#### ABOUND in **HOPE**

# St. Stephen's Church Annual Giving Campaign



## **Annual Giving Campaign Co-Chairs**

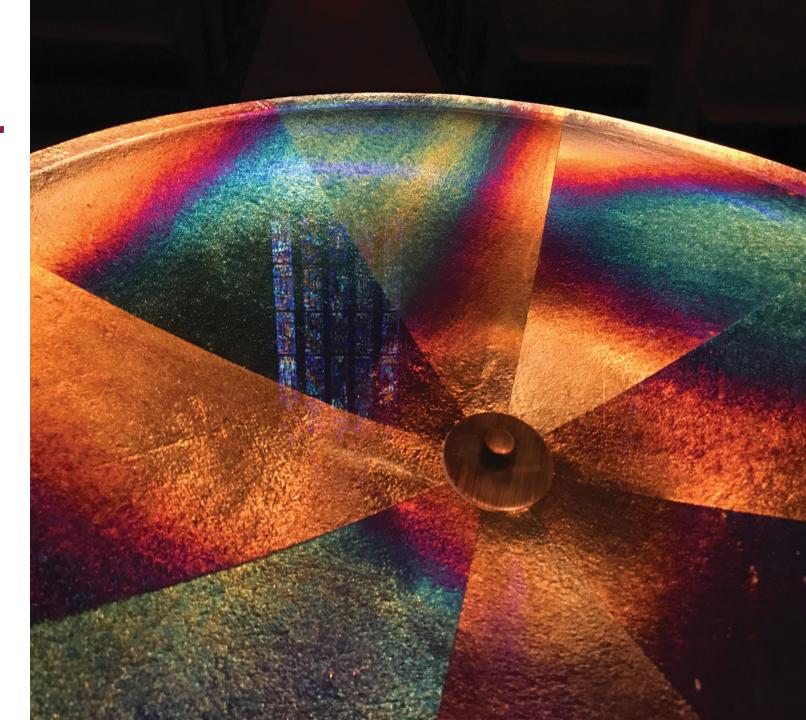
Becky Boyers
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#### **First Testimonial**



# From Paul's letter to the church in Rome:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



# Abound in Hope campaign priorities

#### **Investments in Christian formation for all ages**

- Seasonal altar hangings and liturgical furnishings for Palmer Hall, building on the excitement from last year's physical expansion
- Refurbish and refresh upstairs classrooms for improved small group meeting space, semi-dedicated youth space, and an enhanced wellness studio

#### Reaching in and reaching out in love

- More funding for hands-on outreach opportunities, mission trips, and more as we continue to deepen our commitments in the community
- Increased coordination of pastoral care ministries, including implementing spirituality of aging programs and a peer resource network

# **Expanding the reach of our music ministry as we welcome a new director in January**

- Improved audio equipment and focused marketing to spread the word about our sung Compline service and our amazing a cappella choir, Sanctuary
- Continue to grow and nurture the chorister program and the handbell choir

#### **Extending hospitality and welcome**

• With our new signage project underway, further extend our physical welcome by repainting the parking lot and tending to the hospitality and accessibility of our buildings and grounds

#### What our mission and ministry costs in 2025



- \$11,218 per day
- \$78,744 per week
- \$341,227 per month
- \$4,094,726 per year



#### **Campaign Goals**

850 pledges

\$3 million

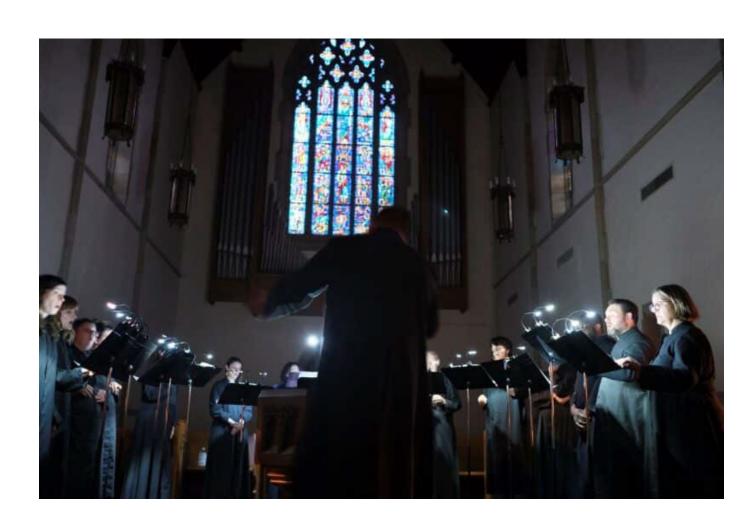
Participation and engagement, generosity and gratitude

# Leadership gifts so far

Vestry, Staff, and Standing Committee Members

Households: 65

\$ Total: \$403,083.33



#### **Second Testimonial**



### Campaign process and timeline

- Brochures and pledge cards available today
- Packets not picked up today or next Sunday will be mailed October 27
- Make your commitment by:
  - Placing it in the reply envelope and dropping it in an offering plate, or in one of the black "ballot boxes," or by mailing
  - Or pledge online.
- Celebration of progress and participation November 23, but the campaign continues!

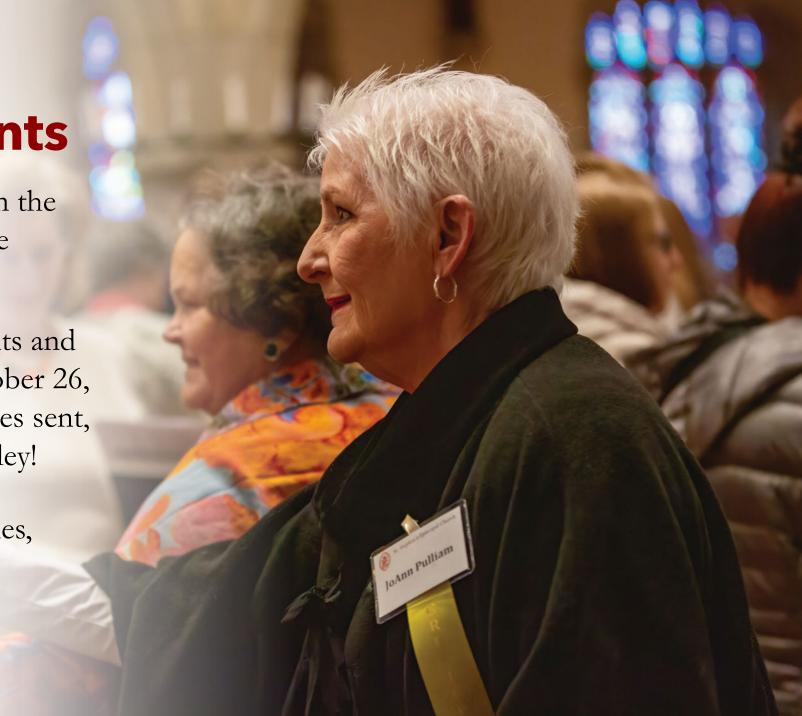




 Presentations this morning in the forum and this evening at the Sunday supper

• Bar West gathering for parents and younger adults, Sunday, October 26, 4-5:30 p.m. Personalized evites sent, so RSVP or talk to Will Stanley!

Week of Compassion activities,
 November 9 –17



# Targeted engagement opportunities

 Children's giving boxes and friendly competition between children and parents in Palmer Hall

o Pledge Goal: 75

o Giving Box Goal: 50

• Celtic service "Abound in Hope" spiritual practice



#### **Third Testimonial**



#### A spirit of partnership, vitality, and trust

- Reminders of last year's campaign:
  - Hired Jennifer Bousquet as Director of Outreach & Engagement
  - o Renovated Palmer Hall
  - o Renovated the playground with Dogwood Preschool and recently signed a six-year lease
  - o LED lights are on the way building-wide, utilizing a rebate program
  - o Spirituality of Aging program is launched
  - o Youth group had a great summer mission trip



#### Summer of transition yields new stability and growth

- O New staff members David Ellis, Kathleen Wilson-Kennedy, Randy Ransone, and the Rev. Judy Davis are settling into their roles, and a new director of music, Robert McCormick, will begin in January.
- Our new visual identity is launched, and new internal and external signage is on the way.
- A new parish directory is live via a portal on the website.
- o Forty teenagers are in youth Confirmation class and 30 adults in the Invitation to the Episcopal Church class.
- Our annual Week of Compassion (November 9-17)
   will feature a myriad of activities, our missionaries
   Monica Vega and Heidi Schmidt, and preacher/teacher
   the Rev. Dr. Sam Wells.



#### Where our finances stand in 2025

- Money coming in: \$43,652 more expected year to date
  - We have received \$2.9M in revenue this year, \$2.37M (81%) of which has come from parishioner gifts and offerings.
  - The vast majority of parishioner contributions (91%) have been pledged gifts. We're \$200k ahead of where we were last year in pledged gifts.
- Money going out: \$116,502 less than expected year to date
  - We have spent \$2.9M year to date.
  - Savings have come from personnel gaps, though facility costs have been higher than anticipated due to some unbudgeted, urgent repairs.
- More money coming in + savings on spending = surplus of \$160,154.
- Accounting practices are in good order, our budget is sound, and our staff/vestry/finance committee collaboration is strong.



Bringing hope to each other and to a world in need.