



# St. Mary's, Hamilton Village

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT PENN

**October 2019**

Dear St. Marians,

It's Stewardship Season at St. Mary's!

I'm writing this while traveling home from six glorious days in New England: first in Massachusetts with a sister and her family, my high school (50th!) reunion, then hiking in New Hampshire with old friends. I thank God that Paul and I are healthy and able to keep on enjoying life in mostly the same ways as when we first met in 1972.

This busy, full week puts in my mind a line from some song--I'm too impatient to wait for Amtrak's slow WiFi to tell me—it goes like this: "What can you do with each moment of your life but love till you love it away."

I think about the simple truth of that line more and more as I grow older. What else really matters but love: giving love each moment of our lives, and when received, accepting it graciously and thankfully?

I once heard a fellow St. Marian say that one thing she liked about gathering for worship was that it was a way of being "alone, together." In life, we ARE alone, but we do it together! Each of us is also alone (but always with God's help) in discerning what we can share of our time, talent and treasure. By sharing our gifts, we knit together a loving community here at this parish and in an ever-expanding world outside of our walls- and by doing so we help to heal the world.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support St. Mary's and its many ministries in 2020 with your time, talent, and treasure. Just as many hands make light work of the most difficult jobs, many members coming together to support this community makes all that we do possible. Once you have determined your 2020 Pledge, please return the pledge form on the reverse of this page to the office, or place it in the alms basin on a Sunday morning by November 3rd. Thank you for all that you do as part of this congregation to honor God in this holy place!

In Christ,

Claudia Crane  
Parishioner since 2000

*Gracious and loving God, who provides infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, we give thanks to you for your abundant love made manifest in our lives and the world around us.*

*You call us to be a loving, diverse, and inclusive community, working toward a world of compassion and justice. You challenge us to lift up and advocate for the marginalized and despised. Give us courage to be faithful disciples, to discern and do the work you require of us to bring about your kingdom here and now.*

*Help us to respond to your call by sharing generously of our time, talent, and treasure, always seeking justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with you. Amen.*



I (WE) PLEDGE A TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I WOULD LIKE WEEKLY PLEDGE ENVELOPES \_\_\_\_.

I (WE) AM (ARE) MAKING A GIFT OF STOCK OR SECURITIES, AS FOLLOWS:

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I (WE) PLEDGE THE GIFT OF MY (OUR) TIME AND TALENT TO THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH:

- Liturgy   Sunday School   Choir/Music   Altar Guild   Ushering/Greeting   Hospitality   Facilities   Webwork
- Vestry & Leadership

If your particular interest is not on the list, please add it.

Community Service (specify if you can)

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Other (be as specific as you can)

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