PLENTY
GOOD
ROOM
STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY
OCT 25, 2026 @ 9:00AM

In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

— John 14:2

Plenty Good Room

Beloved of God,

Jesus assures us, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” John 14:2, NRSV These words remind us that God’s abundance is spacious and generous. There is plenty good room in God’s household for each of us.

This year’s stewardship theme, Plenty Good Room, invites us to recognize the abundance God has already entrusted to us. Even in uncertain times, we are called to trust that there is enough: enough for our families, enough for our church, enough for our neighbors.

One way we live into this truth is by sharing our resources – our money, our time, and our talents – for the mission and ministry of this congregation. These gifts support worship that lifts our hearts, teaching that shapes disciples, fellowship that strengthens our bonds, and outreach that embodies Christ’s love.

Over the next several weeks, you will hear from leaders in our parish about Plenty Good Room and how our generosity makes a difference. Today I simply ask you to begin praying with this theme, reflecting on the resources God has placed in your care, and considering how you might share them joyfully in the year ahead.

Together, let us rejoice that there is always plenty good room in God’s house, and plenty good work for us to do.

Under His Mercy,
Fr. Dave+ Fr. Dave

LETTER FROM THE **SENIOR WARDEN**

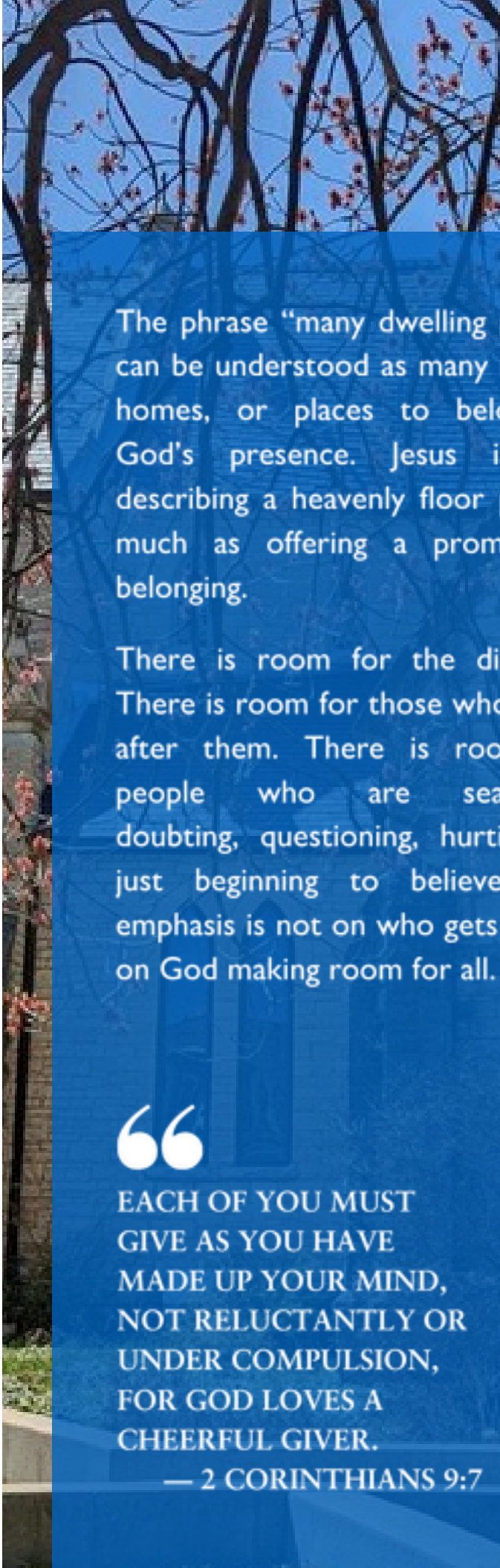
Dear Friends,

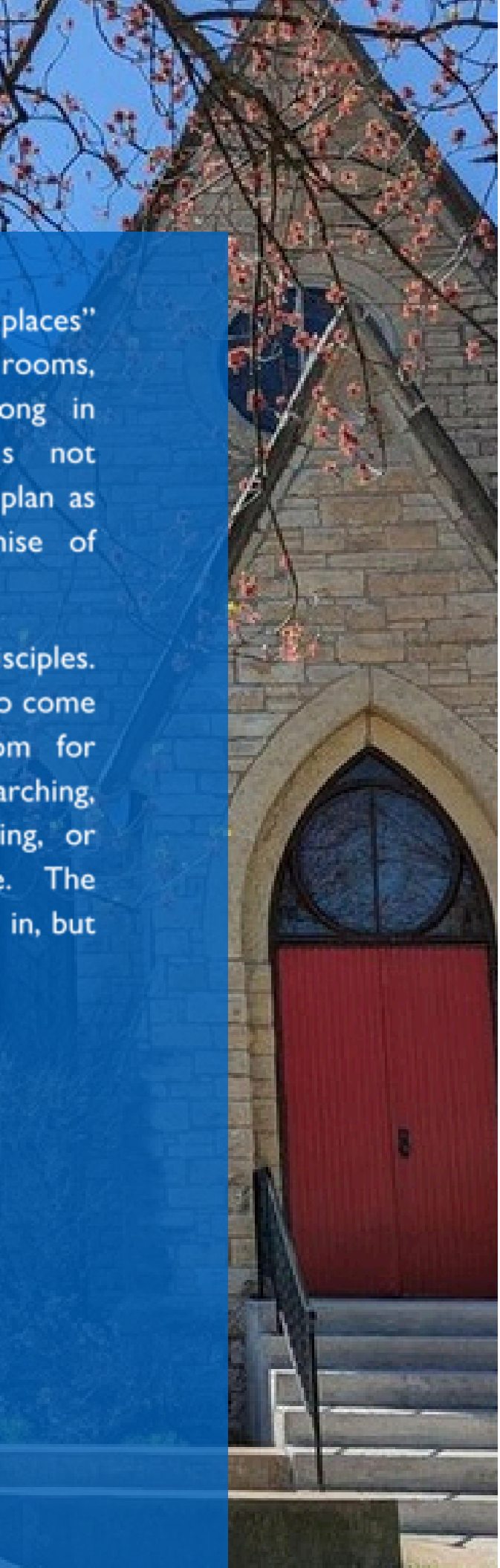
Jesus promises us, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2). In these words, we are reminded that God's love is wide enough to embrace us all and that we are called to live together in a holy and caring community.

This year's theme, Plenty Good Room, reminds us that stewardship is about far more than financial and in-kind gifts. It is also about relationships: the ways we are connected to God, to one another, and to our neighbors. Through our prayers, our service, our generosity, and our presence, we help create a community where all are welcomed, valued, and loved.

Our parish budget is one way we tell the story of those relationships. Every pledge and gift supports our shared ministry: children growing in faith, parishioners receiving healing prayers and care, worshippers finding a welcoming spiritual home, and friends discovering hope in times of need. The budget is more than a collection of numbers; it is a reflection of who we are, what we value, and how we live out God's mission together.

Please join us on Sunday, October 25, at 9:00 a.m. as we gather for a combined worship service to launch our annual stewardship campaign.





Following the service, we invite you to enjoy breakfast and fellowship in the Guild Hall. Pledge cards will be available, and members of the Vestry will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the campaign or the parish's financial needs.

We ask that all pledges be submitted by Christ the King Sunday, November 22. During the campaign, parishioners will share their faith stories and reflections on stewardship. We will also provide information about our parish budget as part of our commitment to open communication and transparency.

As we consider our commitments for the coming year, may we remember that there is indeed plenty of room in God's house and plenty of opportunities for each of us to contribute our unique gifts. Together, we can continue building a community of faith, compassion, and hope for all.

Thank you for your generosity and for the many ways you support our parish family.

Peace and blessings,

Jamie Cairo

Jamie Cairo
Senior Warden

Financial Report

St. Matthew's relies primarily on the generosity of our congregation through annual pledges, supplemented by designated gifts, investment income, and occasional diocesan grants. As we look toward 2027, our goal is to strengthen our financial position, address deferred church repairs and restorations, refresh shared spaces like Guild Hall, and expand our ability to care for one another and our neighbors. Your pledge of time, talent, and treasure will help us move toward a more sustainable budget and continue living out our mission in the year ahead.

Proposed Budget

Our proposed budget for 2027 is **$217,406**

Distrubution of Funds

Worship & Music	$	139,077
Church & Office	$	88,210
Buildings & Grounds	$	81,312
Church Member Care	$	5,658
Community Outreach	$	4,028
TOTAL	**$**	**217,406**

Looking Ahead

As we look ahead to 2027, our goal is to strengthen St. Matthew's financial foundation so we can sustain our ministries, expand educational opportunities, care for our facilities, and respond to the needs of our community. An increase of $175 per month per family would help fully fund these priorities, but every gift makes a difference. Whether you can increase your current pledge or give a small amount, we invite you to prayerfully consider your support for the year ahead. Together, through our shared generosity, we can continue to grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and live out our mission.

Give your **TIME**

Give your **VOICE**

Give **MONEY**

Give **GOODS**

Give **KINDNESS**

Why We Give

Our mission is to share the love of Christ by welcoming all into a community of faith through worship, prayer and outreach in downtown Kenosha and beyond. In the coming year, your generosity will help us make room for ministry by supporting:

Worship & Music — inspiring worship and meaningful opportunities to gather, pray, learn, and grow together.

Children & Youth — nurturing the faith of the next generation through programs, relationships, and experiences.

Community Outreach — extending our ministry beyond our walls and responding to the needs of our neighbors.

Church Member Care — providing pastoral care, support, and fellowship through life's joys and challenges

Buildings & Grounds — caring for our church home and preserving space for generations to come

Staff & Ministry Leadership — supporting the people who help turn our mission into daily ministry.

Every gift becomes part of something larger than itself. When we give, we make room for ministry to happen.

Plenty Good Room

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is the responsible, joyful use of God's gifts. 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.

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.

I'M NEW. AM I SUPPOSED TO PLEDGE?

We ask everyone who considers St. Matthew's to be their spirtual home to make a pledge of some kind. If you've never pledged before, then it may be helpful to think of pledging as another step in your relationship with God and His mission. Don't worry about the amount! Give whatever amount helps you feel closer to God and more connected to our faith community.

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.

St. Matthew's Plenty Good Room

Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places," John 14:2, NRSV.

This promise of abundance and welcome lies at the heart of this our stewardship theme: Plenty Good Room. You've heard how we are called to share our resources and nurture our relationships. Now it is time for our response. Stewardship is our faithful reply to God's generosity. It is gratitude put into action.

I invite you to prayerfully consider your response and return your pledge on November 1st. Every gift matters. Every commitment sustains our worship, our learning, our fellowship, and our outreach to those in need.

This is not only an appeal for funds - it is an invitation to claim your place in God's household, to make room for others, and to live into God's abundance. When we respond together, we become the church God is calling us to be: a community with plenty good room for all.

MY 2027 COMMITMENT

YES! I will help make room for all!

I/we will pledge $_____ per

☐ week ☐ month ☐ quarter ☐ year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: ___/___/___ **Anniversary:** ___/___/___

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❑ Please add me/us to the parish birthday and anniversary announcements list.

❑ Please add me/us to the church mailing list.

MY TALENT PLEDGE

I pledge my time and talents to the following ministries in 2027
(please select at least 1 ministry)

WORSHIP & MUSIC:
- ☐ Acolyte
- ☐ Altar Guild/Floral Design
- ☐ Lay Reader
- ☐ Eucharistic Minister
- ☐ Usher/Greeter
- ☐ Adult Choir
- ☐ Guest Musician

EDUCATION & FORMATIOM:
- ☐ Childcare/Sunday School
- ☐ Mentoring/Sponsor Team
- ☐ Men's Faith Ministry
- ☐ Woman's Faith Ministry
- ☐ Youth Group

OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY
- ☐ Gardening/Landscaping
- ☐ General Maintenance
- ☐ Office Support
- ☐ Tech Support

OUTREACH & HOSPITALITY
- ☐ Hospitality/Welcoming Team
- ☐ Homeless Outreach
- ☐ International Outreach
- ☐ Senior Outreach

COUNSILS & COMMISSIONS
- ☐ Buildings & Grounds
- ☐ Diocesan Convention Delegate
- ☐ Finance Team
- ☐ Pastoral Care Team
- ☐ Vestry Team

WAYS TO GIVE

Pledges may be made as a one-time gift or through installments that work best for you—weekly, monthly, semi-annually, or annually. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and contributions are generally tax-deductible as allowed by law. Our federal tax identification number is 39-0842455.

PLANNED GIVING is a way to leave a lasting legacy of faith. By including St. Matthew's in your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance, or other financial plans, you can help ensure that the ministry and mission of our church continue for generations to come. Your gift doesn't have to be large to make a lasting difference

EMPLOYER MATCHING is a matching gift program that can increase charitable donations made by their employees. Check with your employer's Human Resources department or benefits website to see if they offer a matching gift program.

STOCKS & MUTAL FUNDS donations offer you valuable financial benefits including being tax-deductible. Contact our Financial Advisor, Pat Johnson, for details.

DIRECT CHARITABLE DONATION donates directly from a traditional IRA to a charity without it being considered a taxable distribution (age 70-1/2 or older).

DONOR ADVISED FUND (DAF) allows donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction and then recommend grants from the fund over time.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS can be given as single or recurring payments. Simply visit the Giving Online section of our website or text 262-846-6002 and follow the prompts.

CASH OR CHECKS can be mailed to the church office or given through weekly offertory. Please make checks out to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

PROPORTIONAL GIVING is giving a portion or percentage of your financial resources based on how much God has prospered you, rather than giving a fixed, rigid dollar amount.

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