



Dear St. Andrew's Family,

A church has a hard enough time making it through a period of transition and a search process, and you all did it in the middle of a global pandemic. In a time when giving is down significantly among Episcopal parishes, St. Andrew's has been faithful in their giving, and our pledged giving is almost right on target. In the six short weeks I have been with you, this has allowed us to accomplish some amazing things:

- Restarting and expanding worship both in person and online (including live-streaming) in order to meet parishioners where they are and expand to new congregants in a time of need.
- Starting and completing an office renovation and clean up initiative.
- Building and launching a new online identity including a new website, an increased social media presence, and a new podcast.
- Building up a small cushion of cash reserves in order to provide some breathing space from month to month.
- And, of course, hiring a new full-time Priest in Charge.

All of this work would not have been possible without your spiritual, physical, and fiscal support. Thank you. Thank you for loving this church, for seeing that God has a vision for St. Andrew's, and for sticking with this parish family through a difficult period.

Not only is St. Andrew's becoming a stable place in this tumultuous time in the world, but God is preparing us for something greater. God is inviting us into doing work to spread his kingdom. Let's not just survive 2021. Let's really consider what work God is calling us to do. Let's expand our worship, expand our ministries, and expand our work in God's kingdom. To do this, we need your continued support.

Please consider over the coming weeks how God may be calling you to give in 2021. If you have not pledged before, feel free to start now (even if it's small). If you are not yet giving 10% to the church (or even if you are!), consider whether you are in a place to increase your giving by one or two percent. We'll be gathering together our pledges on November 22nd, St. Andrew's Sunday, to ask God to bless our intentions. You can mail or drop off your physical pledge card at the office, stick it in the plate on Sunday, or even fill out a virtual pledge card at our website: StAndrewsJax.com.

God is not just calling us to keep the boat afloat. God is calling us, just like St. Andrew, to fish for people. Help us cast the net!

God's Peace,

The Rev. Lisa Meirow