



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Dear St. Christopher's Family:

It has been an eventful year in our church; we have recovered from the effects of COVID-19 isolation and embraced parish life in full; we have seen tremendous growth within St. Christopher's Preschool; and we have had to say goodbye to our rector, Fr. Steve Karcher. We have created new ministries like our Meal Ministry and our Wednesday noon Bible study. Recently, we had a very successful outreach auction to promote, celebrate and assist the various local charities to which we have faithfully extended our help over many years. We are moving forward into our future, giving God all the glory, and listening to His voice as we take our next steps.

St. Christopher's Episcopal church has always been a church which has embraced giving, specifically giving outside our four walls. The diocese has recently talked about turning the focus of Stewardship away from budgets and financials, and into a path of Discipleship - to change our thinking away from what is necessary to function, and into what is important to further His kingdom. And that is a great idea, except...our strength has always been to give to others, to extend beyond the usual or perfunctory when reaching out in Jesus' name. However, we sometimes fail to notice the daily expenses of keeping the doors open at St. Christopher's. This coming year we will have the added need of providing for an interim as we begin our search for a new rector.

Our great strength at St. Christopher's is that we fully understand our role as outlined in the post Communion prayer to be "sent out into the world in peace, to love and serve Him with gladness and singleness of heart". We need to remember that part of "the work He has given us to do" is making sure we remain viable and financially stable ourselves, so we may be ready to follow wherever the Holy Spirit leads us in being His Disciples.

Please prayerfully consider what your role might be in the financial support of St. Christopher's in the year ahead. All pledges are welcome and valuable to the life of St. Christopher's, and we thank you for being part of our parish family.

In the love of Christ,

Holly Miller, Sr. Warden

for vestry

Michael Blomquist, Jr. Warden

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