

Moving Forward in 2025

There is much that our congregation needs to consider as we determine how God's Economy works here at St Thomas's.

Our budget pays for the absolute necessities, and the biggest part of that is paying our devoted and amazing staff.

- Our Rector, Curate, Parish Musician and Parish Administrator contribute to our parish community and to the community beyond. They have much to share with us.
- Our program budget, which covers Youth formation, Outreach, Hospitality and Pastoral Care, is minimal and, currently, has no room to grow within our current budget structure.
- Budgeting for programs will have to be looked at carefully. If this is vital to you, please consider that as you consider your intentions.



Generosity begets generosity

Our generosity is the lens through which we are seen, both within and outside our community.

We are God's householders.

Let us share the joy
of God's Economy:

*Rooted in Christ and
Abounding in Thanksgiving.*

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-Colossians 2:6-7

Why we give at St Thomas's

Earlier this year, our Vestry working group sent a letter regarding our financial viability moving forward. Mission and Ministry priorities were:

- Providing welcoming and inclusive worship
- Caring for our parishioners and the community
- Stimulating spiritual growth through educational opportunities
- Being good stewards of the environment and our property

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How you can help

As we move forward in prayerful consideration of what we intend to give in support of the 2025 budget, it is important that each of us decide what means most to us in the mission and ministry we share at St Thomas's. What blessings have you received that you want to share?

- Consider how our worship, in person and online, inspires and strengthens you.
- Consider how intentional giving provides safe space for community members who are welcome here for our Blue Hen Bounty Food Bank and for their own meetings.
- Consider increasing your financial gift to enable us to do more for ourselves and our community.

The importance of Giving

It is important to remember that our worth as disciples in God's kingdom is not measured by what we have, but by how we use it.

How we support the work of God at St Thomas's must be an intentional decision by each household.



CONSIDER WHAT MEANS THE MOST TO YOU IN THIS COMMUNITY



REFLECT ON WHAT KEEPS YOU COMING BACK TO ST THOMAS'S



THINK ABOUT THE WORK WE DO THAT TESTIFIES TO GOD'S SUSTAINING LOVE



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We are grateful for their time, talent and dedication to our church home.

And we give thanks to Carol Palermo and Lisa Goodwin who have taken on the duties Barbara and Jeanne discharged for so long, and to Judy Neumeyer who is our new treasurer.

We are Blessed.