

St Matthew's Episcopal Church

My 2026 Promise

This year, our focus is on the rich tapestry of our Christian narrative, a story that began at Creation and weaves through the lives of the faithful, culminating in the transformative power of the Good News. Just as the Gospel of Luke opens with Mary's joyous proclamation of her encounter with God's promise, and closes with Mary Magdalene carrying the message of resurrection, we too are called to share our own Good News—the dreams and challenges placed on our hearts by God.

As you consider your pledge for the upcoming year, reflect on how you can share your talents and gifts to make a difference. Let us celebrate the stories that unite us and the lives we can impact by spreading God's love to our neighbors. Together, let us contribute to the ongoing narrative of faith, hope, and community at St. Matthew's!

MY 2026 PLEDGE

My total pledge for the 2026 calendar year is \$

SIGNATURE: _____

I/we plan to pay my/our pledge by:

Online Check/Money Order Donor Advised Fund Other: _____

**Checks should be payable to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

I/we plan to make pledge payments:

weekly biweekly monthly quarterly, or annually in _____ quarter

GIVE ONLINE

Please use the QR code to make payments by credit card, debit card, or ACH bank transfer. Choose one time, weekly, biweekly, monthly, or annually recurring gift.

I will make my gift online this year, please look for my gift.

(please complete this form even if you give online)



Bring your pledge to Stewardship Sunday service on November 2nd at 11:00am, submit via mail using the envelope provided, or make your pledge online at stmatts.breezechms.com/give/online or text 262-846-6002

PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is an act of generosity that allows you to support our church in a way that aligns with your financial situation and personal values. It's a promise, not just to our immediate needs, but to the future of our parish. Please contact me about:

- Gift matching through my company, family, or foundation
- Securities made through stocks, bonds, CDs, or other marketable securities
- Personal property such as real estate, land, vehicles, or other assets.



I/we desire to serve and support the following:

- Altar Guild (7:30am)
- Altar Guild (11:00am)
- Adult Choir
- Lay Reader
- Eucharistic Minister
- Occasional Musician
- Usher/Greeter
- Preschool/Sunday School
- Coffee Hour
- St. Benedict's Circle
- Sacred Sips: Women's Faith Group
- Men of the Way: Men's Faith group
- Eldergarten Volunteer
- Healing Prayer
- Eucharistic Visitor
- Giving Wall/Food Pantry
- Soup Kitchen
- Haiti Partnership
- Vestry
- Hospitality Team
- Diocesan Convention Delegate
- Buildings & Grounds Team
- Pastoral Care Team
- Finance Team
- Woman's Book Club

CONTACT INFORMATION

If your contact information has changed in the past year, or if you'd like to be added to The Mentor mailing list or Announcements list, please complete the following information. Thank you for taking the time to help us be better stewards of God's blessings and more accurate in our record keeping. If you have any questions, please call us at 262-654-8642 or email stmatts5900@gmail.com

Address Incorrect? Please make any changes below:

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
 BIRTHDAY (Month/Day): _____ ANNIVERSARY (Month/Day): _____

- Please add me to the parish birthday & anniversary announcements list.
- 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

\$2794.35: The 2025 average for yearly offerings per person at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is slightly lower than the **\$3,093** median pledge for the Episcopal Church nationally.

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.

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.

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