



## *Christ Church Trumbull*

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Dear Fellow Parishioners:

As your treasurer and fellow parishioner of CCT, I send this to you today as we enter our month of stewardship. Stewardship is the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or a property. During the month of October, a few of your fellow parishioners will reach out to our church community to share their own personal path to CCT and discuss the need for stewardship and pledging.

In August of 1999, upon our move from Ohio to Trumbull, I brought my 2 young children to CCT. The generous, welcoming nature of this parish community had me eager to return. Shortly thereafter, I was nominated for and joined the vestry to serve for Fellowship. I continued to serve over many of the forthcoming years. I have recently been nominated for and stepped in to serve as your treasurer. As such, I wish to provide some information to assist in your ability to make informed budget decisions for 2024.

Our parish exists on a few primary sources of income:

- ^ Pledged Offerings
- ^ Monthly draw down from our Endowments\*
- ^ Rental Income from the Rectory
- ^ Non-pledged Offerings (unpredictable annual donations)
- ^ Fundraising Events\*\*

Our parish relies on pledges from our parishioners to provide the foundation for the following years budget.

Currently, we have 43 parishioner households listed as members. In 2022, we had 20 pledging households. Those 20 households pledged over \$50,000, with an average weekly pledge of just under \$50.00. It is understood that some households may not be able to pledge financially to such an extent, however, the gift or your time has a value as well. Enclosed is a brief Excel document with a summary of income vs. expenses.

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Our parishioners love and often remark on the joy felt within this welcoming community of the little church on the hill with a big heart. Pledging involves time, talent and treasure. We share our time and talent in non-financial ways. The treasure keeps our doors open. We look for you to reach into your hearts and return your pledge cards as soon as possible. Be it with a financial pledge, a pledge of time, or perhaps your desire to contribute to our non-pledged offering income.

God Bless,

Susan Vasone  
CCT Treasurer

\* Our endowment funds have multiple stipulations and restrictions which help our parish but should remain a conservative resource.

\*\* Events such as our Annual Apple Festival have generated a significant income boost.

However, since the pandemic, this income source has been negligible. Additionally, this is one income source which does rely heavily on parishioner time.

*“...go therefore and make disciples...”*