CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
KENT ISLAND

2027 GIVING FOR PARISH MINISTRIES AND OPERATIONS



ABUNDANCE

Living generously in the abundance God provides.

χαρις υμιν και ειρηνη πληθυνθειη εν επιγνωσει του θεου και ιησου του κυριου ημων

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

-II Peter 1:2 NRSV

Second Peter[1] has much to say, and it begins with this lovely encouragement – "*may grace and peace be yours in abundance….*"

Abundance does not describe quantity, it describes blessing. Peter speaks of abundance to a blessed and grateful community. And he's right – Christians *do* enjoy abundant grace and peace because we do know God. Belonging to God in Christ Jesus our Lord means that 1) we understand ourselves to be blessed, 2) and are grateful for those blessings, and 3) are moved to act like it. Peter states a fact, issues the invitation that the facts demonstrate, and he makes a statement of personal resolve. And what Peter wrote to the churches of the Roman province of Anatolia could have been and is in fact addressed to Christ Church Parish, Kent Island as well.

Each year we remember the facts, and hear the invitation, and each year we are called to renew our personal resolve to act as persons who are blessed; the sequence Peter wrote to the ancient churches operates here and now as well as there and then. Christ Church Parish is 395 years old. That's neither an accident nor some sort of institutional evolutionary anomaly. We are here because for a long time the people of this Parish have behaved just as Peter wrote. And we are encouraged to "…. *not grow weary in doing good.*"[2]

Please consider the materials here. The data are inescapable; Christ Church Parish, Kent Island is growing in numbers. It is expanding in ministry. It is a force for good in this community. How can we each and together become ever more committed to the work we are given by God to do, and ever more deeply committed to the common life of this Parish in which we do it?

God bless you.

The Rev'd Frank B. Crumbaugh III

Priest-in-Charge

[1] Formally denominated *The Second Epistle General of Peter*, this book is not a letter addressed to a specific person or single congregation. It is a written "broadcast," addressed to a number of churches in what we now call Turkey. While it refers to the author's impending death, which would put it written 64-68CE, most scholars think it is written around 80CE in Peter's voice to emphasize its content; in that regard it is ***pseudepigraphic*** - written by an adherent or follower in the voice/style of a known person.

[2] Galatians 6:9 NRSV

An Abundant Life

Abundance is a word derived from the Latin abondantia, meaning fullness or plenty. Living in abundance means knowing there are enough resources for everyone if we share — God enriches our lives and teaches us to share in turn.

At Christ Church Parish Kent Island we share our resources in many ways.

Our ministries:

- Nourish our community and feed our children,
- Teach us about God's love,
- Present relevant and moving worship services with joyous music,
- Care for one another in stressful and joyous times, and
- Connect our parish in ways that build meaningful and important relationships.



Expressing our Abundance

Abundance of Joy. The children God has blessed us with, and the music ministry's joy each Sunday and at special events.

Abundance of Resources. Staff, leaders, and volunteers who serve with grace and joy; and facilities that draw people into our spaces through music programs, community gatherings, and conventions.

Abundance through Nurturing. Nourishment for food-insecure children, families, and seniors in our community.



OUR CAMPAIGN GOAL

$300,000

We are counting on you to trust in God's abundance and pledge generously.

SUSTAINING OUR ABUNDANCE

Sharing Our Blessings

Giving at Christ Church is an act of gratitude for the blessings we receive. When you pledge your gifts, Christ Church is able to sustain the ministries that share God's love with our community and one another.

Your gifts support:

- maintaining the spaces essential for worship, parish gatherings, outreach ministries and community meetings,
- providing essential resources for our thriving music and family ministries, and
- employing outstanding staff and clergy.

More Than Money

Stewardship, for us, means managing the whole of the life God has entrusted to us — our time, our unique talents, our care for creation, and our financial resources alike. Abundance touches every part of who we are.

