

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE 2018

I am So Blessed, I am So Grateful



Today, I choose gratitude for
the many blessings in my life.



21 Days of Gratitude

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October 21 ~ November 11

Blessing of Pledges ~ November 11 at both services

“I am so blessed, I am so grateful” is the theme of this year’s Stewardship Drive at Christ Memorial. We are dedicating 21 days to intentionally notice and choose gratitude for God’s many blessings in our life.

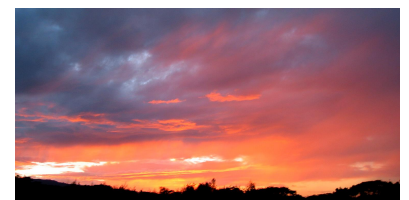
Our lives are filled with so much good that often goes unnoticed. By making an intention to pay attention to our blessings, we see that God continues to provide us with gifts to learn and grow spiritually. As Pastor Gae often says, “I am grateful to be alive one more day to learn and grow.” By choosing gratitude and then giving back to God by sharing our blessings with others, we are guaranteed to have a more joy-filled life.

“I am so blessed, I am so grateful” begins Sunday, October 21st and concludes with an ingathering of our pledge cards on Sunday, November 11th. During the three Sundays of the 21 days, some of our members will be giving a short testimony about the blessings in their life and why they are so grateful. During the Prayers of the People, all of us will have an opportunity to share some of these blessings in writing and then place them in the offering plates to be taken to the altar. Pastor Gae will be compiling a “gratitude list” for us all to see. Children are encouraged to create their own lists or artwork of things for which they are grateful.

Your pledge card for 2019 is included with this brochure. We ask that you prayerfully consider what your giving will be. You are welcome to bring your completed card back any Sunday by placing the card in the offering basin. There will be an ingathering of pledges on the final Sunday, November 11. Pledges turned in before then will be blessed that day.

You may also make your pledge online by going to our website:

<http://www.christmemorialkauai.org/radicalgiving.html>



Questions and Answers

What is Stewardship?

Christian stewardship is a transformational way of living, understanding that God is the source of all life, and that we are entrusted as stewards of God's world. It rests on a belief that an abundant and generous God provides us with all we truly need.



What is NOT considered Stewardship?

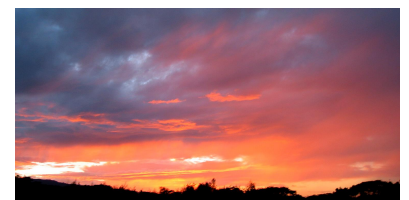
Stewardship is not fundraising, charity or philanthropy. While all of these have useful purposes in society, they assume the donor “owns” the goods and services they donate. Stewardship recognizes that all of our gifts (both physical and personal talents) stem from God, and that Christians are simply “giving back” some of what has been bestowed upon them by God.

How does our Blessings and Gratitude Drive differ from traditional church stewardship campaigns?

Our church budget will be built **after** our giving campaign is completed. We want everyone to understand that we are not being asked to give money for our church's budget, but rather that our giving is in response for God's blessings. It is a stewardship program that refocuses our thinking from “how much is necessary to support the budget” to “what percentage of my income is God calling me to give?” There will be no other solicitation for church operating funds during the year.

Why is my pledge important to Christ Memorial?

Being part of a church means we all share in the cost of carrying out the mission and ministry of our church. Our pledge is not a signed contract. Rather it is an estimate of what each of us plans to give thereby allowing our Bishop's Committee to then plan what resources we will have for 2019.



How much should I pledge?

This is a very personal, prayerful decision made between you and God. The Episcopal Church has adopted the tithe, one-tenth of our income, as a standard of giving. This is scripture based, and calls for 10% of your time, talent and treasure in support of the church. Many who are new to church make a commitment to work toward tithing by starting with a percentage they feel manageable and increasing it annually.



Why do we need a Stewardship Campaign? I thought the Thrift Shop proceeds met most of the church's expenses?

The Thrift Shop is one of Christ Memorial's many blessings, and it does generate income for the church. The dream of our Bishop's Committee and Pastor Gae is that one day our pledged giving will support the operations of the church and the proceeds from our Thrift Shop will be designated for new ministries and outreach to our community and our world.

I am a seasonal parishioner and already pledge at my mainland church. Should I also pledge at Christ Memorial?

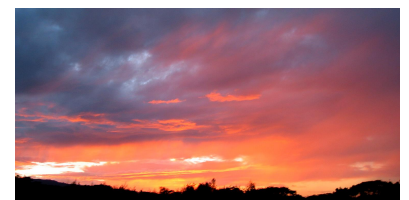
Many of our parishioners who are seasonal residents pledge to both their churches. If you are on island for periods of time, prayerfully consider a pro-rated pledge to Christ Memorial.

Who has access to my pledge information?

Only a very few, very discrete people. The Vicar and the Treasurer know this information. There will be no changes to this practice.

Does Christ Memorial offer convenient ways for me to pay my pledge and to give?

Christ Memorial is set up to receive online payments through our website - <http://www.christmemorialkauai.org/radicalgiving.html> You can select to make monthly, reoccurring payments either from your checking/savings account or with a credit card. See Treasurer Scott Oliver if you have questions on setting these payments up. j.scott.oliver380@gmail.com



What happens if my income changes during the year?

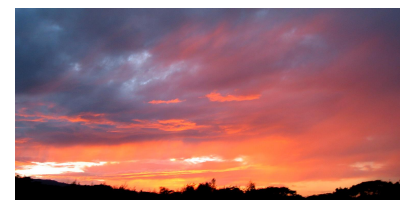
Again, your pledge is not a contract. Just contact Pastor Gae and let her know if there are changes in your life that will influence your giving.



What are Christ Memorial's goals for the Blessings and Gratitude Drive

Our goal for this year's Stewardship Drive is for **all of us** to become more aware of God's blessings and to respond generously by giving a little more of our time, talent and treasure to build the church!

If you have not pledged before, we ask that you prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give. If you currently pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider growing your pledge "one step" for the coming year. To aid in both these requests, we have provided data on the next two pages that shows our congregation's current giving patterns and what "growing one step" in your giving would look like in relation to your monthly income and current giving.



A NOTE FROM OUR BISHOP'S COMMITTEE ~

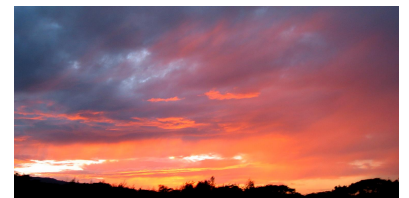
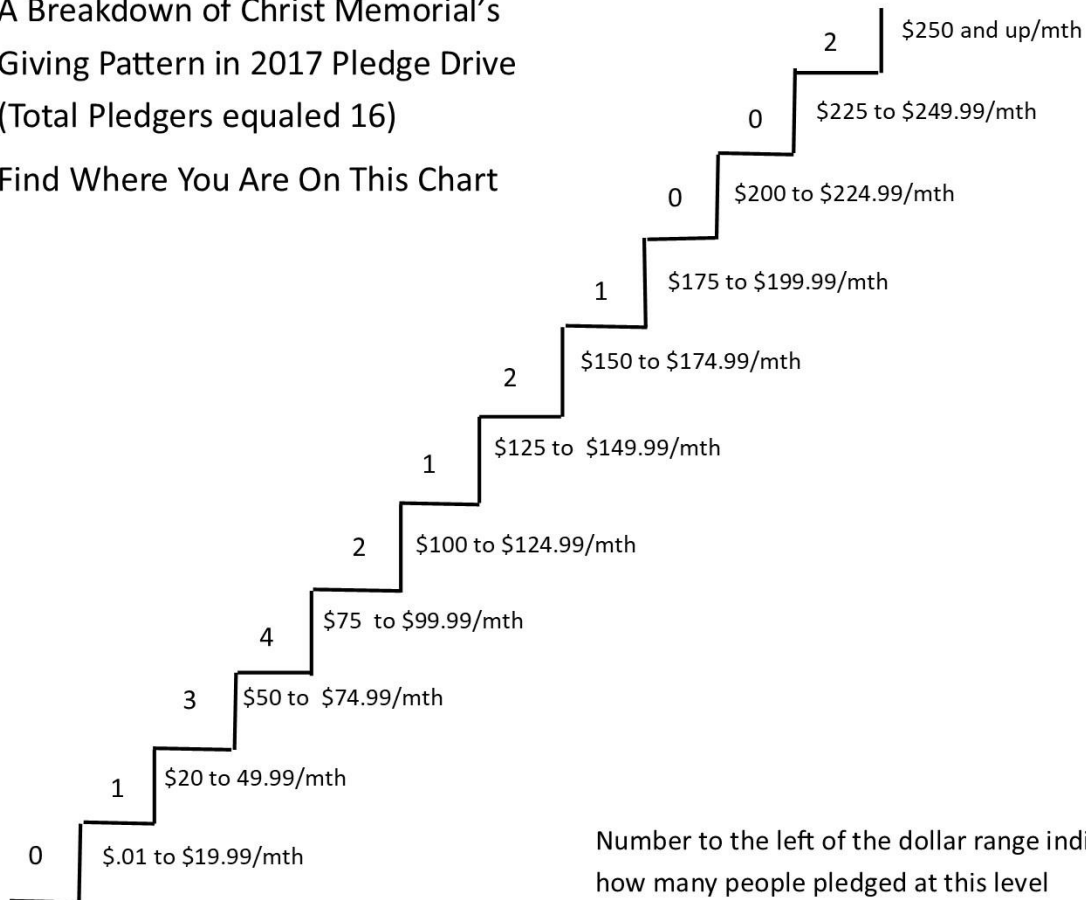
This was where we were last year.

We were without a priest.

We are very grateful for those who pledged while we struggled through this time searching for our new vicar, Pastor Gae.

A Breakdown of Christ Memorial's
Giving Pattern in 2017 Pledge Drive
(Total Pledgers equaled 16)

Find Where You Are On This Chart

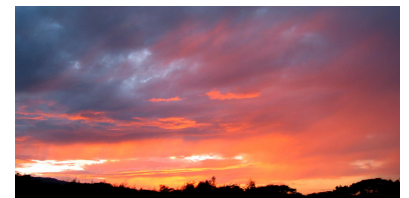




GROW ONE STEP:

WILL YOU GROW ONE STEP THIS YEAR?

Monthly Income	Monthly Pledge											
	Beyond a Tithe		Tithe	Upper Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Lower Range Giving		
	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$500	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5
\$750	\$113	\$90	\$75	\$68	\$60	\$53	\$45	\$38	\$30	\$23	\$15	\$8
\$1,000	\$150	\$120	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10
\$1,500	\$225	\$180	\$150	\$135	\$120	\$105	\$90	\$75	\$60	\$45	\$30	\$15
\$2,000	\$300	\$240	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20
\$2,500	\$375	\$300	\$250	\$225	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25
\$3,000	\$450	\$360	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$30
\$3,500	\$525	\$420	\$350	\$315	\$280	\$245	\$210	\$175	\$140	\$105	\$70	\$35
\$4,000	\$600	\$480	\$400	\$360	\$320	\$280	\$240	\$200	\$160	\$120	\$80	\$40
\$4,500	\$675	\$540	\$450	\$405	\$360	\$315	\$270	\$225	\$180	\$135	\$90	\$45
\$5,000	\$750	\$600	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100	\$50
\$5,500	\$825	\$660	\$550	\$495	\$440	\$385	\$330	\$275	\$220	\$165	\$110	\$55
\$6,000	\$900	\$720	\$600	\$540	\$480	\$420	\$360	\$300	\$240	\$180	\$120	\$60
\$6,500	\$975	\$780	\$650	\$585	\$520	\$455	\$390	\$325	\$260	\$195	\$130	\$65
\$7,000	\$1,050	\$840	\$700	\$630	\$560	\$490	\$420	\$350	\$280	\$210	\$140	\$70





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By Karen Drucker

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