



November 9, 2022

Dear fellow parishioners,

As we start to prepare for next year, we are writing to ask your support in giving back to God faithfully by supporting Christ Church with your time, talents, and treasure.

At Christ Church, we started the new season of faith and are pleased to share that we are in the midst of our strongest fall kickoff since the pandemic. Highlights our parish activities:

- Our weekly Sunday school is back in session, as well as teen meetings scheduled, each with more teachers and helpers.
- Our in-person worship continues to return and grow in numbers while we also keep our remote options for both the Sunday and mid-week services and our Sunday Forum. We have been able to support and assist everyone's worshiping needs, near and far.
- The fellowship groups are up and running with the Juliets women's group meeting anew for the first time since early 2020, as well as our Needlers who knit cozy items for those in need. These gatherings are in addition to the ongoing Men's Fellowship and Dad's groups; all back to meeting in-person.
- Christ Church Outreach is very active! It continues with monthly Share Sundays, homemade dinners for the Men's Shelter in Paterson, and regular participation with the Walk-in Dinner program through Family Promise, as we show our care for the most vulnerable. Additionally, we are preparing our annual grants to support vital outreach programs in Paterson, Newark, Ridgewood, and beyond.
- While we may face challenges individually and collectively around the world, we have much for which to be thankful, especially knowing that we are loved by God and one another in our parish.

In the upcoming weeks, we will be hearing from the stewardship committee on the theme of "More than Enough". This theme reminds us that God always provides. We each have the option to provide for a healthy, vital, and dynamic future at Christ Church as "Disciples making Disciples."

Our first speakers will share their stories beginning Sunday, November 13, followed by additional speakers on the 27th before we have our "turn in" date known as the *Ingathering Sunday* on December 4th during the combined service in celebration of our Bishop's visit. Bp. Carlye is excited to be part of this process with us!

In Christ,
Frank and Laura