



New Paths, Growing Faith.

Register Your Pledge Today

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Greetings! It is such an honor to be entering my first stewardship season with you all at St. Columba's! I have been praying and dreaming about what the Holy Spirit will be doing with our offerings of time, talent, and treasure for months now, and I am excited to finally be a part of that mission together.

One day as Moses was watching his flock, an angel appeared in a flame of fire out of a bush. The bush was ablaze, yet was not consumed. God called to Moses, "remove your sandals; the place on which you stand is holy ground." The miracle is not that the bush was burning. The miracle is that Moses heeded the presence of God. Moses turned his attention from himself to what God was doing.

Dear ones, what is God doing among us? Everywhere I turn these days, I sense the Spirit prompting us to live God's love in myriad ways; drawing us close; filling us with visions, sending us out. In awe, I take off my shoes with gratitude for you, for your witness, for the ways we are being moved by the Spirit!

We are being moved by the Spirit to:

- Join our voice in song with others in our choirs
- Discern how we are called to acts and lives of reconciliation
- Invite family, friends, neighbors, strangers for supper on Wednesday
- Partner with others for justice
- Tend to our sanctuary so its holiness can be felt by those yet to arrive
- Take our faith outside - to the courtyard, labyrinth, and daily interactions
- Read the Bible; teach, learn, converse, pray, laugh and grow in discipleship
- Plan how best to complete upgrades to our property for our mission



This is holy ground. I feel so blessed by our community together as we take our turns - leading, following; sometimes weary, oft times inspired. Through our seeking together, we discover the depths of our belovedness before God. This brochure offers a picture of St. Columba's vision and mission for the coming year; our priorities and ministries - and the resources needed. Please take a look. When considering a gift or pledge, we naturally begin with ourselves: What do I have? What do I need? How much can I give? **This year, I invite you to begin with God and ask, how is the spirit moving in my life and through our life together? How is God calling me to deeper faithfulness? What does life with St. Columba's mean to me?**

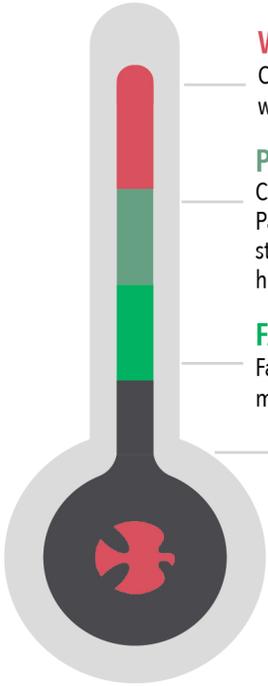
Each year I seek to stretch in giving; doing so opens my heart to God. Giving generously is a spiritual practice; giving is good for our souls. I pray that you join me: begin with God and let yourself be moved by the Spirit! Make a wildly generous pledge. You'll be glad you did.

Peace!

Hellen

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Stewardship Goal: \$2,741,036



WORSHIP 29.16%

Clergy, music, flowers and other worship supplies

PROGRAM & OUTREACH 27.73%

Children and Youth ministries staff, Pastoral Care and Member Engagement staff, Outreach ministries, food and hospitality, Communications staff

FACILITIES 21.93%

Facilities staff, utilities, building maintenance and repairs

ADMINISTRATION 21.18%

Finance and Accounting staff, insurance, technology, office supplies

Annual stewardship pledges are vital for maintaining a solid operational and program base for the parish. Annual stewardship pledges cover St. Columba's essential expenses, including:

Funding for various ministries, outreach, and social justice programs

Support for worship services (such as music, flowers, recordings and broadcast)

Children, youth, and adult formation

Utilities bills to keep the lights and water on and provide heat and air conditioning

Maintenance and repairs for our church building and grounds

Salaries and benefits for clergy and non-clergy staff

By pledging before the start of each calendar you allow the vestry and staff to develop with confidence an annual budget and plan to serve the congregation and our wider community. Although our pledge goal is the same as last year's, hope that you will prayerfully consider increasing your pledge for 2026, knowing that many in our parish are facing job loss and may not be able to pledge as much. And, of course, we invite anyone who has not pledged before to consider doing so!

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Sources of Revenue

- 81% Pledges
- 9% Loose Plate & Seasonal Giving
- 8% Rental Revenue
- 2% Special Events Revenue

What do St. Columban's pledge?

Last year's average pledge was: \$4,790

Total Number of Pledgers: 537

\$0-\$5,000	388
\$5,000-\$10,000	92
\$10,000-\$15,000	25
\$15,000-\$20,000	10
\$20,000-\$40,000	20
\$40,000+	2

