



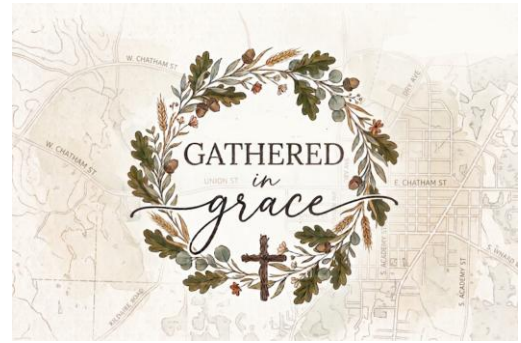
Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much should I give?

The decision to give to St. Paul's is very personal, so we are reluctant to suggest any specific level of giving.

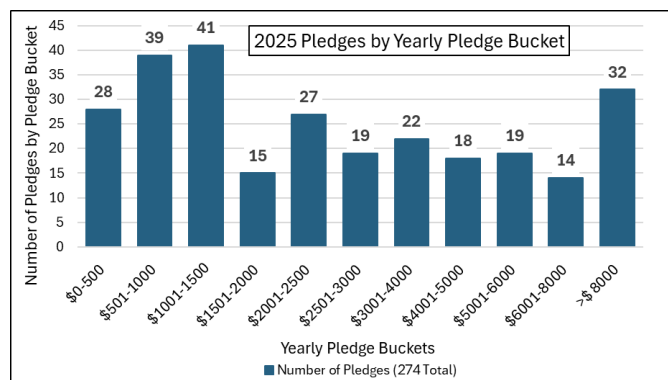
Whatever you choose to give, we promise it will be cherished, and your giving will always be treated with respect and privacy.

Perhaps the best way to decide on an amount to give is to ground yourself first in gratitude. Consider what St. Paul's brings to your life, to the Cary community, and to the wider world. Imagine how you want St. Paul's to grow in its ministries. Most importantly, ground yourself in prayer. If you do these things, you will always make a good decision.



Data points for your consideration

- In 2022, the average pledge in the Episcopal Church was \$3,628. In the Diocese of North Carolina it was \$3,849.
- If every active household at St. Paul's could pledge \$3315 for 2026, St. Paul's would meet our goals. However, we fully recognize that this level of giving is not possible for everyone. Thankfully, St Paul's is blessed to have parishioners giving generously at many different levels, and every cherished gift contributes to the flourishing of our many ministries.
- If it helps you to see giving patterns for St. Paul's as a whole, please see the chart below for reference.



2. Will my gift even matter?

Yes! Small, regular donations add up. Many non-profit organizations depend on a large base of small donors to fund their work. For example, microdonations have powered major global health interventions such as mosquito nets and clean water. One of our goals this

year is to have every St. Paul's family join the Giving Campaign and make a pledge at whatever amount they can. No pledge is too small. What matters is that you are answering God's call to be active in your faith through gifts of your time, talents, and treasure.

3. Why should I pledge if I already give regularly to the church?

For many of us, giving during the Offertory is a key moment in our worship experience, and that doesn't need to change. A pledge simply gives St. Paul's vestry an estimate-in-advance of what you intend to put in the offering plate for the year. Having that estimate ahead of time enables the vestry to plan and to make a responsible budget. You also may choose to give online or automate your giving through your bank, and still complete the act of giving in worship by putting an "I gave online" card into the offering plate.

4. What if my life situation changes and I can't afford my pledge?

Everyone at St. Paul's understands the uncertainties of life. If your financial situation changes, we understand that your financial support for St. Paul's may need to change as well. In fact, St. Paul's has a long history of mutual support for our members. We stand ready to help in times of need.

5. I can't be a "real" member of St. Paul's if I don't pledge.

Not true. Over the entrance to our church are painted three very important words: All Are Welcome. There are no membership dues required, no password needed, and no secret handshake. All who worship with us are members of the Body of Christ, and thus members of St. Paul's. Your pledge is simply your personal commitment to our Christian mission, and a sign of our collective gratitude.

Gathered in Grace

Learn more about our here [Annual Giving Campaign](#)

Find a printed or online pledge form here:

