

## Our Parish Chooses GRATITUDE and LOVE

Please prayerfully consider your plan to support Christ Church Parish. Every gift is important. When you give, you:

- Join with others to build a strong foundation for our parish
- Help to pay off the mortgage so we can devote our resources to the future to which we are called

Please share your giving plans by Sunday, November 6, 2022, by completing and returning the enclosed card or clicking on *Give* at [CCPKI.org](http://CCPKI.org). Sharing your plan will help the vestry create a plan to fund our ministries and operations for the coming year.

If you have questions, please contact Molly Cannon, Senior Warden at [srwarden@ccpki.org](mailto:srwarden@ccpki.org).

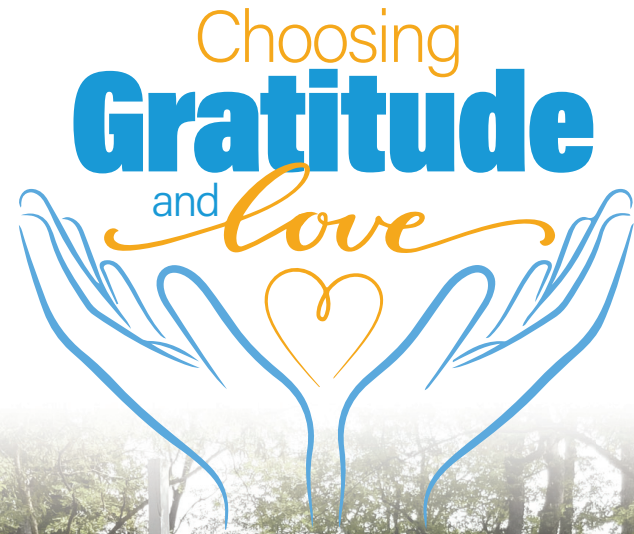


*At Christ Church Parish Kent Island, you will find worship grounded in our congregation's four centuries of living God's mission. We value Jesus' teaching of all-inclusive, non-judgmental love. We are nourishing bodies, minds, and spirits; providing a safe place for renewal and recovery; and cultivating faith through meaningful relationships.*

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## CHRIST CHURCH PARISH KENT ISLAND 2023 GIVING

*Parish Operations and Mortgage*



**Choose** *this day whom you will serve . . .  
as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*  
—Joshua 24:15

## Our Parish Family Chooses Gratitude and Love

Every day is a gift from God which provides us with the freedom to make choices about every step we take. At Christ Church Parish, we choose to express our gratitude and love by:

- 1 Living our faith
- 2 Engaging in ministry
- 3 Caring for each other and our resources
- 4 Sharing with our neighbors

## 1 LIVING OUR FAITH

We are a vibrant faith community, invited and challenged to grow and live our faith every day:

- Participating in Centering Prayer, Daily Evening Prayer, and Sunday Worship Services
- Singing with and enjoying our choir, praise band, and guest musicians
- Praying for those on our parish prayer list



## THE IMPACT OF Giving!

When we stand together as a family, giving in gratitude and love, we are choosing to share the love of Jesus with everyone and be the church God calls us to be.

Parishioners' generous giving creates opportunities:

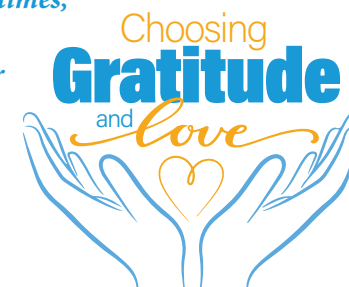
- We have purchased equipment to allow us to live-stream our services
- Participants Zoom into book studies, meetings, and discussion groups
- New neighbors have joined the church after following our live-streamed services and remote events



*A generous donor provided for the much-needed update to Shand Hall.*

Gifts like these allow us to strengthen our ministries and limit the withdrawal from our investments, keeping the Church sound for future generations.

*In these difficult economic times, every gift is important. Please prayerfully consider your gifts as a way to show your gratitude and love. Remember that if your circumstances change, you may change your planned giving at any time by contacting the church treasurer.*





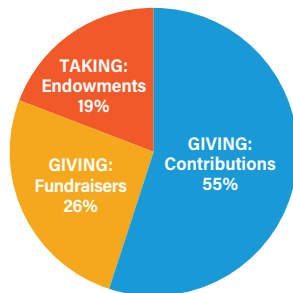
# Giving to Show our GRATITUDE and LOVE

## 2023 PARISH OPERATIONS

Together, we have chosen to focus our energy and resources in 2023 on living our faith, engaging, and caring for all in our Church family and larger community.

The sources for funding our priorities include:

1. The gifts we receive from parishioners
2. Funds we raise through events, the soup & salad ministry, and building rentals
3. Withdrawals from our endowments



The relationship is simple: the more we raise and give together, the less we need to take from our endowments and the more is left to sustain the church in the future. The choice is ours.

Our prayer is that at least 70 families will plan to donate a total of \$170,000 or more toward 2023 Operations.

## 2023–2024 MORTGAGE REDUCTION

Since 2015, we have reduced our mortgage debt from \$1.2 million to \$250,000!

Generous donations from many households have enabled us to consistently meet our monthly mortgage obligation. In addition, gifts from legacy-minded donors and early pledge payments from parish families have allowed us to make additional principal payments to reduce our loan balance.

Our careful management of these generous gifts has reduced the interest burden of the loan substantially.

Our goal for 2023 and 2024 is to “stay the course” — household commitments toward the mortgage are essential to meet our monthly mortgage obligations.

## 2 ENGAGING IN MINISTRY

We are creating strong ministries with all of our parish family:

- Fun-filled events for children, youth, and families
- Food & Fellowship small group gatherings in homes and other settings
- Multi-generational opportunities for folks of all ages to volunteer, gather, learn, serve, and be served
- Education for Ministry, Bible and book studies, and discussion groups on-line and in-person
- Bible stories and sacramental preparation for children and youth



### 3 CARING FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR RESOURCES

We are expanding the ways we care for each other and our resources:

- Parish Nursing Ministry to encourage wellness and health
- CPR training and instruction on use of AED
- Connecting with those who are home-bound or need a visit with a fellow parishioner
- Caring for our worship space and sacred resources
- Responsibly overseeing and managing our parish financial resources, facilities, equipment, and grounds
- Supporting our Day School, Broad Creek Cemetery, and Camp Wright



### 4 SHARING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

We are reaching out to the wider community, experiencing the joy of giving and sharing with others:

- Nourishing our neighbors through Free Community Dinners, Backpack Weekend Meals for Kids, Grasonville and Sudlersville food pantries, and the Soup and Salad Ministry
- Supporting Haven Ministries, Scouts, and several Recovery Groups
- Offering our facilities to other churches, community groups, and individuals for special events and activities
- Serving as leaders for community organizations

