

Dear Friends,

Giving is a very personal, important, and, I would add, a sacred act.

It is “personal” because how we use our time, talent and treasure indicates where our true values and priorities lie. Giving is “important” because we are called by Christ to build his spiritual kingdom in our material world, so it requires all of our resources as well as our prayers and good works. It is “sacred” because sacrificial giving is exactly what Jesus Christ so lovingly embodied by his life and death on the Cross for the sake of our suffering world.

Only you can decide how you want to exercise this sacred act of giving.

Our *Forward In Faith* Capital Campaign is only one opportunity (among many others) for us to give a valuable part of ourselves. Many of you have given generously and joyfully as we’ve embarked on our plans to meet expanding needs of our many ministries. And we’re so close to making those dreams into a bricks-and-mortar reality.

“Please give to St. Christopher’s -- or give again -- only if you can do so with a clear mind and a joyful heart -- what my former bishop called an “attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving.”

Also know that St. Christopher’s is a church that is truly on a journey with Christ into the deep needs and suffering of our world. We have been recognized by our Bishops and our Diocese as a leader among its 190 parishes through the work of our Aid to Africa Committee, our Hurricane Katrina Task Force and our work with youths. We are blessed with a warm, caring and spirit-filled congregation.

The only deficiency and limitation we face is a facility that does not support our many ministries.

This is our opportunity to leave a legacy of caring and faith to our children and grandchildren (and countless and nameless others) – a place for them to experience the love of Christ in the joys and sorrows of our world.

Nothing that we do in love, kindness, and sacrificial giving to others will ever be lost. Our gifts are sacred and eternal.

Brian McGunk

Gracious God,

We kneel before you to ask your blessing on St. Christopher’s Church as we seek to make this place, where we gather to worship and serve you, a fitting tribute to your Holy Name.

Father, you have shown us how we may better serve you. We are ready to do your will. Help each one of us to open our hearts and minds to the challenges and possibilities that lie ahead, always trusting in your great goodness towards us.

We ask that the Holy Spirit continue to inspire and guide us and encourage us when we falter. Remembering the Saints who have gone before, and the children who are growing in love and service to you. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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OUR CHALLENGE



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Goal: \$900,000

OUR CHALLENGE: A living legacy for future generations

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church is a constantly changing community. If you've walked through our buildings, you know that 30 years of overcrowding and wear and tear have taken an exacting toll. To preserve our mission and ministries, we have embarked on a journey of renovation and expansion. So far, your generous pledges and donations total \$3.3 million. But to meet the *total* cost of our project, we must raise an additional \$900,000 by 2009. We need your help again. Will you?

Worship

To accommodate our growing congregation, our sanctuary will be re-oriented and enlarged to increase our seating capacity by 45 percent. A flexible, inviting design will allow more seating close to the altar. We will improve our acoustics. A new elevator will provide handicapped access to the sanctuary and other areas of fellowship and education.

Education

Educational programs for adults and children are expanding almost weekly. Meeting spaces for confirmation classes, Sunday Seminary and special educational programs are at a premium. New multi-use rooms will allow our educational programs to flourish.

Outreach

In keeping with our mission of outreach, we will make multi-use spaces available to community groups and programs. New areas for the Gift & Consignment Shop and the Chatham Food Pantry will ensure that these important ministries thrive.

Infrastructure

Our infrastructure is outdated. We must repair and improve our restrooms and our heating, cooling and electrical systems. We must upgrade our telecommunications and audiovisual systems. Our purpose is to make St. Christopher's more accessible, efficient and comfortable.

Environment

Our front courtyard will look the same from Main Street but will invite you into a new main entrance. New landscaping in the backyard will complement an expanded Memorial Garden.

Gifts of every size are important. The chart below shows the gifts required to meet our goal. Please search your heart, pray for guidance and give according to your ability and conscience.

Size of gift	# of gifts	Cumm. Total
\$100,000	1	\$100,000
\$75,000	2	\$250,000
\$45,000	3	\$385,000
\$34,000	4	\$521,000
\$25,000	5	\$646,000
\$15,000	8	\$766,000
\$7,500	12	\$856,000
\$3,400	15	\$907,000
\$1,500	18	\$934,000
\$1,000	20	\$954,000
\$600	50	\$984,000
Less than \$600	Many	Challenge
		Achieved

No matter how you plan to give,
THANK YOU.