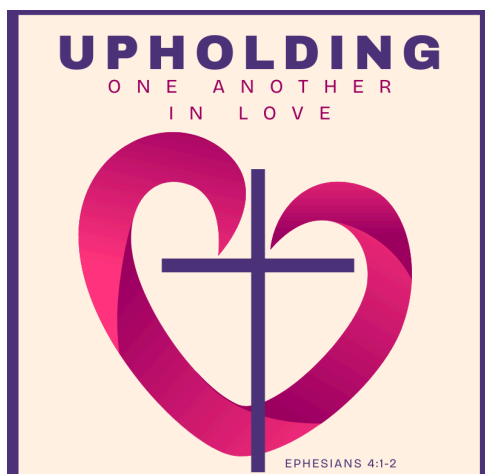




2027 Annual Giving Campaign

Dear Christ Church Family,

This year, we begin our annual pledge campaign grounded in a simple yet powerful calling: “Uphold One Another in Love.” These words remind us that the Church is far more than a building or a place we gather on Sundays. It is a community we sustain together—through prayer, presence, service, and generosity.

Every gift offered in support of Christ Church is an expression of that love. When we make a pledge, we are not simply contributing to a budget; we are helping to care for one another and strengthen the ministry we share. Your generosity ensures that worship continues to inspire, ministries continue to serve, and our parish remains a place of welcome, hope, healing, and belonging for all who enter.

In a world that can often feel divided or uncertain, Christ Church stands as a witness to compassion, faithfulness, and shared responsibility. Because of your generous support, we are able to walk alongside one another in times of joy and sorrow, reach beyond our walls to serve our neighbors, and nurture the spiritual life of this parish for generations to come.

During the annual stewardship campaign, we gather your pledges of financial support for the coming year to ensure that we have a solid foundation to continue and grow our shared ministry. We ask that you prayerfully consider how much you will contribute and complete the enclosed pledge card. Our goal this year is 140 pledges totaling \$465,000.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss making a financial pledge, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and your love for Christ Church.

In Peace,

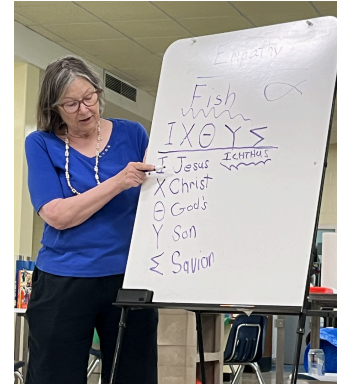
Bob Quinn, Senior Warden
Katie Wallace, Junior Warden
and the Christ Church Vestry

Upholding One Another in Love

Faith & Spiritual Growth

Our commitment to Faith & Spiritual Growth for people of all ages is rooted in our belief that growing in faith is like learning a new language. It is best to practice it every day in a variety of contexts to really embody it. To facilitate each part of our congregation's growing in faith in 2026, the FSG team

- 1) maintained an active Children's Ministry, with over twenty children engaged in Sunday faith formation lessons, as well as Children's Chapel reaching an even larger group;
- 2) supported Youth in playing vital roles in worship, service projects, and spiritual education opportunities like Vacation Bible School; and
- 3) provided adults a rich variety of classes, such as weekly Bible study, Education for Ministry, *Christ Church: Connect!*, and *Being With*; book studies, like Lent's "The Last Week"; and forums and events, such as *The Intersection of Faith & Science* series, Open Mic Poetry, and *Sojourner's: A Christian Response to America's 250th Birthday*.



The volunteers and staff on the Faith & Spiritual Growth team are looking forward to creating new opportunities in 2027 for parishioners to discover and explore different aspects of their spiritual lives as we all live into speaking and embodying our faith.

Racial and Social Justice

In 2026, the Racial & Social Justice (RSJ) Ministry and Mercy Team combined education, advocacy, and community engagement in an effort to follow Christ's example of loving and helping others. The RSJ team focused on juvenile justice reform, held a book discussion on the novel *Dear Justyce*, participated in the Kensington Juneteenth celebration, reflected on the nation's 250th anniversary, and promoted civic engagement. The Mercy Team expanded its support for immigrant families by establishing a second Care Pod and securing



two endowment grants totaling \$10,000 to help address the ongoing needs of immigrant families. Our church also began its reparations work by awarding a \$20,000 grant from the endowment fund to The Bishop Walker School for Boys. The grant will fund a one-year scholarship and represents an intentional first step toward addressing past harm to the African American community and ongoing disparities.

Reaching Our Neighbors

Our commitment to Reaching Our Neighbors is grounded in our steadfast, heartfelt dedication to being a community where *all* are welcome (in person and online).

We participated in the Rebuilding Together project at the National Center for Children & Families. We have faithfully provided diapers and formula for our immigrant neighbors week in and week out through Food Justice DMV. and deepened our relationship with San Mateo Church through monthly food packing and Carrot Sundays. Christ Church continued our partnership with Arcola & Rock View Elementary Schools to assist families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as with back-to-school supplies. More than 20 Parish families participate in the Bethesda Cares sandwich brigade, and we give our loving financial support to Heifer International. The pastoral care team expanded support at nearby Modena Senior Living, including monthly communion services.

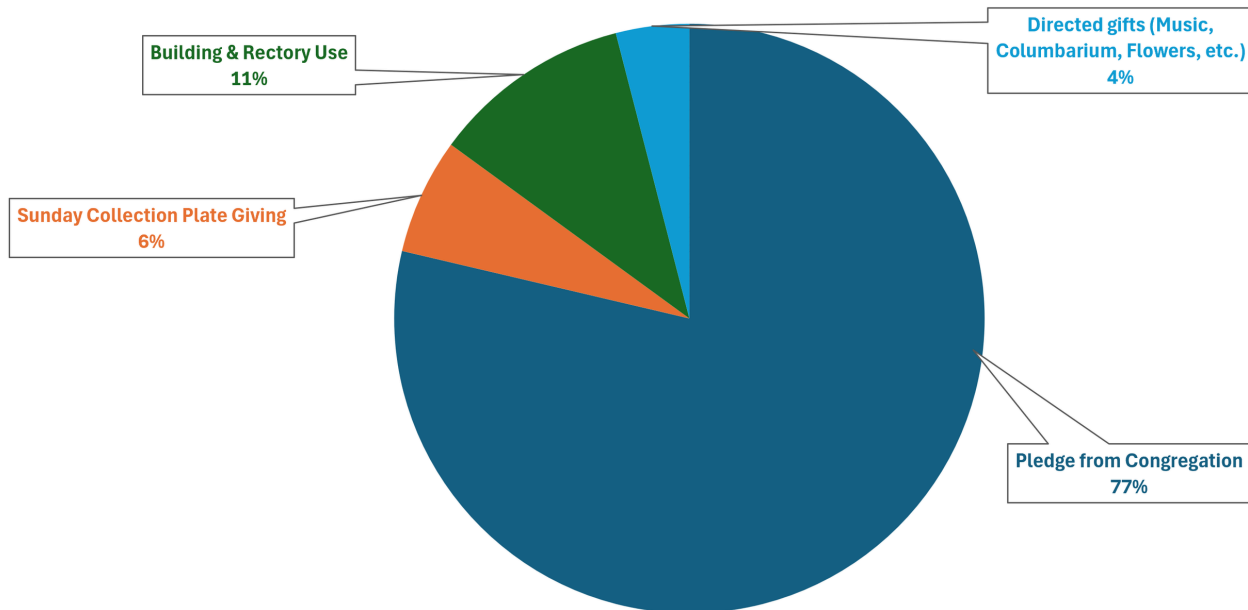


2027 Projected Income & Operating Expenses

Your pledges provide almost 80% of our annual income.

2027 SOURCES OF INCOME

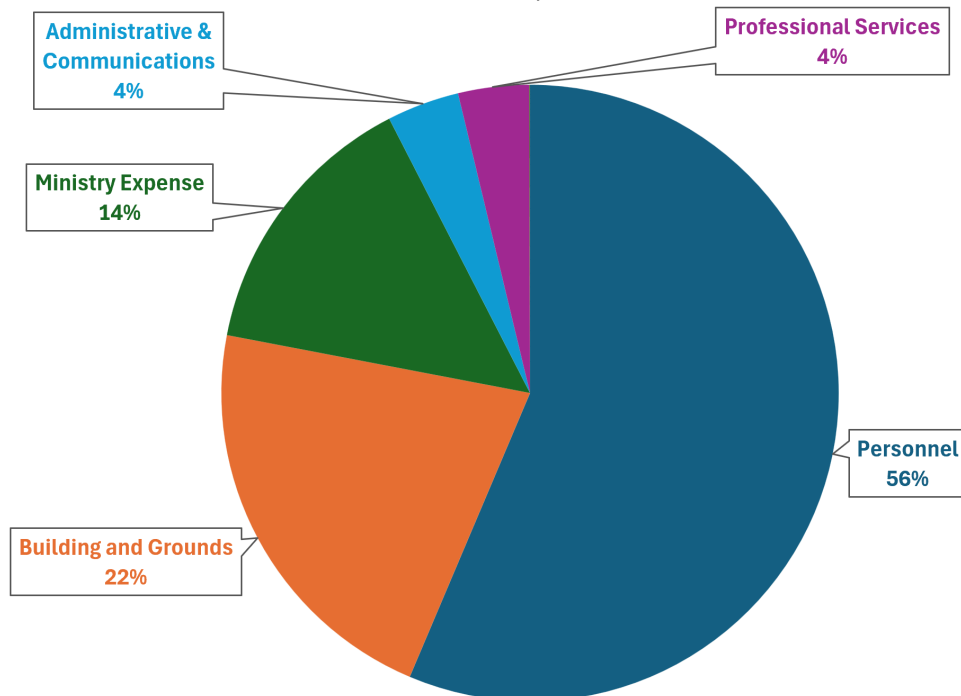
\$577,000



In 2027, we will close the projected income and expense gap by again tapping into our existing savings and reserves — previous generations upholding us with their loving legacy.

2027 EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION

\$633,000



Some Frequently Asked Questions about Stewardship

Why do we ask you, the congregation, for financial help? Nearly 80% of the dollars needed to keep the church open and operating come from us, the people in the pews.

What is a “stewardship pledge”? Pledging symbolizes a commitment to the parish. A stewardship pledge is your promise to contribute a specific amount to the church over the year, which can be paid weekly, monthly, or as a one-time annual gift. By pledging in advance, you help your vestry create a realistic budget for the church year ahead.

Where does the money go? Key recurring expenses include: *Salaries* for our dedicated clergy and staff; *Utilities, Building maintenance and improvement* to keep our church welcoming and functional; *Childcare* for our little ones; *Talented musicians* who enrich our worship; *Supplies* such as paper for bulletins, oil for candles, support for community building projects...and more.

What’s a good way to figure out what my pledge will be? Consider the value of the church in your life and the life of the community. In 2026, pledges ranged from \$50 to \$15,600 per year, the average pledge was \$3,407 and the median pledge was \$2,304. **Are my gifts tax-deductible?** Yes, to the full extent of the law. You will receive a detailed statement at the end of the year.

Is there a minimum amount I have to pledge to be a member at Christ Church? No. All gifts, great and small, are gratefully received. Please don’t let the ability to pledge affect whether or not you show up to church. We are glad you’re here!

What happens if I can’t give as much as I pledged? While your pledge is a commitment to the church, it is not legally binding. We all understand when circumstances change.

What if I really can’t give financially?

Your presence and participation are what matter most. Gifts of time and talent are equally valuable expressions of stewardship.

I’m ready! How do I make my pledge? You can return your pledge card by mail, put it in the collection plate, or pledge online by going to www.christchurchkensington.org/give.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact Jen Luna, our Parish Administrator (301-942-4673), or Peter Gergen, Treasurer.

