



Stewardship Campaign 2015

November 2014

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Church of the Holy Name,

Last spring the children in our church school learned that 870 million people around the world do not have enough food to eat. They struggled with the idea of so many children like themselves going to bed hungry each night, so they decided to take action. Working a raffle table during coffee hour, making announcements to bring attention to the issue and then sponsoring a dinner on a Friday evening, they earned funds to send to Heifer International to provide animals to impoverished countries allowing them have milk, and agricultural supplies to grow food for their families. They expressed the love of God in community through stewardship!

Responding with warmth and compassion to the needs of others is part of the core identity of our parish life together. Through the ministry of the Marie Joy Guild, Swampscott Food Pantry, our own food collection, and the Chane Gang concert fundraiser in support of My Brother's Table in Lynn, the Church of the Holy Name gives in so many ways.

Often we only see the genesis of the difference we make as an idea and response takes shape. Behind each of our ministry programs are people. Many like you and me who are searching and struggling to make sense out of their lives, with respect to loving God and loving one another in Christian community. As a parish we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and others, and as a result, God leads us into larger life in Christ.

One of our boys asked recently, "What is stewardship?" I thought about this question for several days after a brief discussion. I believe stewardship is a way of life. It is the outward expression of living out our core values of our faith.

This parish in Swampscott has been a beacon of God's love for many generations. As you consider your pledge for 2015, please be generous in your prayers, worship, time, talent and pledge to the Church of the Holy Name. Help us grow faith, love and service as we deepen our relationships with those who live on the margins. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to this beautiful congregation.

Faithfully, your Rector, The Rev. Mark Templeman



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Our parish has grown in love, understanding and fellowship in our community for this past year. In order for us to continue growing and sharing, we, as loving Christians, must help our parish meet its financial obligations for the upcoming year.

I ask you all to pray and reflect about our parish, and its importance in all our lives, and the lives we touch each and every day. *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

These are the principles we, as Christians live by, believe in and practice. Thank you.

Respectfully, Christine Menzies, Senior Warden

Thoughts on Stewardship, 2015

Have you ever said to yourself, “I should never have been that nice!” Or maybe, “I should never have helped that much!”. Perhaps, “I should never have been so generous!”. Probably not, because some of the best moments that we experience, are when we have been nice, when we have helped, and when we have shared. To be honest, I am not always feeling all that generous, and I do not always offer to help. That’s often true. But, when I do rise to the occasion, I always feel much better about it. Church stewardship is one of those occasions. Every act of kindness, service and generosity benefits everyone in our church, and we can all feel the difference.

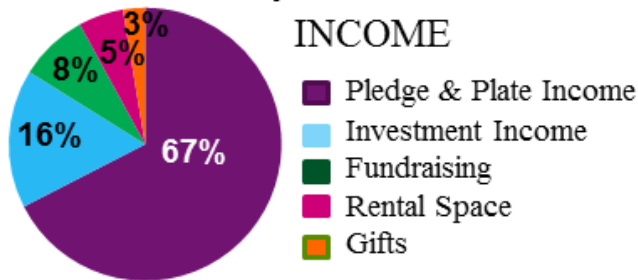
Volunteers for the Alter Guild make the alter look beautiful. The choir leads us in song. The Sunday-school teachers nurture our children. The acolyte assist in the services. Folks run various fundraisers. Lots of maintenance tasks are tended. The gardening are watered. Folks extend themselves for Outreach around the community. You love coffee-hour, right? People volunteer for that, too. Our church is a better place for the presence of every parish member. And when you do something nice, something helpful, something generous, I bet that you feel pretty good about it, just like I do.

Our pledges are a big part of what we can feel happy about sharing. Do we give till it hurts, or do we give till it feels good? A generous pledge is certainly something that will make you feel good, when you realize that it will greatly help to keep this loving, worshiping church-family continuing into the future.

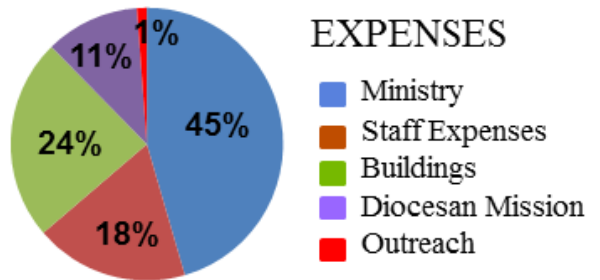
Everyone’s continued Stewardship offerings of Time, Talent, and Treasure are greatly encouraged and appreciated. These gifts are what keeps the church going.
Thank you all, and God bless!! Jay Poppe on behalf of the *Stewardship Committee: Jay Poppe, Christine Menzies, Robert Tucker, Cheryl Raustad, Pam Poppe, Emily Havlicek, The Rev. Mark Templeman*

Your Pledge Contributes to the Biggest Source of Funding for Our Church

Where Our Money Comes From...



...And Where It Goes



What Our 2014 Pledges Look Like . . . Your Commitment to Help

