

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8

Parish of Christ Church Easton

October 16, 2023

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As our annual stewardship campaign gets underway, you have heard about the theme, **Rooted in Abundance**, and its reminder to us that we are inspired to give because so much has been given to us. This is not transactional – we do not give in proportion to how we feel we have benefitted or suffered – rather we give because of the love we have experienced in the story of our faith.

I am grateful that you have called me to again lead this annual process of telling the story of our abundance and our gratitude. I love hearing the stories that you will tell about what connects you to Christ Church and how your family flourishes where it has been planted. Every gift matters this year, and each gift will be accepted, brought to the altar, and blessed before God and our community.

Enclosed is your Estimated Giving form for 2024. As you pray about your financial commitment to our church, please know that it is through your gifts of wealth, work, and wisdom that we can engage and support our mission to our members and our neighbors. When we are rooted in abundance, we realize that our giving can be as boundless as the Creation that gave birth to us all. Thank you for your generosity and your prayerful consideration of your commitment to Christ Church, as well as helping to meet our operating expenses in the coming year.

In love,

Bob Ellwanger Stewardship Committee Chair

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P.S. The last Sunday of our campaign is November 19, 2023. Please send or submit your form by that date so that we may gather them together, bless them, and create our annual budget.