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November 6, 2020

Dear Friends of Christ Church,

I think it is safe to say that this may be the most challenging and extraordinary year many of us have ever experienced. The pandemic has impacted all of us one way or another by disruptions, anxieties, and loss. It has tested our patience, our resolve, and perhaps even our faith.

Despite all that we have endured and continue to face, we are comforted by the grace of God and our commitment to live in love with our families, friends and neighbors. We have seen the Christ Church community come together in ways we could not have imagined at the beginning of 2020. Ginnie Glassman immediately began offering a weekly prayer group Zoom and Peter Ulisse moved his meditation group to Zoom. Pastor Jane, our pastoral care leaders, and Vestry mobilized to call everyone in the parish and have continued to reach out to those in need.

In addition, we have never missed a Sunday worship service. Pastor Jane, Matthew, our Yale Divinity School seminarian Paige Foreman-Smith, and Maryanne immediately moved our church to videos and later Zoom and Facebook. As a result, our services are now reaching over 100 people throughout the Trumbull area every week. With the guidance of our reopening task force, Shirley Mayo and Karen Holmes, we were able to come together to worship outside under the trees on our “back 40,” and, most recently, we were able to worship in the sanctuary once again while continuing to provide online worship services. It is not the same, and we miss the rituals, the live music, and fellow parishioners, but Christ Church remains here, for all of us, representing promise and hope.

Last year, we saw growth in stewardship participation and generosity that made us enthusiastic for our future and confident in our direction. We watched with excitement as our Uppercroft finally started to take shape under the leadership of Jaye Irwin and look to 2021 as the year it will finally be completed. This coming year will offer us great opportunity even in the midst of challenges to create new forms of worship, to reach people who have never heard of Christ Church and help those that are lonely or hurting know God through the love and support and kindness of our small community.

In this call for stewardship, we invite you to give thanks to God for our many blessings and take time to consider how your response to God’s call has been shaped by your church home and the friends who gather with you. Please give so that we can continue this incredible work at Christ Church and our surrounding communities, in spite of – and perhaps because of – the many uncertainties around us. Help us continue to be a strong and vibrant beacon for those in need of “the little church with the big heart,” now more than ever.

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As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we thank you very much for counting Christ Episcopal Church Trumbull among your many blessings. Attached is a pledge card that you can complete and return to us at your convenience.

Stay safe and stay well.

*Todd*

Todd Rossel  
Senior Warden

## Christ Church Trumbull Stewardship Commitment

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and his church, I plan to commit the following to Christ Church Trumbull:

**I pledge to give weekly to Christ Church Trumbull.**

My weekly pledge will be: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I pledge to give of my time to Christ Church Trumbull.**

My weekly time commitment will be: \_\_\_\_\_ hours.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

This commitment may be revised or cancelled  
at any time at my request.