

Vestry Statement on Stewardship

What We Believe

- We will be good stewards of the mission of our Church - *“To Know Christ and To Make Him Known With Joy, Faith, and Service.”*
- Stewardship is embedded in everything we do and everything we are.
- We will focus on the theology of abundance. In God’s redemptive love, we are confident there is enough of what we really need to go around.
- We invite and desire 100% participation in what we practice as we *Engage Our Gifts and Passions.*



What We Practice

- Participate in some form of spiritual growth and renewal
- Attend public worship
- Serve in our ministries
- Give financial support to our Parish

How We Give

- **GIVE FIRST FRUITS.** Give God the first portions of your income. When we pay our bills, we write our check to the Church first: as an offering and a reminder that all things come from God.
- **GIVE PROPORTIONATELY.** We give in proportion to the income you receive, not a specific dollar amount. Proportionate giving challenges both the rich and the poor. The 10 percent tithe is the standard for Christians, but the fact is, a specific percentage does not adequately express our thankfulness to God.
- **GIVE SACRIFICIALLY.** Giving sacrificially usually includes a rearrangement of priorities, a change in lifestyle, or a forfeiture of something valued.
- **GIVE REGULARLY.** The habit of regular, pledged giving serves as a reminder of God’s generosity and helps shape our souls. Pledged giving also allows the Church to plan its ministries responsibly.
- **GIVE CHEERFULLY.** Receiving is wonderful, but the exhilaration is greater when we are able to give to another person. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.
- **GIVE QUIETLY.** Our purpose is to please God, not others. Dollar amounts will vary considerably, but each is sharing with God, through the Church, out of what God has provided.
- **GIVE A LEGACY.** The inspired gifts and bequests from people we probably have never met or known make possible the very place we worship each week. Planned giving allows us to ensure ongoing enhancements to our many ministries and provides for the ongoing care of our church. Remember the Church of the Good Shepherd in your will.

Engage Your Gifts & Passions



LEGACY GIFTS

Please remember the Church of the Good Shepherd in your will.

Weekly Donation	Monthly Donation	Yearly Donation
\$800	\$3,200	\$41,600
\$400	\$1,600	\$20,800
\$200	\$800	\$10,400

RENEWAL GIFTS

SUSTAINING GIFTS

OTHER GIFTS

Budget 2011

Stewardship Gifts	\$694,000
Endowments	\$125,000
Other Income	<u>\$81,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$900,000
Expenses:	
Diocesan Programs	\$53,000
Debt Service (Interest)	\$100,000
Facilities	\$45,000
Energy Expenses	\$52,000
Personnel	\$485,000
Education	\$34,000
Communications	\$15,000
Parish Life	\$13,000
Outreach	\$25,000
Worship	\$9,000
Fire/Liability Insurance	\$25,000
Stewardship	\$18,000
Office and Other	<u>\$26,000</u>
	\$900,000

The Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd

Stewardship – Defined:

The proper care and management of the abundant gifts that God bestows upon us to allow us “To Know Christ and To Make Him Known With Joy, Faith, and Service.”



Stewardship through Participation in Ministries & Worship

Our worship is most edifying when we do it together with joy, faith, and service.

Stewardship through Annual Faith Giving

The act of pledging recognizes our essential need to give, receive, and participate in the life of our parish community.

Stewardship of Our Environment

As living members of the Body of Christ, we are called to manage the natural environment and resources we have been given in a faithful and fruitful way.



Stewardship of Our Immediate Families

We are called to mold and shape our children, to honor and care for our parents, and to make provisions to sustain our family when we are no longer able to care for them.

Stewardship of Our Community & the World

Our global calling is to tend to one another for the common good and our own soul's health.



Stewardship of Planned Giving

Planned giving allows us to ensure the ongoing care of our church, helping recession-proof our future. Please remember the Church of the Good Shepherd in your will.

Stewardship of Clergy & Staff

It is vital to the church that clergy and staff receive adequate salaries and benefits to ensure their well being. Their calling is to enable us in our ministries.

Stewardship for Fellow Parishioners

Stewardship is essential to maintain quality programs for the well being of the church family.

Stewardship of Buildings & Grounds

Good stewardship, common sense, and prudence dictate that the church facilities, property, equipment, furnishings, and other physical property be well maintained.



Stewardship of Our Diocese & The Episcopal Church

We are connected to our diocese, the Episcopal Church, and Christians and other faiths throughout the world. These are relationships to be celebrated and cherished.

Stewardship of Gifts & Passions

Identify your gifts and talents; engage them passionately at Good Shepherd as you strive “to Know Christ and make Him known with Joy, Faith, and Service.”

