



October 2024

Dear St. Aidan's Family,

Greetings, grace, and peace!

As we enter our annual stewardship season, we are reminded that stewardship is more than invitation to contribute to St. Aidan's financially. Stewardship is an invitation to make a grace-shaped difference in the world. Stewardship is an invitation to help change people's lives for the better. You are invited to make an impact. You are invited to join with others in participating in God's ongoing mission of radical inclusion, love, compassion, and justice. You are invited to be grace in action.

This year, our annual giving campaign theme is "**Grace in Action.**" This theme calls us to respond to God's grace by offering back our gifts in love and service. We invite you to join us in this mission by participating in our 2025 Annual Giving Campaign.

#### **Why Stewardship Matters:**

- **Supporting Our Ministries:** Your energy, your prayers, and your money help sustain the work to which God calls us in worship, formation, outreach, care of creation, and more.
- **Building Community:** Through your gifts, we can further create a welcoming, nurturing, and supportive environment for all parishioners.
- **Extending Our Reach:** Your generosity enables us to extend our mission beyond our church walls, reaching those in need in our broader community.

#### **How You Can Participate:**

1. **Prayerfully Consider Your Pledge:** Reflect on how you can contribute your energy, prayers, spiritual gifts, and money to support St. Aidan's mission throughout 2025.
2. **Complete the Pledge Card:** Please fill out the enclosed pledge card and return it by Celebration Sunday on November 10, 2024. You may also fill out an online pledge card on our website under the "Giving" tab or here: [tinyurl.com/AidanPledge25](https://tinyurl.com/AidanPledge25). Completing a pledge card enables your Vestry to set a budget and goals for 2025.
3. **Join Us in Worship and Service:** Participate in our upcoming worship, formation, and outreach opportunities to see firsthand the impact of your stewardship.

We are grateful for your continued support and commitment to St. Aidan's. Because of your generous giving in our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the September 2026 mortgage balloon payment is

eliminated and the church is on target to retire the remainder of the mortgage loan by early 2026! This happened because of you. Thank you! Together, we can not only dream bigger, we can be grace in action and bring the light of Christ to those around us in 2025 and beyond.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Amanda Smith at 559-786-0689, or [amandasmith03@gmail.com](mailto:amandasmith03@gmail.com).

Thank you for your generosity and faithful support of our St. Aidan's community.

Faithfully,



The Very Rev. Laura Cochran  
Rector



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