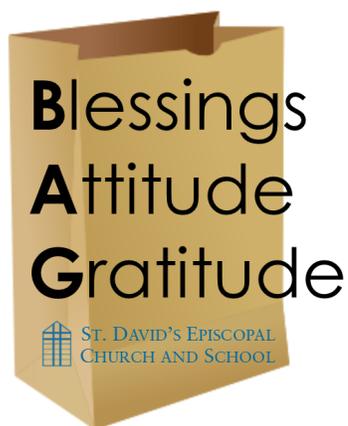


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Throughout scripture, we are reminded that God is the giver of all good things. God gives us life. All that we have and all that we are comes from God. And God calls us to give our very best to the glory of God with thanksgiving. I am thankful that you find your spiritual home in the life of St. David's Church and School. We are blessed to worship as a community and to work together to make a difference in the world.

We are in the midst of our annual giving campaign journey. You will hear from fellow parishioners and guests from outside the community and me about how God is working through us and how we are called to respond to God's grace. The life of faith is a journey we make together, not an individual expedition. The annual giving campaign is a time set aside to reflect on how the practice of intentional giving is in keeping with all that God has given us.

Our ministries both here at St. David's and out in our community have life and give life through the generosity of all of our members. Each week, we are nurtured in word and sacrament. We are fed and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do the work God is calling us to do, to care for those who are ill, hurting and in need, and welcome all those searching for a connection to God and community.

St. David's is a "giving community," which means that our response to a giving God is to be generous ourselves. Some of you tithe, giving ten percent of your income to the church, while some of you commit a percentage of your income. Others make a one-time gift, or give as they are able. While giving levels vary in the congregation, what is important is that all 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 2017 pledge commitment card which asks for a commitment of time to our ministries and of money. Over the next several weeks, I invite you to prayerfully consider all that God has given you and see how the Holy Spirit is calling you to share God's abundance through giving. If you are not sure where to start or grow in your commitment, please feel free to have a conversation with me and pray about how God is calling you to respond to His generosity in your life.

There will be a large "BAG" in the church throughout the annual pledge campaign so that you may drop in your card whenever you are ready. We will give thanks and ask God's blessing on our commitment on Sunday, November 6th at both services.

Peace,

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