



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

November 7, 2023

Building on a Sure Foundation

Psalm 18:2

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Dear St. Mark's Family,

With a strong spiritual foundation, we can focus on what is truly essential. This strong foundation can support us in creating a new vision to see what opportunities are ahead. As we reflect on the past year, we are truly grateful for all that we have accomplished at St. Mark's Episcopal Church during this transition period. Now that we have concluded our search, we are at a very exciting time at St. Mark's as we welcome our new Rector to help us create a new vision of opportunities ahead for us.

Now, it is time to look forward.....

This year's annual giving theme, *Building on a Sure Foundation*, is taking the next faithful step for the future of St. Mark's. Your pledge to St. Mark's serves a broad purpose, by benefiting both those inside and outside of our church community, including our spiritual needs. Your dollars help with our church ministry, such as: Worship, Music Ministry, Outreach, Christian Education, Pastoral Care, and Fellowship. With our Ministry Based Budget, we spread our administrative and building/grounds expense based on the need to support each ministry.

Our stewardship is based on the principle that God gives us exactly what we need to "build on our sure foundation". We have faith that, through our prayerful and generous giving, God will provide the resources our church needs to share Christ's love throughout our community through worship, music, outreach, education programs and more!

God has continued to bless us by answering our prayers and providing a new Rector to guide us into and through our new and exciting chapter at St. Mark's. We ask that you pray for our church, for our mission, and we ask that you are a part of our passion of a loving and self-giving God. Give joyfully and with intent knowing that we are called to give to God the first portion of our time, talent and treasure – not merely the "leftovers", nurturing an ever-deepening spiritual relationship with God.

We are delighted and thankful for our St. Mark's Family, and we thrive on sharing our ministries together. We hope that you will join us on Commitment Sunday, November 12th, for worship and lunch. May Christ continue to bless you all and continue ***Building on a Sure Foundation***.

Faithfully and for His Service,

The Stewardship Committee
Michelle D'Antuono

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Melissa Hamon

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Christine Powell

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A grateful heart has no choice, but to overflow with generosity