

How do your pledge payments get put to use?

Outreach to meet urgent needs locally, nationally, globally...

Ten percent of your pledge feeds the hungry, assists families in crisis, and boosts the work of our many mission partners.

Faith formation opportunities for children, college students, adult study and prayer...

*Our youth ministry encourages creative spiritual practice that helps ground our children in faith, hope, and love. We host *The Feast*, a student community-of-spirit gathering weekly, and several study and support groups for adults.*

An outstanding music program both in worship and public concerts...

Our talented organist and choir director, Mark Johnson has led a dynamic and worship-enriching music program that includes a chorister program for children in grades 3-7. Will Kirby has been our scholar assistant for the chorister program. Both of these positions will be filled between now and the start of 2019. In addition, Jimmy Bergin oversees year-round special events that bring hundreds of people through our doors.

Salaries supporting a remarkable team who support us...

In 2019, St. John's will have a full-time Rector, a new organist and choir director, our incredible Office Manager Madeline Burdick, Sexton Tim Sunn, Youth Ministers Sloane Torres and Erin Keiser-Clark, and Special Events Coordinator Jimmy Bergin who are committed, creative, and responsible members of our church staff. Additional part-time assistance provides professional nursery care, office help, accounting services, and property management for the rectory.

The care of our buildings that serve us and countless community groups...

Ongoing vigilance is required to maintain buildings as old as ours, and our Facilities Committee and Vestry carefully marshal budgeted funds to ensure safety and keep St. John's in good repair. While most of us relate to the sanctuary, St. John's is also home to five AA groups, the Friendship Knot Quilters, the CIAO orchestra, music lessons, support groups, an Early Intervention Playgroup, and a number of community organizations.

Support of our Diocese and national Church...

As a congregation in the Episcopal Church, St. John's takes its part as a limb in a great family tree, one of sixty or so parishes in communion with the Bishop and hence with one another. While St. John's is not a large parish numerically, we're one of the largest in terms of financial support. And while we are rural here, we're part of the urban communities of Western MA through our diocesan ties.