

Sustaining St. Mark's Ministry in 2020

Thanks to all those who financially sustain our ministry together at St. Mark's with pledges and offerings. The total budget for 2020 is \$782,838, which requires an estimated \$15,055 income per week, an amount arrived at through a variety of resources. During these weeks of the Pandemic, the average weekly collection has been around \$4,000, an obvious downturn in giving. We are very conscious of not worshipping together and thus not receiving more weekly contributions.

Last week, we received \$21,975, in pledges and offerings. That amount included several pledges paid in full, (\$3,500), pledges paid by mail, online, through Give Plus and Pay Pal, offerings for the Discretionary Fund (\$135), ACCESS – Walk for Good Food (\$130), Diaper Drive Donations (\$510), memorials for Kip Taylor (\$285, a grant from the Whittemore Foundation for Safety and Security Training (\$8,800) and regular giving. Another reason we are seemingly ahead is that we received \$50,571 in pre-paid pledges in 2019 for 2020 and also received a grant from the SBA for the Payroll Protection Plan, which has kept our staff employed during this pandemic, which has helped the 2020 received income considerably.

Year to Date:	Contributions Needed:	\$ 299,361
	Contributions Received:	<u>\$ 357,760</u> (Including the amounts indicated above)
	Difference:	\$ 58,399

We are truly grateful to all of you who paid your pledge in full during this time, those of you who have kept up to date on your pledges and those of you who continue to give even though you have not pledged. We have been blessed by the donations we have been receiving during this pandemic while very conscious of the financial future if the level of giving remains the same.

Thank you for maintaining your pledges and giving whether pledged or not and for sending in donations for the ACESS Walk for Good Food, Memorials, Discretionary Fund and Diapers.

Stay safe, and healthy!

Pam Stevenson, St. Mark's Finance Manager