



St Matthew's Episcopal Church

My 2025 Promise

As Christians, our call to shine our light through active stewardship is a reflection of our commitment to serving God. By giving our time, utilizing our talents, practicing financial generosity, and engaging with our community, we embody the values of stewardship and contribute to the flourishing of both our church and our community.

To help shine God's Light brightly, I/we pledge \$ (total amount)
 I/we plan to fulfill this pledge weekly biweekly monthly quarterly, or annually on __/__/__

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

- I will make my gift online this year, please look for my gift. (please complete this form even if you give online)
- Please add me to the church mailing list. I would like to receive The Mentor by EMAIL or MAIL (circle one)

PROPORTIONAL GIVING:

When you make a proportional gift, you set aside your first fruits, dedicating a portion of your wealth, works & wisdom to God. This is a sacred act. Your financial gift rises and falls with your income – it is right-sized to your household. Giving back to God is a lifetime journey; setting a percentage allows you to step up your giving over time.

Income		WEEKLY TITHES			Weekly Proportional Giving								
Annual	Weekly	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$20,000	\$385	\$58	\$46	\$38	\$35	\$31	\$27	\$23	\$19	\$15	\$12	\$8	\$4
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
\$75,000	\$1,442	\$216	\$173	\$144	\$130	\$115	\$101	\$87	\$72	\$58	\$43	\$29	\$14
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19
\$150,000	\$2,885	\$433	\$346	\$288	\$260	\$231	\$202	\$173	\$144	\$115	\$87	\$58	\$29

INVEST IN ST. MATTHEW'S FUTURE | WAYS YOU CAN BENEFIT ST. MATTHEW'S FUTURE

- Please contact me about my Company, family, or foundation gift matching.
- Please contact me about including St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in my estate plans.
- Please contact me about making my gift through various savings vehicles (savings accounts, CDs, government securities), stocks, bonds, real estate, autos, etc.

MY 2025 SERVICE PLEDGE

We all have special talents, abilities, and interests as gifts from God to share for the enrichment of our church and community. In response to God's call, and in gratitude for the community it provides us, I/we commit to _____ hours a week month or as needed, in the following committees and/or ministries:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Healing Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building & Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Eldergarten | <input type="checkbox"/> International Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Visitor | <i>(Haiti Relief, Heifer Project, Etc.)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Soup Kitchen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Formation | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Woman's Book Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Hour/Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Giving Wall/Food Pantry | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a pledge?

A pledge is your commitment to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for the year, which you can fulfill weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. Your pledge amount may be changed – increased or decreased – during the year should your financial circumstances change. Simply contact the parish office with your updated information.

Why is it important to pledge?

The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of tithing, which means to return a tenth of our earnings to the Lord. Financial Stewardship is an important component of our life in Christ. Returning to God a portion of what He has given us, is a tangible way to express our faith. When each of us give as we are able, together we can continue to sustain our ministry, transform lives across our congregation, community, and do God's work and will in the world.

How is my pledge used?

Your gifts are used to cover our administrative expenses — including our rector's salary — and other operating expenses, worship, Adult Formation, congregational support, community outreach, and allows us to address several costly building renovations and repairs to maintain our historic church.

Does it matter how much I pledge?

Some members may choose to tithe, by giving 10% of their income to the Church. Others will give a different percentage, and still others will give as they are able. Every pledge makes a difference, regardless of the amount. We love and accept people at St. Matthew's regardless of how much they pledge.

How can I make my pledge dollars go farther?

Check with your employer to see if they will match your contribution to the church. Every employer is different in what they will match regarding charitable contributions made by an employee.

How do I pay my pledge?

There are several ways you can pay your pledge:

- You can make an online contribution by visiting our website and click on the "Donate" button. There you will find information on how to give online or via text. You will be able to setup recurring payments as well.
- You can mail your check to the Church office; OR
- You may drop your check and envelope in the Sunday Offering Plate

Is my pledge tax deductible?

This simple answer to this is "yes." In addition, if you are over 70 ½ years of age, you may find that a QCD, Qualified Charitable Distribution, is an excellent way to donate to the work of the church. Any amount up to \$100,000 per year can be donated. Your full RMD, Required Minimum Distribution, or only a portion can be donated. Each year you determine how much to donate to the church. This way of managed giving provides benefit to the church and to you as well. First, it entitles you to tax benefits without requiring you to itemize your deductions. Second, the distribution counts towards your required minimum distribution. Third, the distribution is not included in the income on which your federal income taxes will be based (thus reducing your taxable income). And finally, because the distribution is tax free, you can increase your giving without costing you one additional penny.

WHICHEVER WAY YOU PLAN TO GIVE, PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME AND YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER