ask, however, that you prayerfully consider giving at least 3-5 percent of your income to God's work at our church.

Regardless of the amount you decide to give, all gifts to *Hope Grows Here* are significant and will help us fulfill our mission to spread the love of Jesus.

When should I turn in my pledge card? Commitment Sunday for the *Hope Grows Here* campaign is Sunday, November 4th.

Please bring your pledge card to church that day. If you will not be at church that day, you can use the envelope provided to mail your pledge card to the church. If you prefer, you may hand

deliver your pledge card to the church office or place your pledge card in the offering plate the week before Commitment Sunday.

When should I make my first contribution to *Hope Grows Here*, and how often should I contribute toward my pledge? How much you give and when you give is up to you. Many participants pay a portion of their pledge each week or month. Some pay on a quarterly or annual basis. You can select a donation schedule that works best for you. Pledges to *Hope Grows Here* are for the 2019 calendar year.

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