



Dear Friends,

The letters you received over the past two weeks from Amanda+, Senior Warden Drew and Joe+, set the tone for this year's annual campaign. The theme focuses on our own personal stories and the ways we are called to share our words, actions, love, joy, and yes, sometimes, our fears and sadness, with each other and the greater community. In the ever-changing and challenging world in which we live, certain constants remain – our faith in God and the relationships we form here in our church. As Stewardship Chair, I am asking you to reflect on the many ways St. John's connects us to each other and to God.

Each of us have a story to tell about how we found this congregation and continue to call it our church home. Each of us also have dreams and ideas about how to make our world a better place. I believe we embrace St. John's because it offers ministries and opportunities for us to fulfill these missions. At the same time, it provides a place where we are accepted, supported, encouraged, and praised – a refuge when we face our own challenges.

I'd like to share a little bit of my story. I was baptized, confirmed, and married right here at St. John's. My parents, Dave and Sue Martin, have always modeled service and commitment to our church home. I am very fortunate. The nurturing I received both at home and at church helped make me the person I am today. Ted and I were blessed to offer our children a similar experience, and we are very proud of the thoughtful, generous adults they have grown up to be, thanks in part to the warm community of St. John's.

As you examine this year's campaign, I hope you will join me in embracing your unique St. John's story as you discern how you will share your resources with our church family and community. Over the past year, we have lost some beloved members of St. John's, and their absence will be felt in many ways. These parishioners were consistently generous donors. If you are able, will you consider increasing your 2026 commitment to help make up for what we anticipate will be a 16% loss of pledge revenue? Each dollar you pledge and hour you volunteer is transformed through prayer and grace into ministry and mission. Whatever you decide, know that your commitment is a blessing and helps St. John's to continue to be the warm, welcoming, life-changing home we all love.

With sincere appreciation,

Pam Loose,
Stewardship Committee Chair

P.S. Turning in your pledge card on November 2nd or before will help Vestry develop a balanced 2026 budget.

P.P.S. Please check out the back of the pledge card where you can share your volunteer interests and unique St. John's story.



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