

LEAP OF FAITH

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP 2023



September 26, 2022

Dear Fellow Members of St. Aidan's,

We are inviting you to join us in taking a Leap of Faith into the future.

As we start coming together more as a faith community—worshiping, sharing popsicles on the playground, and gathering with lemonade on the lawn—we have the opportunity for renewal. With the help of our new Rector, Laura Cochran, together we can build, refine, and rejoice in this community of seekers.

For the past several months, the Vestry has been focused on three key goals:

- Improving communication with our church family and the community;
- Ensuring we can fund the ministries and church activities that are most important to us all; and
- Building engagement within our church family while attracting others who seek a spiritual home.

As a result of this work, each of us, as a member of the Vestry, has been called to consider what St. Aidan's means to us and how we contribute. As we enter our annual Fall Pledge Campaign, we reflect the joy and optimism we feel through leading by example with each Vestry member and our Rector having made our commitments to financially support St. Aidan's in 2023.

THIS IS OUR CHURCH

St. Aidan's will prosper if we all bring our gifts

Right now, current regular giving does not meet our regular expenses. This existing deficit, coupled with a planned, modest 5% increase in the 2023 budget, means that we need to increase our overall giving by at least 20%. To achieve this goal, we need more members to pledge and need those that do, to increase their pledge, if possible. We are a small, plucky parish that needs everyone's talents, everyone's time and everyone's gifts.

We are asking you to:

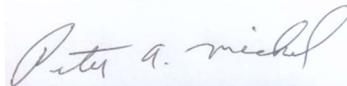
- **Reflect** - Where does St. Aidan's fit within my priorities?
 - *Time & Talents* - What church activities am I drawn to and want to learn more about?
 - *Generosity chart* – How much can I increase my pledge in 2023?
- **Respond** – Fill out a pledge card and bring or mail to church (or pledge online) by October 23 to help us plan for St. Aidan's future.
- **Rejoice** – Celebrate the promise of all we can build by working together in this community.

Let's take a leap of faith together!

With best wishes for our shared future,



Laura Cochran
Rector



Peter Michel
Senior Warden



Kathy Seikel
Junior Warden



Nancy Hammer
Stewardship Chair



Tom Madison
Treasurer

