

Cheerful Givers

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Stewardship Committee Chairman

St Peter's people are a loving and giving people. We give because we want to give. We give because what we receive from giving is greater than what we give.

I am always moved by the giving of the people of this parish. On August 30th, we concluded our clothes drive for needy students at Wicomico Middle School. The Outreach Committee, which spearheaded this campaign, would have been grateful if only half of the items that were requested had been donated. Instead, members of St Peter's gave at least twice what was asked.

This is just one recent example of the giving of St Peter's people. This fall, there will be more opportunities for us to give of ourselves through several of our church's ministries. These will be highlighted at our Ministry Fair on September 13th.

During our Stewardship campaign which also begins on September 13th, we will hear from representatives from our Youth, Music, and Outreach Ministries during Vision Moments at each of our Sunday services. They will discuss some exciting things their ministries have planned for the fall and the coming year. Among which are a Youth Ministries Intern to spearhead the mission to our youth, a Children's Choir, and a Faith Based Partnership with the Wicomico Middle School.

These ministries which serve the needs of this parish and this community are only made possible when we give of our time, talent, and treasure. From now until October 18th when we will be invited to place our pledge cards on the altar, I ask that you reflect on what you are currently giving of your time and talent, but especially of your treasure. Your financial giving allows this church to fund these various ministries and much more.

The standard of giving in the Episcopal Church is 10% of one's income. I ask that you prayerfully consider how much you currently give, and how much more you are able to give. If you are currently not a pledger at St Peter's, prayerfully consider pledging for 2016. If you are a pledger prayerfully consider how much more you can give.

I look forward to joining you on that walk up to the altar on October 18th.

II Corinthians 9:7