



*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another
with whatever gift each of you has received. - 1 PETER 4:10*

Dear Saint Mark's Parishioners,

This year has reminded us in many ways of the strength and closeness of our community. Even when we were unable to gather in person, the Spirit kept us connected. Many in our society referred to churches as "closed," but we were never closed!

Stewardship is one of the most important parts of being a follower of Jesus, but it is the least discussed. One of most valuable epiphanies for Mary Jo and me happened when I was a Vicar of a small West Virginia church almost 37 years ago. We had been married about 3 years, we had three children and the church had run out of money: no paycheck. We had a small vacation fund, and though I would not get paid for a couple of months, we maintained our pledge. We have never "gone without" in 41 years!

On Sunday, October 18th, we will hear a message of faith-filled generosity first delivered by a Saint Mark's parishioner in 2012. We hope you will find the message as moving and relevant today as it was eight years ago. We pray it will inspire you to consider how faith in God can lead you to be good and generous stewards.

Saint Mark's is more committed than ever to the ministry and love we share with our neighbors. Our ministry is funded through the gifts of you - your generous offerings given in grace and love. A pledge card is enclosed for 2021 - please prayerfully make a generous pledge to Saint Mark's. Join us on Sunday, October 25th as we celebrate an In-Gathering of pledges. If you are unable to attend, please mail your pledge card to Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Road, Columbus, OH 43221; or email a phone photo or scan of your pledge card to treasurer@saintmarkscolumbus.org; or drop your card in the box outside the church office door.

Bless you for being a part of Saint Mark's and for your faithful, faith-filled gift to our annual campaign.

Blessings and Peace,

The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson
Transitional Priest-in-Charge