

Dear Epiphany family,

It is with hope and excitement that I write this letter to you as we begin our 2023 stewardship campaign, *Living Faith and Life Together*. Last year, we asked, and you responded faithfully. Together, we have progressed into a new chapter that is full of possibility and promise. In August, we welcomed Janelle Hiroshige as our Associate for Youth and Community Partnerships. This fall we continue to invest in new equipment to enable more hybrid ministry and programming. I thank you for your support in making these ministry priorities possible.

This year we will continue to live into our priorities as we seek renewed and deeper community engagement and parish-wide connection. Through your pledge, we will sustain the growth we've experienced and help launch new ministries such as small groups for growth with God and neighbor, renewing our culture of welcome and invitation to newcomers, and expanding our administrative staff to support outreach through improved marketing and communication. *Living Faith and Life Together* invites us to be a church committed to the flourishing of one another and those who are not yet a part of this community. We believe a growing church is full of growing people. Through our gratitude and generosity, God creates new life.

Our annual campaign goal for this year is \$1.2 million. *Living Faith and Life Together* calls us into exciting possibilities. We ask you to consider making, increasing, or sustaining your financial pledge this year. Your pledge is a tangible and transformative connection to living our faith and life together.

We know that for some this past year has been challenging financially. If you can sustain or increase your pledge, or perhaps pledge for the first time, then we will be able to align our mission and financial stewardship. If you are not able to increase your pledge, know that any financial commitment is a gift to our shared ministry. Your generosity makes a difference. Your generosity will impact both you and the larger community for good. Join us on Sunday, September 18th for the launch of our annual stewardship campaign, *Living Faith and Life Together*.

Please explore the included materials for further details and ask questions of me or any member of the Stewardship Committee or Vestry as the conversation continues between now and Ingathering Sunday on October 16th. God is with us, leading us on, and it is here that growth and new life is before us always at Parish of the Epiphany (Galatians 6:9). I am grateful for your trust and commitment as we seek to respond to God's directing Spirit. I give thanks for you and rejoice in what lies ahead for us all.

God's peace to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Myers". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

The Rev. Nick Myers, Rector