

*I want to share my time and talents with St. Thomas'*

**Household Giving Trend by Dollars...**

**God's Abundance**

**Opportunities:** (circle your interests)

**Worship:**

- Choir
- Altar Guild
- Flower Guild
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- Lay Eucharist Visitors
- Lectors
- Prayer Teams
- Ushers

**Parish Life:**

- Coffee Hour
- Fairs
- Hospitality
- Gardens
- Special Events

**Education:**

- Book Club
- Education for Ministry
- Library
- Sunday School
- The Forum

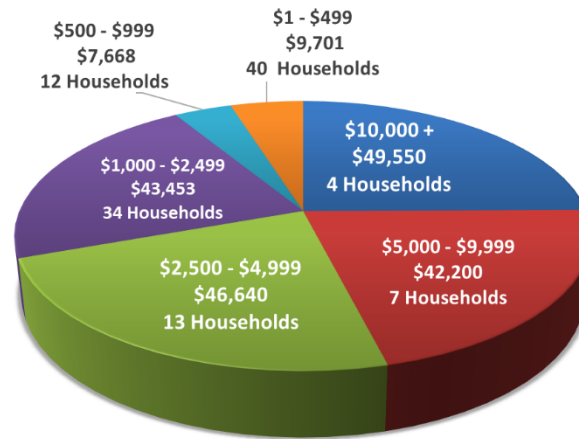
**Committees:**

- Building & Grounds
- Endowment
- Finance
- Receiving Treasurer
- Vestry

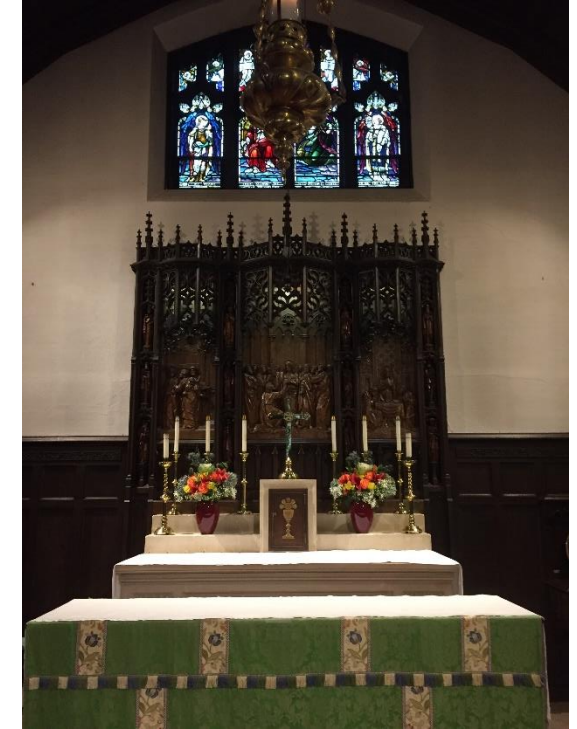
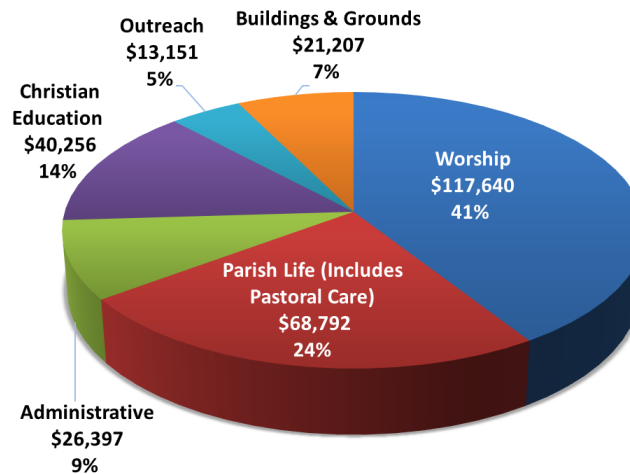
**Outreach:**

- Food Pantry
- Soup Kitchen
- Quarry Hill

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*Where every dollar spent goes...*



**Our Response**

**St. Thomas' Church  
2019 Stewardship  
Campaign**

In response to the abundance God has provided to me/us, I/we intend to pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to make payments:  Annually  Quarterly  Monthly  Weekly

I am currently unable to make a pledge commitment  I would like to receive pledge envelopes

I would like information on how to include St. Thomas' in my estate planning

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

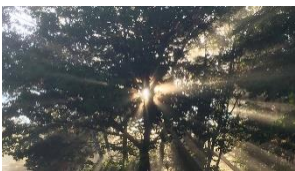
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to "St. Thomas' Church." St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, PO Box 631, Camden ME 04843-0631*

*Online Donation information can be found on our website ([www.stthomascamdenme.org](http://www.stthomascamdenme.org)) – click on the "Give" menu.*

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## The Abundance that Surrounds Us is God's



At a bakery a customer ordered, put \$10 on the counter and left. The cashier tried to get him back to give him his \$2.50 in change. The departing customer said, "Keep it." Great story in itself... but here's what was wonderful. The cashier put \$1 in the cup for staff tips...and the other \$1.50 in a jar for raising money for a local charity.

This one employee chose to both share the \$1 with the rest of the staff and put the other \$1.50 toward charity. As little money as this person had, he believed it was more important to give to this one cause dear to their hearts.

Often there are times in our lives when we somehow receive unexpected funds. Whether it be a generous tip, an unexpected inheritance, a bonus at work, or an extra-large tax refund, these are certainly welcome. But imagine if we all chose to give a portion (or all) of these unexpected funds away. Imagine how we could touch the lives of those around us, and the lives of persons in need in our communities.

## Stewardship Begins with God's Abundance and Our Response to It

Stewardship is living with the belief that all that we *are*, and all that we *have* comes from God, and God has entrusted us to share what we have with others.

Many of us tend to live with a mentality of scarcity. We have limited resources and little time. We live with constant concern about using up our meager assets, whether spiritual or material, and project onto God our own feelings of scarcity. Abundance is not usually the lens through which we view the world.

In contrast, the bible teaches that God intends for us all to have a full, abundant—even extravagant—life. Changing our thoughts from dwelling on scarcity to instead recognizing God's abundance leads to full life, and with full life comes deep gratitude. With gratitude comes generosity. What will be your response to the abundance God has provided to you?