

Membership and Stewardship

St. Andrew is a special place. As a house of worship, we come here regularly to worship our God. We offer Him glory, honor, and praise with our presence and our words of thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from Him. Participating in the many programs and activities available for us, we enhance our relationship with God. As part of St. Andrew's church family, we share times of celebrations with others and receive comfort and support during life's trials and heartaches. We are welcome here. We have a relationship with each other and with God. That relationship comes with a commitment we call Stewardship. Stewardship is a two-fold commitment of finances and service to our church's ministry.

Your financial commitment of pledged offerings, tithes, and donations pay for the many ministries offered to those within the church and in the community. Your finances are used to provide consumable products, church utilities, building and grounds maintenance, and the salaries for our dedicated staff.

Your service commitment includes participation on committees or volunteering with church activities: Sunday School, Bible Study, VBS, community outreach, Mission Trips, Food Bank, Youth Group, Helping Hands, etc. Offered to folks of all ages, these activities continue year round thanks to the giving of your time and your talents. During our coffee hours, posters will be on display. They provide information about various programs offered by each committee.

Each fall, the Membership Support Committee has a Stewardship Drive, which encourages support for St. Andrew's ministry for the coming year. A stewardship packet is available from the office. The packet includes a financial commitment card, a.k.a. "pledge card," and an updated "Time and Talent" form, and a copy of the 2018 budget for reference. The 2019 budget is based on the financial commitment pledges received this fall. Prayerfully consider how you can provide financial commitment and commitment of your service to support the ministry offered at St. Andrew in 2019. Please plan to return your pledge card and Time and Talent form as soon as possible so our needs for the coming year can be addressed. Please call the office at 301-223-8887.

We thank God for calling you to serve Him as part of our St. Andrew family. We thank you for your generous support of St. Andrew's ministry through your stewardship.

Special Incentive to Pledge: Pastor Mark is in his 27th year with us. During that time, our goal has been to have at least 100 pledge cards returned. It doesn't matter how small or how large the pledge is. A pledge of one dollar is still a pledge, although larger pledges are also accepted. We'd just like to receive 100 pledge cards. If that happens, let's be positive, **when** we receive 100 pledge cards, Pastor Mark has promised to dust off his shoes and dance for us.