

Funding the Mission

Here are some important facts and figures to consider as you prayerfully plan your 2026 pledge to St. John's.

- The total we will give to outreach in 2027 is over \$290,000 (including our pledge to the Diocese of Alabama.) This represents more than twenty percent of our income from parishioner giving.
- The operating budget for 2027 will be substantially larger than this year's. This is necessary to increase our number of administrative and ministerial staff to equip the parish to respond better to the needs of the members. Of this sum we are budgeting a total of \$1.375 million from giving by parishioners.
- In the last 14 years, St. John's has lost 118 pledging households. The net number of pledging households in 2026 is 161.

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Fanning the Flame



St. John's
Episcopal Church

Stewardship 2027

2026 at a glance

- Average Sunday attendance rose to 206, just below our pre-pandemic number.
- A total annual attendance for all services of over 15,000.
- Average weekly worship views on Facebook and YouTube rose to 528 from 420.
- An increase in hands-on outreach projects, and a deepening of partnerships with local initiatives to advance God's kingdom in our community.
- Most Sundays we are visited by guests who are thinking about joining St John's.
- The number of members rose from 598 to 650.



- 15 members were confirmed, received or re-dedicated, including 11 adults – the highest number for many years.
- The evolution of Emily Howard's position from Director of Communications to Lay Associate for Adult Formation, which combines her digital communications work with adult formation.
- A new beginning for our children's ministry, with the appointment of Maria Pacheco as Director of Children's Formation.
- Major building improvements and repairs, including the cleaning and replastering of the arch separating the chancel from the nave.

Looking Ahead to 2027

- Improving our response to members' needs by employing more staff. At the start of the pandemic we had 3.5 administrative positions and 2.5 clergy. Today we have just 2 administrative staff (plus several hours of bookkeeping a week from Jackson Thornton) and 1.5 clergy. Staff and parishioners are feeling the strain.
- The search for a new Director of Music, which we aim to make a full-time position. The extra hours will go to building adult and children's choirs and increasing our musical outreach to the city.
- A strong and concerted effort to engage more children in our city with the aim of growing our children's program.



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