



# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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September 28, 2011

Dear Parish Friends,

It's fall again and at St. Andrew's that means the annual stewardship campaign has just begun.

As we all know, we are in a time of transition. We entered the interim period with a solid foundation and continue to build upon it. We have much to be thankful for in our lives together.

Like many other aspects of our lives, money, budgets, priorities and goals are all part of the business side of running a parish like St. Andrew's. In simple terms, the parish has a solid revenue base to fund salaries, building maintenance and basic operations. The vibrancy of our life together and the strength of our commitment to the broader community are what remain in question each year as we put together the budget. It's up to us to decide how we respond to God's generosity and how we share that with others.

Please note that we're no longer asking for "pledges". The Vestry has decided to ask parish families for an "Intention of Giving" card. It's a small word change, but we think it's very important. We are asking you to help us plan for 2012 by letting us know what you think you can give to the parish on a regular basis.

2012 will be a year of great discernment as we continue to define who we are as a parish. Our new rector will be discerning if St. Andrew's is the parish he or she is called to serve. Our budget gives explicit information as to where we as a parish put our priorities. Prayerfully consider your 2012 gift and support to St. Andrew's and make that known by returning your Intention of Giving card on October 23, Stewardship Sunday.

Yours in Christ,

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Stewardship Chairman

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