

Because of the importance of this stewardship letter from Fr. Donovan, sent out originally on Friday, Sept. 20th, we are resending it to everyone again this morning to ensure it did not get lost in your late Friday afternoon emails. Thank you!



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2*

Dear St. Thomas Family,

Labor Day has passed, the Harvest Moon has come and gone, and October is just around the corner. For St. Thomas and for the greater church, 'tis the season for Stewardship campaigns to begin! Each Fall, the Stewardship season comes to help the church take stock of all the good work that's been accomplished so far this year and to look ahead to where God is leading us in the new year that is coming!

Moving into the Fall, I'm happy to report that St. Thomas has had a great year so far! It's been a year that has continued to see new staff, new faces, and new families joining together with many of you who've been a part of St. Thomas for a good long while now. It's also been a year of new programs, new music, new worship opportunities, and new ideas for ministry, all developing and coming together alongside that which we've come to love and look forward to for nearly 70 years now at St. Thomas. It is a very good time to be part of our church, as we work harder and harder each and everyday to grow together in love, discipleship, and worship of God in Jesus Christ and in serving our neighbors.

As we move into this new Fall season of thanksgiving, I'm very excited to let you know that St. Thomas is about to begin the search for one more position on our church staff: a new Youth Ministry Coordinator! Deacon Jeannie Randall has worked extremely hard over the last several years to make sure that St. Thomas has maintained opportunities and activities for our youth, but as Jeannie now prepares herself to move into new ministry, the time has come for us to restore a part time to full time Youth Ministry staff position here at the church. With God's help, we will be working to have this important, new staff position in place by the end of the year! And believe me when I tell you that we

are ONLY able to accomplish this important ministry goal for our growing youth presence at St. Thomas because of your generous GIVING!

So, brothers and sisters, now that Stewardship season is officially here again, I invite you to join me and your St. Thomas clergy, vestry, and financial leadership in our "...walk in Love, as Christ loved us..." offering with joy and thanksgiving your financial pledge for 2025!

This upcoming weekend, we will be sending out new pledge cards, asking every member of St. Thomas to prayerfully consider again what you can give to help us continue to grow in Christ and move forward in ministry for the building up the Kingdom of God here in our church and in our community. Our Ingathering and Blessing of the Pledge Cards is set for Sunday, October 19th, but **you can just as easily start right now by clicking on the online link [HERE](#) and making your 2025 pledge online TODAY.**

However you choose to do it, I am asking all of us to be "all in" at St. Thomas this year, with every member or family making whatever level of financial pledge you can make! Be it \$5 a week or \$5,000, every single pledge is needed, and every pledge will help St. Thomas set and meet our ministry goals in the new year, for every age group in our church, for every ministry of outreach, and for every ministry of inreach, spiritual growth, and discipleship!

Thank you, St. Thomas family! And may God continue to bless us and the good work we are about, in the name of Jesus Christ, here in Huntsville and beyond!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Donavan+

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