



SAINT JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Dear Friend in Christ:

Thank you for your past and present support of Saint James Episcopal Church!

Today I am pleased to announce that we are starting a 150th Anniversary capital campaign that will enable us to make needed repairs and improvements to our church facilities and grounds. In this mailing you will find a fold-out poster that describes these important items along with photos and descriptions.

The vestry has established a goal of raising \$597,500 over the next three years to pay for the various upgrades and improvements deemed important at this time. The more funds we raise, the more items we can accomplish from our list of priority projects.

On the back of this letter you will find an information sheet that will answer key questions you may have about the campaign. (You can also speak with any member of the vestry or me for more information!) Included on the Q&A form is a list of suggested pledge levels we are asking each of our parishioners to consider for their campaign commitment.

Please prayerfully look over the campaign poster and Question & Answer sheet, and review the Suggested Levels of Giving. As you consider your pledge to this campaign, please keep in mind that pledges are **payable over three years**, your pledge is not legally binding, and all campaign gifts are **tax-deductible**. In short, if each of us makes the most generous pledge possible, we will have a successful campaign.

We have designated February 11 as Commitment Sunday at St. James to kick-off the campaign. **To make your campaign pledge, please fill out the enclosed pledge card and bring it with you on Commitment Sunday.** If you cannot join us on February 11, you can mail in your pledge at your earliest convenience. We have provided a return envelope to the church office with this mailing.

God bless you for your faithful support of Saint James and this vital campaign.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip M. Dinwiddie".

The Rev. Philip M. Dinwiddie
Rector

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is our campaign goal?

We have established the goal of raising \$597,500 over a three-year period to pay for the listed priority projects. The amount of money raised will determine how many of the projects will be accomplished. Over the next three years the vestry will shepherd the projects, making decisions about project scope, order, and cost, based on the campaign funds received and the needs of the church.

Who is being asked to support this campaign? How much should I pledge?

All Saint James church members are being asked to support the campaign with a three-year pledge or gift. We are asking you to make the most generous pledge or contribution possible based on your own individual circumstances. We have provided a list of suggested campaign pledge levels, below, for you to consider. If each of us makes the most generous pledge possible, we will reach our campaign goals.

Is my campaign pledge over and above my regular Sunday offerings?

Yes, it is very important that you continue making your normal contributions to Saint James so we can meet the day-to-day financial obligations of operating the church. Your regular church donations enable us to pay for ongoing expenses such as maintenance, repairs, utilities, staff and church programs.

How do I make a capital campaign pledge?

Capital campaign pledge cards will be provided to church members. You will make your campaign pledge by filling out the pledge card. You will be able to make your campaign donations in a variety of convenient ways including check, credit card, etc. You will also be able to make your pledge donations in a way that is most convenient for you such as monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual gifts.

Can I contribute stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, or real estate in support of the campaign?

Yes, we encourage contributions of accumulated assets which can offer significant tax benefits for the donor. Please consult your financial advisor and contact Father Phil before making the contribution.

What happens if I need to adjust my pledge over the next three years?

If you experience a change in your financial circumstances in the future, you can notify the church office to adjust your pledge. Your pledge is not binding, but it is important that church members attempt to honor their pledge to ensure that we are able to raise the most money possible for the projects.

SUGGESTED LEVELS OF GIVING

The following are different levels of giving we are asking you to consider for a three-year pledge period to support this campaign. Please make the most generous pledge possible. All donations are tax deductible as provided by law.

Gift Level	Total Pledge	=	Annual Gift	or	Monthly Gift	or	Daily Gift
Legacy	\$25,000 or more		\$8,333		\$694		\$22.83
Heritage	\$10,800		\$3,600		\$300		\$ 9.86
Leadership	\$ 7,200		\$2,400		\$200		\$ 6.58
Foundation	\$ 5,400		\$1,800		\$150		\$ 4.93
Pacesetter	\$ 3,600		\$1,200		\$100		\$ 3.29
Cornerstone	\$ 2,700		\$ 900		\$ 75		\$ 2.47
Benefactor	\$ 1,800		\$ 600		\$ 50		\$ 1.64
Steward	\$ 1,080		\$ 360		\$ 30		\$.99