

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure



Name: _____ Phone: _____

"We know that God passionately loves us and all of creation.

"We believe that the generous use of our gifts and resources is a faithful response to God's love and helps us to overcome our fear of scarcity."

– Vestry Stewardship Statement

As stewards of these abundant gifts, we have opportunities to express our thanks by returning a portion of God's abundance in the form of time, talent, and treasure. On Commitment Sunday, October 15, we will present tangible symbols of our offerings in the form of the included pages.

Treasure is simple (if not easy) to offer. A blue pledge form is included in this packet.

Time & Talent: We have compiled a comprehensive list of ministries at St. John's, organized into 11 major categories:

- Worship
- Community
- Evangelism
- Education
- Parish Care
- Outreach
- Communication
- Finance
- Property
- Stewardship
- Administration

Each section of the attached survey includes a detailed list of ministries, along with a list of ways in which members can offer time and talent to support them. Please check the box next to each item that interests you. *If you're sharing a survey with your spouse, please also write your name or initials beside each checked item.*

Frequently-Asked Questions:

Why should I fill out this survey? This survey provides an opportunity for you to indicate your willingness to offer your time and talents for specific ministries of our parish.

Who will use my information? How? This information will be entered into our parish member database and shared with leaders of the ministries in which you have indicated an interest. It will not be shared outside our parish family, nor will it be used by members of our parish family for purposes other than the ministries of St. John's Episcopal Church.

What commitment am I making? Marking a specific category does not commit you to a particular event or time frame; it indicates a general willingness to participate in the way you have indicated. When your offerings are needed, you will be contacted and given an opportunity to respond to a specific request.

What about ministries in which I'm already involved? Please check those boxes, too. This will help us be sure that our records are accurate.

new The survey includes a few new committees and opportunities that don't currently exist or are being reorganized. This is your chance to give life to new ministries!

Please bring these pages on Commitment Sunday, October 15, or place them ahead of time in the Stewardship Box in the church. Thank you! – The Stewardship Ministry Team

In response to God's abundant gifts, I offer my time and talents in the following ways:

Worship	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent Please check ✓ each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
Worship Committee		<input type="checkbox"/>	Chair
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member
Altar Service	Eucharistic Minister (high school and above)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 a. m.
	Lector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 a. m.
	Server (age 13+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 a. m.
	Torch (age 9+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 a. m.
	Crucifer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 a. m.
	Thurifer (carry incense burner)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 a. m.
Music	Adult Choir (10:15 service)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Soprano <input type="checkbox"/> Alto
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenor <input type="checkbox"/> Bass
	Children's Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child(ren)'s name(s): _____ (thru grade 6)
	Handbell Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Instrumentalist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Instrument(s): _____
	Summer (occasional)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Solo or small group, choral or instrumental
Support	Usher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Usher (once/month) <input type="checkbox"/> 8 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 a. m.
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute, as needed <input type="checkbox"/> 8 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 a. m.
	Public Address System <i>*new*</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinate
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Monitor system during service <input type="checkbox"/> 8 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 a. m.
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Train operators
	Altar Flowers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange flowers
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Deliver to homebound or hospitals after 10:15 service
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Help with seasonal decorations
	Altar Guild	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare Holy Table for services
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Polish brass
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacuum and dust altar and chapel areas
	Vestment Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wash, iron, and mend vestments

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COMMUNITY	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent	
		Please check ✓ each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
Fellowship Committee <i>*new*</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Chairperson
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member
Hospitality	Sunday Coffee & Refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinator
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Assist with coffee <input type="checkbox"/> between services <input type="checkbox"/> after 10:15 a. m.
	Advent Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wreath-making coordinator
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Pot luck coordinator
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Cookie decorating coordinator
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other project coordinators
	Reception Hosting (funerals, weddings, special occasions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide support in kitchen and dining room
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide support on weekdays
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare cookies or other food items
	Kitchen Maintenance (ongoing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check & re-order supplies as needed for hosting (coffee, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>		Clean	
Supper Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinate	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host pot-luck supper in your home	
Parish Hall (ongoing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Set up and clean up	
Episcopal Church Women	Coordination & Planning committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chairperson
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Communicate with diocesan ECW
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend retreats
	Angel Tree (tree of tags requesting Christmas gifts for members of adopted family)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare tags for tree
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Gather, wrap, organize, and distribute gifts
	United Thank Offering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinate and publicize
Plant Sale (fund-raiser)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Select plants, compile orders, pick up and distribute	
Book Sale (fund-raiser)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sort, set-up, work at sale	
Annual Lenten Luncheon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide support in kitchen and dining room	

EVANGELISM	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent	
		Please check ✓ each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
Welcoming	Welcoming committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning committee member
	Greeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Choose service: <input type="checkbox"/> 8 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 a. m.

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Education	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent Please check ✓ each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
Christian Education (Preschool – Grade 6)	Church School	<input type="checkbox"/>	Superintendent
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Preschool/Kindergarten Teacher
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary Teacher
	Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinator
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday Attendant
	Epiphany Pageant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinator
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinator's Assistants
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Costumer
	Journey to Adulthood (ages 12-18)		<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>			Youth leader (J2A: ages 14-15)
<input type="checkbox"/>			Youth leader (YAC: ages 16-18)
<input type="checkbox"/>			Provide refreshments
<input type="checkbox"/>			Lead discussions. (Topic: _____)
<input type="checkbox"/>			Chaperone outside activities
Adult Faith Formation	Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinator
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member
	Discussion Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bible studies
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Spiritual practices
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Christianity and current issues (please mark):
		<input type="checkbox"/> Family Life <input type="checkbox"/> Financial planning and stewardship <input type="checkbox"/> Peace and social justice <input type="checkbox"/> Faith and the arts <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

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PARISH CARE	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent	
		Please check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
Parish Care Committee <i>*new*</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Chairperson
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member
Helping Hands <i>*new*</i>	Provide meals for parishioners in crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinator
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare and deliver food
	Provide services as needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drive members to shopping, medical needs, etc.
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Perform household chores
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide rides to church
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit homebound parishioners
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit parishioners in hospitals	
Eucharistic Visitors		<input type="checkbox"/>	Assistant coordinator <i>*new*</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Take Eucharist to homebound
Prayer Chain		<input type="checkbox"/>	Prayer chain member

And while we're on the subject of parish care...

NEEDS

Please list any specific needs that you may have below. You may gather ideas from the ministries above.

- Do you need rides to church, to doctors' offices, to the grocery store?
- Do you need someone to talk to?
- Do you need financial assistance or help in managing your finances?
- Do you need clergy to call upon you?
- Do you need a friend?

Your needs will be held in strict confidence.

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OUTREACH	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent Please check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
Jubilee Ministries	Jubilee Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chairperson
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinator for a specific ministry (from list below)
	Dinner Out (feed 50) 2 nd Wednesday of month	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donate money
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare meals 3 times/year (1:00 – 4:00 pm)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve meals (4:30 – 6 pm)
	Food Bank (door ministry) Distributes food items from church	<input type="checkbox"/>	Choose & publicize "food of the month" based on needs
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Donate non-perishable food
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Collect items from basket at church entrance
	Community Breakfast (feed 175) 3 rd Saturday of month	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare breakfast (7:30 – 9:00)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve breakfast (9:00 – 10:00)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean up (9:30 – 11:00)
	Eagles Nest: after-school program for 4 th -5 th grade students from Fulton Elem.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Help w/academic support, crafts, games, cooking. (Program runs 2-5 pm, but some responsibilities require a shorter time commitment.) Wednesdays, October – April
	MLK, Jr. Day Celebration (for school-aged children)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chairperson
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Help w/activities (music, dancing, crafts, learning, lunch)
	Cookies and Books: read and eat w/neighborhood children in church courtyard. Wed. evenings, July & Aug.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read books
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Bake cookies
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve cookies and sit with children
	New Year's Eve: Hot meal for inner-city community members and "Countdown Lancaster" celebration host concerts or presentations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare community meal
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve community meal
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Set up and clean up for community meal
<input type="checkbox"/>		Welcome and direct attendees of Countdown Lancaster	
Children's Friendship Program for Northern Ireland (4 weeks in July)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host two Irish students (one Roman Catholic and one Protestant) in your home	
Mother Earth Mission	<input type="checkbox"/>	Take recyclable items to recycling center	
Blankets and Sew On: provides items for local people in need	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knit, crochet, or sew blankets, hats, etc.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donate supplies or storage bins	
SE Lancaster Health Center Ministry: to new mothers & babies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinator	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donate items (diapers, formula, clothing, etc.)	
Grocery Coupon Sales (between & after services)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sell coupons at table in Parish Hall. (Coupons sell at face value; Jubilee Ministries earn 5%)	

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OUTREACH (CONTINUED)	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent Please check ✓ each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
Other Outreach Committees	Companion Parish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member
	Companion Diocese <i>*new*</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member
	Social Justice <i>*new*</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member

COMMUNICATION	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent Please check ✓ each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
	Communications Committee <i>*new*</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chairperson
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Write newsletter articles
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Write bulletin messages
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Write and send press releases to newspapers, radio, TV
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Post flyers & update bulletin board on events
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Make Sunday announcements to congregation
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Web site manager
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Web site technician

FINANCE	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent Please check ✓ each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
	Finance Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member
	Teller (Monday mornings)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count money (also occasional Tuesdays)

PROPERTY	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent Please check ✓ each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
	Property Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member
	Scheduled Maintenance <i>*new*</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mowing
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Outside cleaning & pick-up (weekly: Friday or Saturday)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Gardening, mulching
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Spring and fall inside cleaning (pews, nursery, kitchen)
	Repairs or Improvements as Needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carpentry
		<input type="checkbox"/>	General repairs: doors, windows, gates, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Plumbing	

STEWARDSHIP	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent Please check ✓ each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
	Stewardship Ministry Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	Team member
	Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinate single event (environmental, etc.)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Write to parishioners
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Call parishioners

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ADMINISTRATION	Ministry	Offerings of Time & Talent Please check ✓ each area in which you are willing to offer service.	
Administrative	Office Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Answer phone (Tuesday staff meeting/lunch 11:00 – 1:00)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Answer phone during Patti's vacation or sick days
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Assemble weekly service bulletins (Friday mornings)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Assemble <i>Messenger</i> mailing (last Thursday of month)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Assemble Easter and/or Christmas service booklets
	Archives <i>*new*</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Archivist (coordinate and organize collection)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Archival assistant
	Library <i>*new*</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Librarian
<input type="checkbox"/>		Library assistant	
Vestry		<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Vestry