

A Welcoming Community of Faith



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

Giving Together Our Time ~ Our Talent ~ Our Treasure

WHOEVER SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY, AND WHOEVER SOWS GENEROUSLY WILL ALSO REAP GENEROUSLY. EACH OF YOU SHOULD GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE DECIDED IN YOUR HEART TO GIVE, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.

2ND CORINTHIANS 9: 6-7

We are so lucky to have you as a member of our St Barnabas community! We are humbled by your financial and intangible contributions this past year, and our mission continues this year to impact everyone by our willingness to: Give Together: Our Time ~ Our Talent ~ Our Treasure!

St. Barnabas' is made up of wonderful parishioners like you who freely give of their time, talent, and treasure. Some of our opportunities to serve include: The Altar & Flower Guilds, The Evangelism & Parish Life Team, The Parish Choir, The Vestry Acolytes, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Lectors, Ushers and so much more. We are also proud to offer community building events like: Our Fall Festival, Movie Nights, Organ Concerts & Other Musical Offerings, Sunday School, Adult Education Hour, Free Coffee Friday, and other community building events. We are also grateful for the external ministries that we administer such as Providing Meals, Friendship House - Andrew's Place, Emmanuel Dining Room, The Prayer and Praise Chain, and Stephen Ministers, just to name a few. There are so many ways to participate in the many ministries our church offers. These are the programs and events that lift us up and remind us of the importance of having a giving spirit. This work would not be possible without every single member of our congregation.

To continue offering these services we need your help by donating your precious time and talent. Your support will allow us to reach greater heights and accomplish so much more! Father Kenn and the vestry are working on launching new ministries that will enable us to grow further. Some of these new ministries will include "Pop-Up-Prayer" and "Pictures with Santa". We also need your help with treasure. If you are tithing, we humbly ask that you please continue to do so and Praise the Lord! If you are pledging, we humbly ask that you consider a modest increase in your pledge and God bless you! If you are contributing by prayer, we humbly ask you add in one more "Please Lord" and "Thank You Lord" in your prayers.

St. Barnabas has been a blessing to so many within our four walls and beyond. We know that together we can thrive in ministry at our church, in our community, and in the world. Please pray about your offering commitment for this next phase in our ministry together.

Regards,



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Timeline

November 6th, Week 1 – Giving Our Time (I pledge to be in church)

This week's theme is about pledging our time. That is, the time that we spend in church not doing ministry. This is the time that we spend sitting in the pew or attending social functions or participating in bible study. This should be about not only joining in the life of the church but making a steady commitment to being an active participant in the life of the church looking to grow as a follower of Jesus. Time is precious and once lost, can never be regained. By helping others, you are sharing your personal time for the glory of God. The idea is to communicate that the community of St. Barnabas' has the potential to have a profound effect on our lives. However, we truly only get out as much as we put in.

November 13th, Week 2 – Giving Our Talent (I pledge to join a ministry at St Barnabas)

This week's theme is about pledging the use of our talent for growing God's kingdom. Your special gift of talent is the only unique gift you can give for the benefit of others. The Bible tells us that we are all born with distinct talents and gifts that set us apart from each other. When you discover the talents that God has given you and you use them to glorify Him, you will experience a full life! Our loving Lord wants us to feel whole and complete, and it is through talents that we can find our unique calling in life!

November 20th, Week 3 – Giving Our Treasure (I pledge to give financially in thanks to God)

This week's theme is about pledging the use of our treasure. Sharing treasure is a Christian need that shows gratitude to God for the material gifts bestowed to us. Your gift of treasure is a direct gift only you can give, and it is in giving that we receive. The giving of our finances to our church more than ensures that the lights stay on, and salaries are paid. Our stewardship giving unlocks our innate generosity to give a portion of our financial means we have been blessed with as a response to a life-giving and generous God.

HE LOOKED UP AND SAW THE RICH PUTTING THEIR GIFTS INTO THE TREASURY; AND HE SAW A POOR WIDOW PUT IN HER TWO COPPER COINS. AND HE SAID, "TRULY I TELL YOU, THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT IN MORE THAN ALL OF THEM; FOR THEY ALL CONTRIBUTED OUT OF THEIR ABUNDANCE, BUT SHE OUT OF HER POVERTY PUT IN ALL THE LIVING SHE HAD."

LUKE 21: 1-4

November 27th, Week 4 – In-Gathering

We bring our pledge cards to church this day. During the offertory, we bring them forward and prayerfully lay them on the altar where they are blessed by the priest.

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Giving Together

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We at St. Barnabas have been incredibly blessed by your gifts this previous year! As we move into the new year, we ask that you prayerfully consider your support to help us do more of this vital work. Charity is a continuous effort to make life better for others, especially those who have less than you. No matter your financial situation right now, there's always something that you can do to improve the lives of others. That's how charity should be. It's not about what you can give but what you are willing to give.

Time & Talent: I/We pledge to join/stay involved in _____ Church ministries

For those who cannot come to church or participate in ministries, we ask for your prayers.

Treasure: I/We pledge – Weekly \$_____ or Monthly \$_____ or Yearly \$_____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature(s)

On behalf of the entire congregation, thank you for your generous gift to St. Barnabas. We are so lucky to have your support.

Please bring this form to church on Sunday November 27th. Our pledges will be presented at the altar during the service.

Please consider the giving guidelines below when discerning your pledge, thank you again!

Weekly Income	Beyond A Tithe		Tithe	Upper Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Lower Range Giving		
	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$200	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$300	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$400	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$500	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$600	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$700	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$800	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$900	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$1,000	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$1,100	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$2,000	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$3,000	450.00	360.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00