

## **Stewardship Committee Report** **November 2017**

This year, the Vestry set a goal of replenishing several of our key ministries: the Altar Guild, the Children's Ministry, and our Youth Ministry.

In addition, the Vestry hopes to maintain our reserves at 3 months of operating expenses, meet our commitment to our staff by fully funding the Sabbatical Fund, and replace out-of-date computers in the offices.

To this end, the Vestry has prepared a draft 2018 budget that includes an additional \$10,715 in fixed costs and \$11,700 in other recommended increases. This would require a 5.5% increase to our 2017 pledging levels, bringing the budget to an estimated total of \$435,517 in pledges for 2018.

As of November 7<sup>th</sup>, we are making excellent progress toward this goal! We have received 95 pledges coming to \$357,837, including 9 first-time pledges. Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge—this will help the Vestry make informed decisions for next year!

Based on previous years, we estimate that there are about 40-50 more pledges to come. Please send in your pledge card as soon as you are able!

If you are already giving online, we ask that you still turn in a card to indicate whether your pledge will continue next year.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our community at St. Andrew's and for all your feedback on the our goals for the future!