## Faith





# Your Pledge Matters.

## Connection.







Wellbeing for All.



#### Dear Friends,

We are humbled and inspired by the profound impact Christ Church has on each of our lives and the world around us. Your pledge signifies your dedication to our shared values and enables our Church to live into our priorities of faith, connection, and wellbeing for all.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to our Spiritual Home for the coming year. Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in sustaining our mission and ministries, the impact of which is illustrated on the following pages.

If this is your first time considering a pledge to Christ Church – thank you. As our mission and ministries grow, every pledge matters and is deeply appreciated. Your support will help us continue to engage, equip, and empower people to love God, care for each other, and serve the world in the name of Christ.

For those who have pledged in the past, we are profoundly grateful for your ongoing support. If you can, please consider an increase this year and/or in the years to come. These additional funds will be critical as we open new spaces, grow our program offerings, and strive to more deeply effect change in the Charlotte community.

Thank you for your faithful support of Christ Church. Together, we can continue to spread God's love and grace throughout our community and beyond.

In Christ's love,

Merrill and William Mills, Chairs 2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign



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# Real people. Real stories. Real impact. Your pledge supports all that we do.

As I reflect on this remarkable year in the life of our parish, my heart is filled with gratitude and hope.

Our priorities are clear: to nurture faith in an uncertain world, foster connections in an age of isolation, promote wellbeing and care for all, and expand our outreach to meet the profound needs in Charlotte and beyond.

These priorities have set the direction for an historic new chapter in our Church's story.

As we move forward, let us hold fast to the love that unites us, knowing that we can achieve extraordinary things with God's help.

- THE REVEREND CHIP EDENS



OVER **48,000** JOINED IN WORSHIP ONSITE AND ONLINE THIS PAST YEAR.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

- MATTHEW 18:20



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CHILDREN AGE 3 - 5TH GRADE WERE STRENGTHENED IN THEIR FAITH THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTICIPATION.





**OVER** 11.000 MEALS WERE PREPARED AND SERVED TO OUR PARISH THROUGH THE CHRIST CHURCH KITCHEN.



ROUGHLY

2/3

OF OUR NEWCOMERS

**ARE YOUNG ADULTS** 

AGES 21-39.

The Christ Church worship experience at Southminster is one of the most popular services, thanks to our wonderful clergy (who sometimes stay for lunch with us).<sup>99</sup>

- LILA BROWN, SOUTHMINSTER RESIDENT





The Newcomers and Parish Life ministry warmly welcomed us, proactively providing us with events and opportunities to help us make connections with other young adults who share our faith, and we quickly built a sense of community within Christ Church.

We, along with our son CJ, have formed close friendships with people we connected with through their efforts. This ministry has helped enhance our overall wellbeing and maintain a connection with our faith.

- JACLYN AND CHEF FOSTER



After I lost my husband and my mother in 2023, I looked to Christ Church for a way to connect that was practical and useful.

I didn't want a class or a group; I wanted a job with immediate results. I found it, thanks to Virginia Wynn, on Wednesday nights with Chef Andrea and her amazing crew. Andrea gets the job done: delicious food prepared with thought, care, and a knowledge of what works for the parish. My time in her kitchen feeds my soul.

David and I loved big dinners with a crowd, and I now get to be part of a big dinner party every Wednesday night. My mom served her church with her hands and feet, and now I continue in her footsteps.

- CELIA SINCLAIR

The wellbeing and care *ministry* is not just about counseling services. Holy Hikes, yoga, and a variety of classes are good for the body, mind, and soul. ?? - PEGGY CURLIN





I have never felt more at peace and connected with God than when I was walking with the amazing group of people that Christ Church has given me.

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COUNSELING SESSIONS

WERE PROVIDED BY OUR

**ON-STAFF THERAPISTS** 

IN 2024.

- WESLEY SEAGRAVES, 2024 CAMINO PILGRIM

- Witnessing women become more connected has truly filled my soul. I have a wide circle of loving support that *I know is here for me, my* mom, and my family. - LAURA COPPS.
  - ECW COMMISSION CHAIR





*Contemplative prayer* (Simple Presence) fosters the feeling of the power of God within. Time spent with Presence (God) is transformative. It gives *me serenity, peace, and* a sense of Being Well. ?? - SINA REID







**Our mission** involves appreciably more than just a compassionate response to the most pressing needs within our community.

Due to the extraordinary generosity of Christ Church parishioners, we are connecting on a much deeper level by providing the loving, life-sustaining, integrated, and uniquely targeted care that many will find nowhere else.

 MARK LANDERS CHAIR, OUTREACH & MISSION COMMISSION





OVER

200

**VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED** 

**OVERNIGHT HOSPITALITY** 

FOR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS

THROUGH OUR

ROOM IN THE INN MINISTRY.

WE SUPPORT



Our impact goes far beyond the financial contributions we make. We are truly partnering to improve lives, which brings us closer to our partners and those they serve.

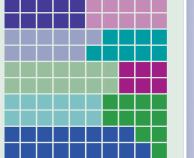
- GILBERT BROWNE, MEMBER, OUTREACH & MISSION COMMISSION
  - From our inception, Christ Church has poured wisdom, love, time, and resources into Habitat, partnering with us to build homes, communities, and hope.??
    - CRISTA RAY MCCARTHY, HABITAT CHARLOTTE REGION

# Faithful annual giving makes all this possible.

CHRIST CHURCH HAS NO DEBT AND NO ENDOWMENT. DAY-TO-DAY CHURCH OPERATIONS ARE FUNDED ENTIRELY THROUGH GIFTS MADE ANNUALLY.



YOUR PLEDGE HELPS US PLAN THOUGHTFULLY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD. MAKE A PLEDGE TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT CHRIST CHURCH IN 2025.



#### 2024 Operating Budget By Ministry Area

- Diocese \$ 638,000
- Wellbeing & Cong. Care 668,394
- Mission and Outreach 730,952Children Youth and Family 615,318
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  Administration 884,059
- Parish Life 371.021
- Maintenance & Food Service 780,086
- Adult Spiritual Formation 688,224
- Worship 1,134,157
  - The Vestry votes on the annual budget at their February meeting.

THE CHURCH FACILITIES ARE OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK FROM 7 AM - 9 PM FOR WORSHIP, BIBLE AND BOOK STUDIES, FORMATION FOR 268 PRESCHOOLERS DURING THE WEEK, MUSICAL EVENTS, FAITH & WELLBEING CLASSES, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, AND TIMES OF FELLOWSHIP AND CONNECTION.

#### Ways to Pledge

- Return a pledge card to the church through the mail or in person on Sunday or during the week.
- Online at christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge (or use QR code at right)
- Contact Paulette Wilkes in the Generosity Office at 704-714-6970 or wilkesp@christchurchcharlotte.org



Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

- COLOSSIANS 3:14-15



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