



The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

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Dear Annunciation Family,

Each fall, as the leaves begin to change and the pace of life moves toward the holidays, we are invited once again to pause and reflect on the gifts God has given us, and how we are called to walk in response. Stewardship is one way we continue this journey of faith, rooted in trust and gratitude. It's not just about funding a budget; it's about shaping a life of purpose and love, together.

This year's theme, *"Together on the Journey of Faith and Generosity,"* reminds us that we don't walk this path alone. At Annunciation, our journey is shared through worship, meals, outreach, service, and countless small acts of care and faithfulness. I see it in the way you welcome newcomers, pray for one another, show up week after week, and give so freely of your time, gifts, and hearts.

As Paul writes to the Philippians, *"I thank my God every time I remember you... because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion"* (Phil. 1:3–6).

God's good work is already deeply rooted here at Annunciation. This community has long responded to God's call with generosity, hope, and love, and I believe that same Spirit continues to guide and shape us for what lies ahead. Together, we are building a strong and vibrant parish. We are stepping forward in hope into the work God is calling us to do. Every pledge, each one, helps us plan, grow, and serve with faith and confidence.

The journey of generosity is also a journey of transformation. None of us are asked to have it all figured out; we are simply invited to take the next faithful step together. As you pray about your commitment for 2026, I invite you to reflect on what God is doing in your life and in the life of our church.

If you already pledge, thank you for your faithfulness. I encourage you to consider increasing your pledge as you are able, helping us expand our reach and strengthen our ministries. If you have never pledged before, now is a wonderful time to begin. Every gift matters, and every step forward makes a difference in what God is doing among us.

You will receive your pledge card in the mail soon, and we will offer them at the altar on Sunday, November 16, as a sign of our gratitude and trust in the One who walks with us always.

May God bless you richly, and may we continue together on this journey of faith and generosity.

In Christ,

Rev. Carolyn Bartkus