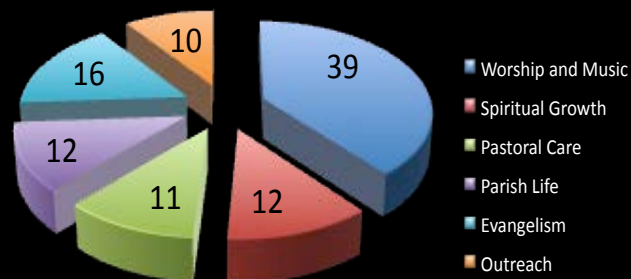


Where Our Dollar Goes (in cents)



For more information, go to www.christchurchdover.org/stewardship.html

You're a piece



'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.' - Luke 6:38

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
October 2010

Dear Friend in Christ:

Our vision as a church is to baptize, teach and make disciples, to continue to grow spiritually in Christ, in fellowship and in numbers. Through extensive outreach and evangelism, we are a thriving, welcoming home to our diverse congregation, committed service and financial support. We work to expand our understanding of stewardship for our church and community, in terms of giving our time, talents and treasure in order to support our many ministries, which enable the realization of our church vision.

Gifted the church and each other with our time, talents and treasure is a way of expressing our thanksgiving to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. God has enabled every single person to give at a level that is appropriate to what each has been given by God. It is our hope, and our faith which will lead us to greater generosity and greater commitment to each other, to our ministries and to the many outreach efforts that help us to realize our vision as a church.

Embrace the opportunity to express your gratitude for the many blessings which you have received, and submit a pledge so that we can add your piece to the puzzle. Just as every piece is needed to complete the puzzle, every person is needed, and has a valuable part to play in our church community.

Come, share with us our Christian journey.

Richard Waters
Richard Waters
Senior Warden

Frieda Fisher-Tyler
Frieda Fisher-Tyler
Junior Warden



of the puzzle . . .

Don't be the piece that's missing. Commit!

Sometimes a community of faith must take a leap of faith. That's why the 2010 pledge goal is not a dollar amount, or a percentage increase over last year's pledge.

The goal is 100 percent participation - from all Christ Church households and families.

Please pledge some amount, prayerfully considered. It helps to calculate a proportion of your income, no matter what that proportion is, as gratitude for God's blessings and an acknowledgement that all we have comes from him. Make a commitment, even if you have never pledged before.

Why? We could discuss the maintenance of our historic building and grounds, the overworked air conditioner in the church, the rising fixed costs in the budget, and the salaries of the rector, two full-time staff members, nursery workers, and custodial help.

But it's really about our ministries and what it takes to sustain and keep them vital. Worship, music, our children and youth, the pastoral care we receive in trying times, our Gospel role in the greater community.

What are they worth to you?



Return your puzzle piece with your commitment on or before November 7.

We are building a huge 4x6 puzzle in the sanctuary with these pieces. The puzzle will be completed only if every one participates!

grateful. blessed. generous. humbled.
graced. cheerful. abundant. faithful.

'God has created each of us with a unique contribution to make to our world and our times. No other person has our same abilities, motivations, network of friends and relationships, perspectives, ideas or experiences. When we, like misplaced puzzle pieces, fail to show up, the overall picture is diminished.'

- Richard Stearns, CEO, World Vision