



For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. *1 Chronicles 29:14b*

October 21, 2024

Dear St. Michael's Parish Family,

St. Michael's annual stewardship commitment campaign begins with this appeal. This is an invitation to discover the joy of giving of one's time, talent, and treasure in response to all that we have received from God. In 1 Chronicles 29, King David gives of his resources to help construct a Temple for God. In his praise of God and his prayer to God, David makes the bold pronouncement, "For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you." Meaning, God is awesome and mighty and has created all things. From this creation, we are blessed to receive. And we are called to return to God a portion of what has been entrusted to us.

It is our sincerest prayer that members of this parish remain committed to return our first fruits to God. This is a new chapter in the life of this parish, as we have completed the call process for a new priest, and we are excited about where God is calling us to serve. We have been blessed to be the Episcopal presence here in Easley for over seventy years. Through God's grace, faithful Christians before us have labored so we may enjoy the fruits of their labors. It is our turn to return thanks to God and to construct a foundation for the future.

On October 27, Vestry members will present their commitment cards during our services. On the following Sundays, members of the parish are invited to place their commitment cards in the collection plate. If you are not able to attend services, please mail in or drop off your commitment card to the church office by the end of November. Then, during December, the 2025 proposed budget will be developed based on information from the commitment cards. Next, the Vestry-approved budget will be presented at the Annual Parish meeting on January 5, 2025.

Please spend time in prayer and reflection as you consider how you can participate in this year's stewardship appeal. We pray the Holy Spirit will inspire each of us to make a commitment of our time, our talents, and our treasure.

Faithfully,

Mark Pesnell
Senior Warden

Fr. Dan Wagner
Rector

Attachments