

Stewardship



We who
are *many*
are *one*.



The 2012 Annual
Commitment Campaign

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cleveland Heights

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.

~ I Corinthians 10:17

We are many, and yet we are one. We give voice to this conviction each time we baptize, affirming "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." We remind ourselves of this unity each time we send out a eucharistic visitor, saying, "We who are many are one, because we share one bread, one cup."

This is not, however, a theological abstraction. It is something we experience powerfully in our life together. We are one when hundreds of us sing and pray, lifting our voices and our spirits. We are one when we open our hearts and homes to pilgrims from South Africa, extending eager hospitality and finding ourselves immeasurably blessed by our guests. We are one when scores of devoted parents and friends devote untold hours to teach church school. We are one when selfless volunteers host homeless families in our church, prepare hot meals, and commit decades to tutoring inner-city children. We are one when clergy, Stephen ministers, and individual members provide companionship to those who struggle, or sit quietly with the dying. In each of these instances – and in so much more – because one of us is there, we are all there. St. Paul's is present. We are many, and yet we are one.



None of us can do all of these things. But together, in the power of the Spirit, we are able (in the familiar words of our patron, St. Paul) to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Not alone. Together. Together as one.

All of this happens by the grace of God, and with our eager and joyous participation. Your time and talent are essential. Your treasure is likewise essential.

This booklet highlights some of the many ways that St. Paul's carries out Christ's mission and ministry, and the ways that all of this is made possible only by our individual generosity of giving. At our best, we give intentionally, thoughtfully, proportionally, and sacrificially. When we do so, we are a part of the many, and therefore part of the One!

Faithfully and fondly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan M. Gates" with a small cross symbol to the right.

The Rev. Alan M. Gates, Rector





We who are many

2000 people call St. Paul's their spiritual home. Ranging in age from the newborn to **98**, we come together from **47** different zip codes, bringing with us our different backgrounds, experiences, beliefs, interests, and dreams.



A busy year at St. Paul's...

- 7** Weddings, **22** Baptisms,
26 Confirmations, **27** Funerals
- 42** Drama Dreamer rehearsals
- 55** Parish groups and ministries
- 100+** Youth offerings
- 125** Hours of music performed
- 500** Gallons of coffee brewed
- 600+** Meetings, receptions, events,
recitals, concerts
- 12,000** Donuts, cookies, bagels and
other treats served
- 13,000** Chairs set up (and taken down!)



many

...are one body.

Despite our size and diversity, we come together in God's space to be in community and to do God's work. We can do so much more as **one** than we can separately.

As **one**, we worship, celebrate baptisms and confirmations; we care for one another and we care for those in need; together we are God's hands in the world. We share our moments of joy and our times of sorrow.

"Because one of us is there, we are all there."

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Worship & Music

More than **500** worship services were held last year, incorporating the richness of our diverse Episcopal liturgies and worship styles, celebrating our cherished traditions and as well as the expansiveness of contemporary prayers and services. Our vibrant music program enhances our worship, trains young singers, and brings the community into our space.

*As **one** community we gather in God's space to hear His word, to sing His praise and to know His love.*

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- Healing services • Baptisms • Weddings • Funerals
 - Bishop Visitation • Confirmation • Eucharistic Visitors • Greeters • Judson services • Ushers • Lectors
 - Altar Guild • Acolytes • Blessing of the Animals • All Saints Day • Christmas • Ash Wednesday • Easter
 - Senior Choir • Children's Choirs • Handbell Choir
 - Lessons & Carols • Evensong • Organ concerts

*With your help, as **one**, we can do more*

- Expand special worship offerings on Sunday evening, such as Taize or Jazz Eucharists.
- Add new digital recording equipment that will allow more online access to sermons and other worship offerings.



Apostleship

As individuals, we are each called to serve; but as **one**, the community of St. Paul's is able to extend its caring reach into our Cleveland community and out into the world.

*As **one** community, we touch the lives of so many beyond our doors—changing the lives of those who serve.*

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- Over **1200** meals served through Loaves and Fishes
 - **300** personal care kits prepared for the Homeless Stand Down
 - **14** guests welcomed from Family Promise
 - **16** South African pilgrims hosted
 - **90** children tutored at Miles Park
 - Over **475** science fair projects judged at Miles Park
 - **40** Open Doors students welcomed
 - **100** Christmas gifts given to children at Fairhill
 - **560** "bricks" offered to rebuild the Cathedral in Haiti
 - **26** volunteers commissioned to mission in Harlan, KY
 - **18** students tutored at St. Paul's Reading Camp
 - **1000** pounds of food donated to the Heights Emergency Food Center

*As **one**, we can do more*

- Begin preparations for the next St. Paul's youth pilgrimage to our partner congregations.
- Expand the matching of our gifts and passions with opportunities for service in our many outreach efforts and partnerships.



Christian Formation

Sunday mornings are bustling with activity as the congregation comes together for the Christian Formation hour. Throughout the week, the opportunities continue for exploration and learning.

*As **one** community, we explore our faith, we expand our knowledge, we share our stories, and we support, nurture, and celebrate our youth.*

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- Godly Play • Workshop Rotation • Adult Forums
 - Preschool Chapel • Confirmation program • Youth Forum • Education for Ministry • Labyrinth • Kerygma
 - Drama Ministry • TotalChaosInTheNameOfTheLord. AMEN! • Junior Chaos • Sunday Evening Youth Group
 - CEIRS • Church School Board • Men's Spirituality
 - Women's Spirituality • Men's Fellowship • Youth Leadership • EC 101 • Book Discussions

*As **one**, we can do more.*

- Provide additional resources for our restored full-time Youth Minister to rebuild the program.
- Offer more welcoming, user-friendly space for our new parish library in the Tucker Hall north gallery.
- Add a dedicated room for the Church School teachers' Resource Center to better support their vital ministry.



Fellowship & Caring for Each Other

We come from many directions and with diverse backgrounds, but we are **one** "parish family."

*As **one** community, we value our opportunities to know one another, to celebrate our joys, and offer support during times of sorrow.*

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- The Village • The Town • Eliza Backus Guild • Women's Council • Young Adult Fellowship • Men's Council
 - Parish Fellowship Committee • Men's Fellowship
 - Celebration of Ministries • Newcomer Events • Ice Cream Social • Fall Parish Picnic • Stephen Ministry
 - Care Ministry • Knitting Circle • Intercessory Prayer Chain

*As **one**, we can do more.*

- Upgrade our Web site, including more linked features for our groups and committees.
- Produce a new photo directory, our first in five years, to help us get to know our many newcomers!



2012 Commitment Program Goals

- 475 total pledges including 40 new pledges
- \$1,450,000 in total pledge commitments

What difference can **one** make?

If each family that made a financial commitment to St. Paul's increased their pledge by **one** dollar a day, we would have an additional **\$160,000** – enough to fully staff all current ministry areas of the church and attend the urgent needs of our large and active parish.

If each family that did not pledge in 2011 made a financial commitment to St. Paul's in the amount of **one** thousand dollars per year, we would have an additional **\$100,000** – enough to start two new AIDS foster homes in South Africa.

What we need to reach our goal:

2012 Giving Table		
Gift Level	Received in 2011	2012 Goal
\$10,000 +	22	24
\$5,000-\$9,999	44	47
\$2,500-\$4,999	79	86
\$1,000-\$2,499	162	182
\$50-\$999	131	139

You may be the **one** that helps us reach our goal!

How much should I pledge?

Why do we ask you to pledge?

Completing a pledge card is an important act. It demonstrates a personal commitment that you are making to God to support the work of the Church. By receiving your pledge of support for the coming year, the Rector and Vestry can prepare responsible budgets.

How much should I pledge?

If you are not currently tithing, we ask you to consider a commitment to proportional giving using small steps. Start a level that is comfortable for you but that is meaningful. Giving is a sacrificial act!

Annual Income:	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
1% Giving	\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
3% Giving	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$6,000
5% Giving	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
10% Giving	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000

My St. Paul's

Your pledge to the Annual Commitment Program may now be made online through the **Giving** link on the St. Paul's homepage: www.stpauls-church.org. One time or recurring gifts can be made using a credit card or bank debit through our **My St. Paul's** member access. Please click on the **My St. Paul's** link on the parish homepage.

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