



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



“Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Creator, who created all the lights in the heavens. God never changes or casts a shifting shadow.” (James 1:17)

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout the Bible, we are reminded that God is a giver of all good things. He who created the lights of the heavens gives us life and “this fragile earth, our island home”.

Thank you for your generous support of the ministry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

A few days ago, we embarked on our annual giving campaign: “God Our Wonderful Giver”. A video created by fellow parishioners called “It's a Wonderful Pledge” reminded us that God's abundant gifts have touched all our lives...and challenged each of us to respond to such awesome generosity. You can find the video on our church website at www.standrewsvalpo.org.

You know how our ministries here at St. Andrew's have life and give life through the generosity of all our members. Each week, we are nurtured in word and sacrament. Empowered by the Spirit, we can then go into the world to care for those who are ill or hurting, and welcome all those searching for a connection to God and community.

I'm personally grateful that *you* are one of the wonderful giving companions I've met at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church! **You are a vital part of our “giving community”**, and you respond to God's giving by being generous. While giving levels vary in the congregation, all of us are asked to make a gift that reflects our gratitude for a giving God and our care for one another. We are called to make our giving a reflection of God's giving to us.

Enclosed you will find a 2016 pledge commitment card that includes the opportunity to support the Annual Operating Fund, as well as the “Growing in Grace” Mortgage Reduction Fund. Over the next six weeks, I invite you to prayerfully consider all that God has given you, and I ask that you pray about tithing to the ministry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Tithing tells the world that, as we become “wonderful givers” of God's love, we put our ultimate trust in Him. Please complete your pledge card and bring it with you as you come for worship on the weekend of November 21/22 or send it directly to our church office. During our services that weekend, we will ask God to bless and multiply our gifts as we celebrate the truth that He is “Our Wonderful Giver”.

Faithfully,

Fr. Rogert

