



Christ Episcopal Church
Ridgewood

FAITH • FILLED GENEROSITY

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another
with whatever gift each of you has received. – 1 PETER 4:10*

Dear Christ Church Family,

I pray this letter find you and your loved ones in good health. This year has reminded us in so many ways of the strength and closeness of our community. Even in the months in which we were physically distant and unable to gather in person, the Spirit kept us together, connecting us. Many in the media or in our society kept referring to our churches as “closed,” but we were never closed — we continued following the Gospel call to live in love with our neighbors, finding ever new ways to seek and serve Christ in all people.

As we look towards 2021 with hopeful hearts and prayerful intentions, we are more committed than ever to the ministry and love we share with our community and our neighbors. Our ministry is funded through the gifts of its members — your generous offerings given in grace and love. This year we are asking for every member to return the annual pledge card as a symbol of our continued commitment to our church community and our shared vision and ministries. Included with this letter are materials for making your gift and learning more about opportunities to get involved and participate in our congregation.

Unfortunately, due to continuing restrictions on our physical services, we are unable to gather together as an entire church community as in past years to hand in our pledge cards, but we will be having our **virtual ingathering on Nov. 22**. We will bless the incoming cards as part of the service on both that Sunday and the following Sunday as we expect some to come in the week afterward due to mailing times.

In advance of the 22nd or soon after, we encourage everyone to:

-return the paper pledge card at a Sunday in-person service

-mail it to the church office or

send it through email to communications@christchurchridgewood.org

You can also find a link to submit your pledge online in the weekly E-news and on the church's website, www.christchurchridgewood.org.

The Gospel is rich with examples of how our faith kindles our love for each other and our Christian responsibility to share our love with the world. Thank you for being a part of Christ Church and for considering your faithful, faith-filled gift to our annual pledge drive.

In the spirit of generosity and love,

Deanna Najork

Stewardship Chair, on behalf of your Wardens and Vestry