

It's time to prepare for 2021!

About this stewardship brochure...

Please let us know about your interests and planned contributions for the coming year at Saint James.

Part 1 is for your personal reference—a reminder of your plan for stewardship in 2021. Please return the second and third parts to the parish treasurer.

Part 2 (offering time and talents & your interest in Christian formation) will be given to the priest and vestry, to let them know about your interest in continuing and new activities and programs at Saint James.

Part 3 (your financial pledge) is held in confidence and used by the parish treasurer to estimate the financial resources available to the church.

Your response by December 4, 2021 will be most helpful.

Thank you!

St. James Parish Mission Statement

We believe we are Christ's own, and our reason for existence is to follow his commandments to love God, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Saint James Episcopal Church

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Part 2, continued

Interest in Christian Formation

I would like to join with others in learning about Christianity and discipleship, in:

- Youth activities for ages _____.
(age group)
Such as: _____
- Adult activities such as:

- Campus ministry for college students.
- Opportunities at Camp Marshall, the Montana Episcopal Church Camp at Flathead Lake.
- I would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church.

I would like to be trained and assist with worship services as (check all that apply):

- Altar Guild—preparing the altar for worship services;
- Greeter or Usher;
- Lector—reading the lessons;
- Acolyte—assistant to the priest;
- Eucharistic minister—serve the chalice;
- Eucharistic Visitor—taking communion to the sick;
- Crucifer—carrying the cross in procession;
- Worship Leader—leading morning prayer in absence of the priest

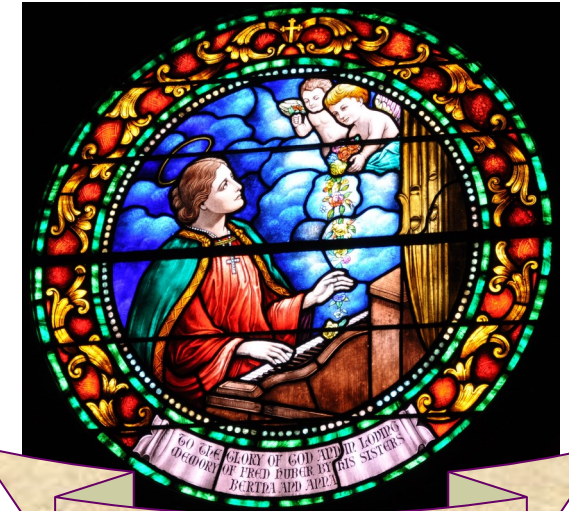
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Investing Our Talents Pledging Stewardship 2021



See what love of the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. - 1 John 3:1

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Part 1: a note to myself

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.—

Matthew 25:14-15



What is a talent? Today we think of talents as personal abilities or special skills. In Jesus' day, a talent was an amount of money worth more than 15 years' wages for a laborer. Five talents were worth a lifetime of labor—82 years!

Money, time, and our abilities are placed into our stewardship by God. As in Jesus' parable of the talents retold by Matthew, God does not endow us all equally, yet *all* our talents are to be invested wisely, bearing fruit, and not hidden away.

This year I will search for buried treasure—hidden talents of all kinds. I will bring out those talents, dust them off, and invest them so that they may bear fruit.



My 2021 Stewardship Pledge includes:

Part 2: a note for the Parish Priest & Vestry

Offering Time and Talents

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me”—Matthew 25:40



I would like to be involved in the activities of St. James Episcopal Church (check all that apply):

- The Vestry—providing leadership on the business council of the church, as () Secretary, () Treasurer, or () general member.
- Hospitality/luncheon committee—preparing meals for funerals and other events.
- Newsletter committee—helping produce *The Vine and Branches*, our parish newsletter.
- Maintaining our facilities: cleaning the building—vacuuming, sweeping, mopping; caring for the grounds—raking leaves, mowing, pruning, caring for flower beds, etc.
- Welcoming newcomers to St. James.
- Hosting Sunday coffee hour, providing food for the fellowship.
- Volunteering at the Wood Bank, food pantry, or serving the community in other ways.
- Other ideas : _____

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Part 3: a note for the Parish Treasurer



2021 Financial Pledge

What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in honor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power... It is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.
—1 Corinthians 15:42-46

I/we pledge financial support for the worship services, pastoral care, mission outreach, day-to-day operation, and long-term maintenance of St. James Episcopal Church in 2021. According to my/our ability, I/we plan to contribute:

\$ _____
(amount)

weekly, monthly, or _____
(frequency)

Name

Mailing Address –Street

Mailing Address—City, State, Zip

Telephone

Email